

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
January 2020***

1. Call to order

The regular monthly meeting of the Heath Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Ron Jones at 7:00 on January 13, 2020 at the township hall. Bill opened with prayer.

2. Roll call

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

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous months minutes were approved.

4. Reports

Update from Senator Nesbitt's office

Jim Storey, County Commissioner. The commissioners worked on the following:

- Working with the local townships, road commissions and emergency departments regarding the erosion along the shoreline.
- Working with FEMA on flood insurance
- Working on moving mental health offices into Shopko building.
- Securing facilities at the county and updating the animal shelter

5. New business

a) Hamilton Fire & Rescue annual report, general budget and capital budget presented by Chief Haverdink. Motion to approve the capital budget by Boerman supported by Lindholm and unanimously approved. Motion to approve general operation budget by Boerman supported by Lindholm and unanimously approved. Ron updated the board on the increase in wages to the fire chief over the last few years and how the fireboard came up with the proposed wage increases. Discussion followed with questions from the electors. Motion to approve 2020 wage scale increase/decrease by Boerman supported by Harvey. Roll call vote: Boerman-yes, Lindholm-yes, Meiste-no, Harvey-yes, Jones-yes. Appreciation was expressed to the fire department and personnel.

b) The updated Interlocal fire board agreement was approved.

c) The Board of Review will be meeting on March 11 from 1-4 and 3-6 and March 12 from 9- and 1-4. Motion made by Lindholm supported by Boerman and unanimously approved to appoint Missy Harvey as an alternate for a 3-year term expiring 2023.

d) Request from Hamilton schools for summer tax collection at \$2.97 per parcel Motion by Harvey supported by Boerman and unanimously approved.

- e) Discussed the clean-up date for Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the Republic facility.
- f) Bill updated the board on the yearly Road Commission meeting.
- g) Stephanie asked to have the foot bridge examined and repaired if necessary.
- h) Lion's Club representative Don Wickstra is requesting the fire department or township board find someone to put up banners/wreaths on the bridge light poles. The Lion's Club had indicated they would be maintaining these and the board prefers they find and pay an insured professional. Hilda will pass this information on to them.
- i) Bill and Sheila had a discussion regarding her resignation from the fire department and the transition of duties. Ron advised the board to work together

6. Zoning update

- a) The ZBA met Thursday, January 10. The Planning Commission will not be meeting in January.

7. Bills

- a) Motion by Meiste supported by Harvey to pay township bills.
- b) There were no fire department bills to approve this month. Ron will see we get a financial report each month.

8. Adjournment

- a) Motion by Harvey supported by Boerman and unanimously supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:45

Minutes submitted by Clerk Sheila Meiste.