

**Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
November 2018**

1. Call to order

The regular monthly meeting of the Heath Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Jones at 7:00 on November 12, 2018 at the township hall. He also opened with prayer.

2. Roll call

Supervisor Ron Jones, Treasurer Misti Lindholm, Trustee Hilda Boerman, Trustee Bill Harvey, Clerk Sheila Meiste.

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous months minutes were approved.

4. Reports

a) State Representative, Mary Whiteford. She is working on auto insurance reform, broadband grants and mental health. Accomplishments in 2018 include more money in the classroom, expanding skilled trades training, fixing road and bridges and cutting taxes.

b) County Commissioner, Jim Storey. Circuit court cases going up. In 2016, there were 2309 cases and in 2017, 3059 cases. This may mean another circuit court judge in the future. May also need more prosecutors with the passing of medical marihuana in the November election.

5. New business

a) Adopt Recreational Marihuana Facilities Opt Out Ordinance. Motion by Meiste supported by Boerman and unanimously approved.

b) The gravel on 41st Street is not holding up from 2013. In the 2019 budget 2.5 miles of new gravel will need to be added.

c) Discussion on closing the gate by Schutmaat park in the winter or leaving it open. Hilda will contact Catherine on wording for a sign to let people know it is a seasonal road.

d) Hilda questioned getting fluorescent lighting in the basement for better lighting and will be getting a price on this.

e) Sheila would like the board to determine Deputy Clerk compensation. Motion by Boerman supported by Lindholm to pay a deputy \$15.00 hour.

f) Update from Tiffany on the Michigan Department Grant and reviewing our Recreational Plan. She is encouraging residents to fill out the survey on the township web site.

g) Report from the Boy Scouts that the cemetery project is complete.

h) Helen Zeerip would like to see the township make a veteran memorial project like the one in Dorr Township. Motion by Boerman supported by Harvey to approve the concept.

i) Resident concerned Straightline leaf pickup is not being done well. Ron will contact them.

j) Sheila received questions from residents on what to do with sticks and branches. Some residents have brought them to clean-up days, they can break them up and put them in dumpster or contact a private company to pick them. The township will not pay for this, only leaf pickup.

k) Resident questioned if we have anyone who drives around to see which streetlights are out since we are charged for electrical use even when they are burnt out. Ron stated he does as well as residents can go on Consumers Energy website to report them.

l) Questions from Boy Scout troop if there are there Eagle Scout projects to be done within the township. We have none at this time but Helen Zeerip may have some for them.

6. Zoning update

Planning Commission meets Thursday night November 15 at 7:00 p.m. in regards to a home business.

7. Bills

a) Motion by Boerman supported by Lindholm to pay township bills.

b) Motion by Harvey supported by Boerman to pay fire department bills.

8. Adjournment

a) Motion by Meiste supported by Boerman to adjourn the meeting at 8:30.

Minutes submitted by Clerk, Sheila Meiste.