

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 13, 2021 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**

Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts called the meeting to order at 7pm, with the Board observed social distancing, opened with prayer, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call.**

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

Members Absent: Chuck Schaap was absent with notice.

3. **Late Agenda Items.**

a. 2020-2021 Financial Statement.

b. M.A.C.C. with Tyler Kent.

4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker reported;

a. A total of 55 call for March 2021. There were 9 medical/rescue and 3 fire calls for Fillmore Township, there was 1 medical and 5 fire calls to other agencies.

5. **Fillmore/Overisel Township Deputy.**

Officer Joe Knapp was absent with notice but left the following report;

There were 68 calls for March 2021, 42 calls for Fillmore Township and 23 for Overisel Township.

6. **Allegan County Commissioner.**

Jim Storey reported;

a. The O.R.V. Ordinance is still being considered. The Board of Commissioners is waiting for advice from Legal Council. To date the Ordinance has the support of 19 Townships. If Allegan County passes the O.R.V. Ordinance, a Township would have to have an Ordinance that states they are not participating in the Ordinance.

b. Allegan County will be receiving approximately 23 million from the American Rescue Plan. A possible public hearing would be held prior to any expenditures of these funds.

c. The southern set of stairs at West Side Park will be repaired at the cost of \$25,000.00.

d. During the upcoming April 22, 2021 meeting a plan for adding Security, and Public Transportation and paying off the Pension debt will be considered.

e. A meeting will be held to look at re-districting Allegan County, this being in the 10 year plan.

7. **Public Participation.**

a. Resident Chase Hardin was present seeking information and an update on Short Term Rentals in Fillmore Township.

b. Allegan County Road Commissioner John Kleinheksel was present with an update of recent activity by the Road Commission. Trees along Lakeshore have been cleared in preparation of the resurfacing of the road. M-40 will be widened in several areas near Hamilton and the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of M-40 and 136th Ave. This work will be completed over the next several years.

8. **Fillmore Township Election Commission.**

A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the Fillmore Township Election Commission Minutes of April 13, 2021 with the following individuals appointed as election workers;

Appointed for the upcoming May 4, 2021 School Election;

Chairperson: Lynn DeWitt

Poll Workers: Lyn Becksford – Republican

Nancy Snay – Democrat

Laura Mokma – Democrat

Joyce Blauwkamp – Republican

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

PASSED 4-0.

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9. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – March 9, 2021.

Upon review of the March 9, 2021;

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

PASSED 4-0.

10. Fillmore Township Planning Commission – April 5, 2021.

In the absence of P.C. member Chuck Schaap, Supervisor DeWeerd gave a report of the recent Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission met to consider 2 Special Use Permits.

- a. T.B. Services, owner Tim Brink requested a Special Use Permit for screening of topsoil and storage of aggregates. Parcel # 0306-017-004-01A.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Bob Yonker to accept this Special Use Permit recommendation from the Planning Commission with an Engineered Site Plan presented and approved/amended by the Planning Commission.

PASSED 4-0.

- b. Jeff Genzink, owner of Diversified Welding and Fabrication requested a Special Use Permit to operate a business for the fabrication of structural steel components prepared for construction projects. Parcel # 0306-020-007-012.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Leah Folkert to accept this Special Use Permit recommendation from the Planning Commission with an Engineered Site Plan presented and approved/amended by the Planning Commission.

PASSED 4-0.

- c. Minutes of the above meeting were accepted as information.

11. Supervisor Updates.

- a. Straightline Lawncare and Landscaping has submitted a bid for the 2021 season. Rates would remain the same as the 2020 season.

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to accept this bid for the 2021 season. PASSED 4-0.

- b. A bid of \$230,810.00 from Rieth-Riley Construction for the resurfacing of 140th Ave., 60th St. to 56th St., 2.07 miles was accepted by the Allegan County Road Commission on behalf of Fillmore Township.

- c. Supervisor DeWeerd met with Tyler Kent from the M.A.C.C., plans are being made for an in-person meeting of the M.A.C.C. Policy meeting in 2 weeks.

The M.A.C.C. will be receiving approximately \$770,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan.

The M.A.C.C. is looking at the possibility of contracting with the OutDoor Discovery Center for blending the Watershed with Project Clarity.

- d. Fillmore Township will be receiving approximately \$270,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan.

- e. Board members are invited to attend a meeting on April 16, 2021 at 11am with Diane Kooiker and Cynthia Kleinheksel of the Herrick District Library. The current contract with the Library will be discussed.

- f. A draft of the O.R.V. Ordinance was accepted as information. Clarification for the manner in which types of vehicles were chosen.

- g. A preliminary 2020-2021 Fillmore Township Financial Statement was available for the Board members. The final report will be posted on the Township website.

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12. Treasurers Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand March 1, 2021 \$142,911.19

Receipts \$935,670.68

\$1,078,581.87

Disbursements \$830,838.50

Balance on Hand March 31, 2021 \$247,743.37

CD's

General Fund \$800,000.00

Total General Fund \$1,047,743.37

Utility Fund

Balance on Hand March 1, 2021 \$ 65,083.46

Receipts \$255,401.57

\$320,485.03

Disbursements \$277,108.34

Balance on Hand March 31, 2021 \$ 43,376.69

CD's

Utility Fund \$ 0.00

Total Utility Fund \$ 43,376.69

13. Monthly Bills.

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Leah Folkert to approve the bills as presented.

PASSED 4-0.

14. 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 8:10 pm.

PASSED 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Mokma, Clerk

Fillmore Township