

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 9, 2022 7PM

1. Call to Order.

Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts call the meeting to order, Leah Folkert opened with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call.

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

Members Absent: None

3. Late Agenda Items.

- a. East Saugatuck Cemetery.
- b. Allegan County Road Commissioner – John Kleinheksel.

4. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker reported;

- a. A total of 78 calls for July 2022. There were 13 medical calls and 2 fire calls for Fillmore Township, there were 3 fire calls and 2 medical calls to other agencies.
- b. The new drone is in service and has already been used.

5. Fillmore/Overisel Township Deputy.

Officer Joe Knapp reported;

- a. There were 114 calls for July 2022, 71 calls for Fillmore Township and 43 calls for Overisel Township.

6. Allegan County Commissioner.

Jim Storey reported;

- a. 30% of Allegan County residents turned out to vote in the August 2, 2022 Primary Election.
- b. Senior Millage was renewed.
- c. ARPA funds could be used for water system projects.
- d. \$2,000.00 donation was received from Michigan Gas.
- e. The Commissioners have begun looking at the 2023-2024 Budget, possibly adding 10-12 new staff positions.
- f. Office space is being considered for the Commissioners in addition to adding an Administrative Assistant.

7. Public Participation.

Several residents of Cobblestone Subdivision were present with concerns regarding the Cobblestone Fields Development. Ryan Lamb aired concerns regarding drainage and tree line preservation. He also had questions regarding the Master Deed Process and if Cobblestone Subdivision residents will be kept informed.

Planning Commission Member and Fillmore Township Trustee Chuck Schaap referred to the minutes and meeting of the Planning Commission on August 1, 2022, citing the 6 additional conditions and clarifications as outlined in the minutes of that meeting. They are as follows;

- a. Property in question is zoned R-2 which allows for single and two family dwellings and also meeting the requirements of the Land Use Plan.
- b. All permits and approvals by Graafschap Fire Chief DenBleyker and Allegan County Drain Commissioner must be obtained prior to construction.
- c. All construction will begin with 12 months from the date of approval from the Township Board, barring any unforeseen circumstances, completion date to be 3 years.
- d. The Township Board shall be provided with a copy of the Condominium by-laws prior to the commencing of the development construction.
- e. Since it is likely that mud/dirt will be tracked by construction trucks and equipment from the construction site onto Blackstone and Greystone streets, the developer must make every attempt to keep this to a minimum regularly cleaning of the sediment from the roads.
- f. The existing natural landscaping along the north border running west to east shall be preserved in its natural state as much as possible by minimizing tree and soil removal, following the Landscaping standards set forth in the Fillmore Township Ordinance Section 16.32.

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Mr. Schaap also stated that he has visited the area under discussion and wonders how the Cobblestone Subdivision residents request the developer of Cobblestone Fields to do certain things when they don't do it themselves, Mr. Schaap referenced the tree line in the southeast corner of the Subdivision property which is made up of scrub brush and poison ivy and observed several residents encroaching on the future Cobblestone Field property.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission with the 6 additional conditions and clarifications as included above.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE;

Bob Yonker – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, Ken DeWeerd – YES, Leah Folkert – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES.

PASSED 5-0.

8. Late Agenda Items.

- a. Bob Yonker reported there are roots from a large pine tree encroaching on a grave at the East Saugatuck Cemetery.
- b. Allegan County Road Commissioner John Kleinheksel reported dust control has been completed, 2/3 of the chip seal and fog coating has been completed and a culvert on 50th St. will need to be repaired or replaced this being done at the expense of the Road Commission.

9. August 2, 2022 Primary Election.

Clerk Mokma reported approximately a 35% turnout from Fillmore Township residents. The AVCB tabulated 350 ballots and the Precinct tabulated 493 votes, with both machines having no issues in tabulation.

10. Supervisor Updates.

- a. A request for water has been received from Consumers Concrete on M-40. They will be providing water to a large construction project in the area and be needing approximately 20,000 gallons of water per day.
Ken Bosma from Prein & Newhof will be providing hook-up fees for a 3" line.
- b. Supervisor has been working with Ken Long representing Hidden Creek with information provided by Ken Bosma of Prein & Newhof to provide water from the Wyoming Water System Line which is put in by Holland Township, this being in accordance with the Fillmore Township and City of Holland Retail water Agreement of May 26, 2022. Monetary guidelines are from the Fillmore Township Water Ordinance.
- c. Rosemary Graham of the Allegan County Recycling has submitted several options to Fillmore Township to assist with recycling for Fillmore Township residents. Supervisor DeWeerd to invite Ms. Graham to the September 2022 Board meeting to answer questions and further present options.
- d. Rezoning requests for 0306-033-025-00 & 0306-033-024-10 have been received. Supervisor DeWeerd to further advise requestee and refer to the Planning Commission.

11. Treasurers Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand July 1, 2022	\$493,088.18
Receipts	\$ 3,071.39
	\$496,159.57
Disbursements	\$233,550.09
Balance on Hand July 31, 2022	\$262,609.48

CD's

General Fund	\$650,000.00
Total General Fund	\$912,609.48

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Utility Fund

Balance on Hand July 1, 2022	\$119,315.94
Receipts	\$ 60.00
	\$119,376.10
Disbursements	\$ 1,681.19
Balance on Hand July 31, 2022	\$117,694.91

CD's

Utility Fund	\$100,000.00
Total Utility Fund	\$217,694.91

12. Monthly Bills.

Upon review of the bills as presented;

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

PASSED 5-0.

13. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – July 5, 2022.

Upon review of the July 5, 2022 minutes;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to approve these minutes as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

14. Meeting Adjourned.

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was received by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township