

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 10, 2023 7PM

1. Call to Order.

Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts call the meeting to order, 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. Hamilton Fire Department.

4. Allegan County Commissioner.

Jim Storey reported;

a. December 2022 Governor Whitmer signed a bill that will allow for a 3rd Circuit Court Judge for Allegan County and will be elected in November 2024. With a 3rd Judge being added, the Board of Commissioners will be considering converting the County Building to totally Court House services and moving all non-court functions to Dumont Lake.

b. A contract will be coming with 123 Net for Broad Band services.

c. The Board of Commissioners had their 1st meeting as a 5-member Board. Jim Storey was appointed to a 2-yr. term as Chairman and Dean Kapenga was appointed to a 2yr.term as Vice Chair.

d. Interviews will be conducted for a new E.O.C director. Frank Post has been appointed as interim director.

5. Hamilton Fire Department.

Fire Chief Dave Haverdink presented;

a. The 2022 Annual Report which showed a total of 504 calls for 2022 which is tracking 4% above a two-year average of 486 incidents. Currently the department has 21 members.

b. The 2023-2024 Budget was also presented of which is Fillmore's share is \$80,958.00 – 13%. A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Leah Folkert to approve the proposed budget for Hamilton Fire Department.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote:

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

PASSED 5-0.

6. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.

Officer Dillon Schmitt submitted the following report;

a. There were 149 calls for December 2022, 76 calls for Fillmore Township and 73 for Overisel Township, total calls for 2022 were 741. 458 calls for Fillmore Township and 283 calls for Overisel Township.

7. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker reported;

a. A total of 71 calls for December 2022. There were 9 medical/rescue calls and 1 fire call for Fillmore Township, there were 7 fire calls and 2 medical/rescue calls to other agencies.

b. Fire Board Chairman Bob Yonker presented the 2023-2024 Budget;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to approve the proposed amount of \$835,623.00 for the Graafschap Fire Department. Fillmore Township's share is \$190,355.00 of that Budget 22.78%, this being a combination of calls and S.E.V. from Fillmore Township. This reflects an 8% wage increase and longevity bonuses.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote:

Bob Yonker – YES; Chuck Schaap – YES; Ken DeWeerdts – YES; Elaine Mokma – YES; Leah Folkert – YES.

PASSED 5-0.

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8. Overisel Fire Department.

Supervisor DeWeerdts reported;

Overisel Fire Department had a total of 182 calls for 2022 with 42 calls into Fillmore Township.

9. Allegan County Road Commission.

Road Commission Chairman John Kleinheksel reported;

a. The 2023-2024 budget will be \$42.5 million

b. The bridge on 146th Ave. between 48th and 50th St. will be replaced using M.A.C.C. funds.
136th Ave. from 58th St. to 50th St. will be resurfaced using M.A.C.C. funds.

c. The Road Commission has a new member – Rick Cain.

10. 2023 Fillmore Township Roads.

a. Fillmore Township will again be reimbursed the cost of 2 roadside mowing, also \$50,000 towards road work.

b. 143rd Ave. from M-40 to 56th St. will be repaved.

c. 52nd St. from M-40 to 141st Ave. will be repaved.

11. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – December 13, 2022.

Upon review of the December 13, 2022 minutes;

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to approve the minutes as presented.
PASSED 5-0.

12. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on January 9, 2023 to consider the following request;

a. Site Plan from Rabbit River Trucking. A 55,000 square foot building to be built on M-40 near 143rd Ave.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the decision of the Planning Commission.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote:

Bob Yonker – YES; Chuck Schaap – YES; Ken DeWeerdts – YES; Elaine Mokma – YES; Leah Folkert – YES.
PASSED 5-0.

b. February 6, 2023 the Planning Commission will be looking at a Site Plan from Cory Gritter for an Event Center to be located at 3968 Blue Star Hwy, Parcel # 0306-030-033-00 & Parcel # 0306-030-034-00.

13. Fillmore Township Board of Appeals.

The minutes of the December 12, 2022 Board of Appeals were taken as information.

14. Supervisor Updates.

a. Elected Officials Salary Resolution.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Leah Folkert to increase the salaries by approximately 3% for the 2023-2024 Budget.

Members of the audience felt the increase in salaries should be more in line with the cost of living, that being 6%.

An amended Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to increase the salaries of the Board of Trustees to 6%.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote:

Bob Yonker – YES; Chuck Schaap – YES; Ken DeWeerdts – YES; Elaine Mokma – YES; Leah Folkert – YES.
PASSED 5-0.

Supervisor - \$29,046.00; Clerk - \$18,746.00; Treasurer - \$18,746.00 Trustees - \$4,000.00.

b. A preliminary 2023-2024 Budget for Fillmore Township will be available at the February 14, 2023 Board meeting, with a Public Hearing for the adoption of the 2023-2024 Budget at the March 14, 2023 meeting.

c. A Thank-you card of correspondence was received from Kim Greiving.

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15. Treasurer's Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand December 1, 2022	\$164,518.25
Receipts	\$311,087.12
Disbursements	\$423,489.45
Balance on Hand December 31, 2022	\$ 52,115.92

CD's

General Fund	\$651,300.07
Total General Fund	\$703,415.99

Utility Fund

Balance on Hand December 1, 2022	\$ 112,318.84
Receipts	\$ 29,052.46
	\$ 141,371.30
Disbursements	\$ 2,531.11
Balance on Hand December 31, 2022	\$138,840.19

CD's

Utility Fund	\$101,121.07
Grand Total December 31, 2022	\$239,961.26

16. Monthly Bills

Upon review of the bills as presented;

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

PASSED 5-0.

17. Meeting Adjourned.

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Leah Folkert to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.
PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township