

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

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FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 12, 2022 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**

Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts call the meeting to order Elaine Mokma opened with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call.**

Members Present: Ken DeWeerdts, Elaine Mokma, Bob Yonker, Leah Folkert and Chuck Schaap.

Members Absent: None

3. **Late Agenda Items.**

- a. Straightline Lawn Care 2022 Bid
- b. Rachelle Smit – Candidate for State Representative
- c. John Kleinheksel – Allegan County Road Commission

4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker reported

- a. A total of 73 calls for March 2022. There were 12 medical/rescue calls and 2 fire calls for Fillmore Township, there were 7 fire calls to other agencies.

5. **Allegan County Commissioner.**

Jim Storey was absent with notice, but sent the following report,

- a. Broadband Action Group continues to work towards understanding where there is existing fiber optic cable and where it doesn't exist in the county. The group, working with its project manager, is developing a request for proposal to push out to any existing providers (Great Lakes Energy, AT&T, Comcast, etc.) to ask for their information on where they have cable and which areas of the county they desire to serve. In addition, Connect Michigan, will be surveying all rural counties with a two-person drive team to confirm data. The data will be used to get proposals going.
- b. Water Study Work Group completed its second meeting last week. Purpose of this group is to analyze data from the water study completed 18 months ago and recommend further action on the status of water supplies in the county. The study disclosed some supply quantity concerns for the aquifer under the northeast section of the county that flows in from Ottawa county. It also will look into the issues of PFAS well contamination in the Otsego-Plainwell area.
- c. ORV – Attended the road commission meeting last week at which they approved lifting restrictions from ORV use on the entire townships of Cheshire, Lee and Ganges Township and key sections of Allegan, Casco and Dorr townships. To date, per a report from Commissioner Kapenga, the Sheriff reports there are no untoward incidents involving ORVs since the first weekend of the permissive ORV ordinance last July.
- d. Re-election – While I thought about seeking the newly created state representative seat in for Holland, Laketown, Park and ¾ of Holland Townships, I decided that it was best to keep focused on Allegan County as I think we are at an important, potential turning point for our county. So, I will be asking the voters in the new first commission district (the current district is the second district) that consists of Fillmore, Laketown, Overisel and Salem Townships and the city of Holland to send me back to the Board of Commissioners. I have enjoyed our relationship and want to continue it.

7. **Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.**

Officer Joe Knapp being absent with notice, submitted the following report,

- a. There were 87 calls for March 2022, 63 calls for Fillmore Township and 25 for Overisel Township.

8. **Water Agreement – Fillmore Township & City of Holland.**

Whereas, the City is empowered by Act 34 of the Public Act of 1917, as amended (MCL 123.141 et seq.), to sell water outside its territorial limits and may contract for the sale of water with a township.

Whereas, the City and Township have entered into a prior agreement relating to the sale of water, and provision of water system operation and maintenance services. The prior agreement is acknowledged as follows:

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Retail Water Agreement dated March 24, 2010, which established the terms under which the City would provide retail water supply and service to a property west of Washington Ave and north of I-196 and to properties south of I-196 that border a portion of 143rd Ave and along Blue Star Hwy south of 143rd Ave. that are within a Southern Service Area.

Whereas, Holland and Township desire to enter into a retail water agreement that would revise and replace the terms and conditions of the above agreement in accordance with the terms, conditions, and agreements of the Retail Water Agreement as hereinafter set forth (the "Agreement").

Full Agreement is on File at the Fillmore Township Office as prepared by the Thrun Law Firm.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to adopt this Retail Water Agreement.

Passed by Roll Call Vote: Ken DeWeerd – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, Bob Yonker – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES, and Leah Folkert – YES.

PASSED 5-0 by Roll Call Vote.

9. Public Participation.

a. John Kleinheksel, Chair of the Allegan County Road Commission was present to answer any questions regarding the 2022 road paving bids. Fillmore Township plans on repaving 140th Ave., 56th St. to M-40, 2.81 miles.

b. Rachelle Smit introduced herself as the Candidate for the newly created 43rd District as State Representative.

10. Fillmore Township Election Commission.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the Fillmore Township Election Commission Minutes of April 12, 2022 with the following individuals appointed as election workers;

Appointed for the upcoming May 3, 2022 School Election;

Chairperson: Laura Mokma – Democrat
Michelle Herman - Republican

Poll Workers: Lyn Becksford – Republican
Nancy Snay – Democrat
Cindy Lampen - Democrat
Joyce Blauwkamp – Republican

These names to be sent to the Chairman of the Republican and Democratic Parties.

PASSED 5-0.

11. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – March 8, 2022.

Upon review of the March 8, 2022 minutes;

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve the minutes as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

12. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on April 4, 2022 to consider the following request;

a. 4G LLC are requesting rezoning for Parcel 0306-017-001-00 from A-2 to C-2.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Ken DeWeerd to allow this rezoning as requested and as recommended by the Planning Commission.

PASSED 5-0.

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing to amend the Fillmore Township Zoning Ordinance.

a. The Commission considered adding R to Chapter 12, Section 12.03 uses permitted by a Special Use Permit (C-2 Zoning). The amendment would add R. Sales, repair and storage of trucks and trucking related equipment when deemed consistent with the character of the adjacent and immediate area.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to adopt the change as recommended by the Planning Commission.

PASSED 5-0.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is May 2, 2022 at 7pm.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to refer the following items to Planning Commission;

a. Site Plan Review – Steve McNeal.

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- b. Rezoning Request – Matt Wikstra.
- c. Special Use Permit – Case Overway.

PASSED 5-0.

13. Supervisor Updates.

- a. April 19, 2022 7pm a Public Hearing for the 425 Agreement and Revenue Sharing between Fillmore Township and the City of Holland.
- b. Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway has sent a contract to provide Park Maintenance to Cottonwood Park and Fillmore Discovery Park for the 2022 season at a cost of \$9000.00. Additionally, playground mulch at a cost of 1,500.00 and replacement of trash can lids/covers at a cost of \$165 each are also needed

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to accept this contract for Park Maintenance for the 2022 season, along with playground mulch and new trashcan lids.

PASSED 5-0.

- c. Straightline Lawncare and Landscaping has submitted a bid for the 2022 season.

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to accept this bid for the 2022 season.

PASSED 5-0.

14. Treasurer's Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand March 1, 2022	\$ 180,785.44
Receipts	\$ 972,897.94
	\$1,153,683.38
Disbursements	\$ 43,696.87
Balance on Hand March 31, 2022	\$1,109,986.51

CD's

General Fund	\$ 225,406.50
Total General Fund	\$1,335,393.01

Utility Fund

Balance on Hand March 1, 2022	\$ 249,681.69
Receipts	\$ 135,000.00
	\$ 385,491.62
Disbursements	\$ 343,889.05
Transfer from Cash Sweep Account	\$ 2,780.10
Balance on Hand March 31, 2022	\$ 44,382.67

CD's

Utility Fund	\$ 86,062.11
Grand Total March 31, 2022	\$ 127,667.02

15. Monthly Bills

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A Motion was received from Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to approve the bills as presented, those bills being Payroll, General Fund, Utility Fund.

PASSED 5-0.

16. Meeting Adjourned.

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township

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