

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 14, 2022 7PM

1. Call to Order.

Supervisor Ken DeWeerd call the meeting to order. Chuck Schaap opened with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call.

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

Members Absent: None

3. Late Agenda Items.

a. M.A.C.C.

b. B.P.W.

c. 425 Agreement.

4. Allegan County Legal Assistance CENTER.

Allegan County Judge Margaret Bakker was present to share information of the Allegan County Legal Assistance CENTER. This organization has been serving Allegan County for 10 years providing and supporting committed volunteers to educate litigants with the appropriate legal processes and procedures, tools, and paperwork.

5. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker reported;

a. A total of 82 calls for May 2022. There were 27 medical/rescue calls and 4 fire call for Fillmore Township, there were 4 fire calls and 1 medical calls to other agencies.

b. The Fire Department will host their annual pancake breakfast on July 4th.

6. Allegan County Commissioner.

Jim Storey gave the following report;

a. Lee Township has received \$430,000.00 from Allegan County Board of Commissioners to be combined with A.R.P.A. funds from Lee Township to be used for Broadband for Lee Township.

b. A water study is being done, drilling test wells looking at the Allegan County aquifer quality and quantity of the water.

c. Wish Bone Pet Rescue Alliance which runs the Allegan County Shelter will be holding a fund raiser for the building of a new Pet Shelter.

7. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.

Officer Joe Knapp absent with notice, shared the following report;

a. There were 93 calls for May 2022, 68 calls for Fillmore Township and 25 for Overisel Township.

8. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – May 10, 2022 & May 24, 2022.

Upon review of the May 10, 2022 minutes;

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

PASSED 5-0.

Upon review of the May 24, 2022 minutes;

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

PASSED 5-0.

9. Public Participation.

None.

10. Fillmore Township Board of Appeals.

The Fillmore Township Board of Appeals minutes of a May 16, 2022 meeting were received for information.

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11. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.

- a. Steve McNeal Site Plan.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to open discussion.

PASSED 5-0.

Steve McNeal Site presented a Site Plan which was approved by the Planning Commission, pending approval from Prein & Newhof. Chief DenBleyker also reviewed the Site Plan and submitted suggestions for this project.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to accept this Site Plan and conditions as approved by the Planning Commission.

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

PASSED by Roll call Vote.

- b. The Planning Commission is waiting on a Site Plan from Cobble Stone Field LLC.

12. Supervisor Updates.

- a. Cotton Wood Park.

Cotton Park was recently vandalized. Reports have been filed with the Allegan County Sheriff's Department and ODC is coordinating the clean-up.

- b. Fillmore Township Cemetery Sexton.

Supervisor has met with the family of Howard Lubbers, it is their decision to pass on the Sexton responsibility to another individual, being ready to assist with the transition.

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to appoint and hire John Yonker.

PASSED 5-0.

- c. Roadside mowing has begun.

The Supervisor will be out of town for the July 12, 2022 Board meeting it was decided that the Board of Trustees will meet on July 5, 2022 at 6pm. Notice to be posted on website and Township.

- d. The owner of Pot Works, Mr. Jack Taylor has requested a sign company to install a permanent sign identifying his business. After discussion it was noted that the business is being operated on a non-conforming parcel, and signage would only enhance the illegal use.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to deny the request.

PASSED 5-0.

- e. Fillmore Township Board of Review.

Fillmore Township Assessor James Bush recently notified the Supervisor that long time Board member Peter Yonker will be retiring from the Board following the July Board of Review. Dean Slagh and Melvin Haverdink are names that have been suggested. Supervisor DeWeerdts will follow up.

- f. Election Inspector Wages.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Bob Yonker to raise the wages of Election Inspectors to \$16/Hr. and Election Chairs to \$20/Hr.

PASSED 5-0.

- g. Cemetery Wages.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Bob Yonker to raise the wages of Cemetery individuals who do the mowing to \$20/Hr. for wages and \$20/Hr. for equipment rental. For the Cemetery Sexton, a raise to \$650/Yrly. Responsibilities for the cemeteries.

- h. The 2nd phase of A.R.P.A. monies is expected by the end of June 2022.

- i. M.A.C.C. is now fully staffed. They are also responsible for the July 2022 fireworks.

- j. B.P.W.

A representative for the 4 Townships on the B.P.W. Electric Board is being sought. The position will be advertised, with appointment to follow.

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k. 425 Agreement.

Following the signing of this agreement by Fillmore Township and Holland City, this agreement has been forwarded to Allegan County and Ottawa County and the State Boundary Commission. This should be effective July 1, 2022. Fillmore Township will receive the tax revenue for 2022.

13. Treasurer Report.

Balance on Hand May 1, 2022	\$ 681,413.56
Receipts	\$ 6,415.24
Disbursements	\$ 279,688.70
Balance on Hand May 31, 2022	\$ 408,140.10
CD's	\$ 475,462.98
Total General Fund	\$ 883,603.08
Utility Fund	
Balance on Hand May 1, 2022	\$ 209,085.73
Receipts	\$ 986.01
Disbursements	\$ 103,207.08
Balance on Hand May 31, 2022	\$ 106,864.66
CD's	\$100,000.00
Grand Total May 31, 2022	\$ 206,864.66

14. Monthly Bills

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Ken DeWeerd to approve the bills as presented, those bills being Payroll, General Fund, Utility Fund.

PASSED 5-0.

15. Meeting Adjourned.

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township