

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 11, 2020 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**

Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts called the meeting to order at 7pm. Elaine Mokma opened with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call.**

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

Members Absent: Bob Yonker with notice

3. **Late Agenda Items.**

- a. Hamilton Fire Department
- b. Fillmore Township Roads – Repaving
- c. Cottonwood Park

4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker was absent with notice, Deputy Chief Mike Capel submitted the following report;

- a. A total of 56 calls for February 2020. There were 9 medical calls and 3 fire calls for Fillmore Township, also 1 fire call to other agencies.

5. **Hamilton Fire Department.**

Due to varying fiscal years between Hamilton Fire Department, Fillmore, Heath and Manlius Townships, Supervisor DeWeerdts brought to the Board of Trustees a proposal on behalf of Fire Board member Bob Yonker regarding the monetary carry over that is normally given as credit to the Townships, by giving this credit to the Townships Hamilton Fire Department has never been able to establish a Fund Balance. For the fiscal year of 2020-2021 Hamilton Fire Department would retain the monetary carry over to establish a Fund Balance.

Following discussion by the Board, it was decided to allow Hamilton Fire Department to retain the monetary credit for 2020-2021 normally returned to Fillmore Township to be used to establish a Fund Balance.

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

Officer Tyler Langerak submitted the following;

- a. 61 calls for February 2020, 35 calls for Fillmore Township and 26 calls for Overisel Township.

6. **Allegan County Commissioner.**

Jim Storey gave the following report;

- a. Results of the Allegan County National Community Survey were presented to the Board.
- b. Due to the COVID-19 virus, Governor Gretchen Whitmer has declared a State of Emergency.
- c. Due to shoreline erosion, the State of Michigan has allocated fund.

7. **Public Hearing – Fillmore Township Budget 2020 – 2021**

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to open the Public Hearing at 7:35pm.
PASSED 4-0

Supervisor DeWeerdts read the Public Notice as it recently appeared in the Holland Sentinel.

Supervisor reviewed the Budget and how funds are raised and dispersed.

There being no public comment or input;

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to close the Public Hearing.

PASSED 4-0.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to accept this Budget as presented.

PASSED 4-0.

A roll call vote – Ken DeWeerdts – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES, Leah Folkert – YES.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote.

8. **Public Participation.**

Jim Ruiz of 3666 Lincoln Rd. was present asking about P.R.E. on his property. Supervisor to pass on information to Assessor for a resolution.

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9. **Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes - February 11, 2020.**

Upon review of the February 11, 2020 minutes;

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

PASSED 4 - 0.

9. **March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary.**

Clerk Mokma gave a report of the Presidential Primary, a total of 496 votes were cast; of those votes 179 were Absentee Votes and 317 voters in the precinct. This is 21% of the registered voters for Fillmore Township.

10. **Fillmore Township Planning Commission.**

Planning Commission member Chuck Schaap gave a report of the February 10, 2020 meeting.

The Planning Commission looked at 5 Land Use changes in several different areas of the Township, the Planning Commission has referred these Land Use changes to the Township Board of Trustees for approval.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve these 5 Land Use changes and refer them back to the Planning Commission for adoption at the May 11, 2020 meeting.

Passed 4-0.

11. **Fillmore Township Road Projects 2020**

a. Church St. in Graafschap is set for re-paving.

12. **Fillmore Township Cottonwood Park.**

February 2020 the Park was vandalized by arson. An insurance claim has been filed in the amount of \$2,309.92, with the Township for bearing the \$500 deductible. Should the vandal be caught the Township will be reimbursed the deductible. A local contractor has been contacted to perform the repairs.

13. **Supervisor Updates.**

a. M.A.C.C. – for numerous years the O.D.C. Network Team and the M.A.C.C. Watershed Project Team have been working together. This collaboration has led to a request from staff to consider merging the two groups into one cohesive watershed management team that will combine resources and address goals of the community to the Macatawa Watershed. The Watershed staff would become part of the O.D.C. Team.

b. Fillmore Township Board of Review met March 9 and March 11. They had 8 appointments.

c. The last increase for the Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Inspectors was in 2015; A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to increase the inspection fees to \$65.00 with compensation to the inspectors of \$55.00. This new fee schedule to begin on April 1, 2020
PASSED 4-0.

d. The 2019 report from Overisel Fire Department was received for information. The department had a total of 37 responses into Fillmore Township.

e. The 52nd St. Sewer project will soon be starting. Hidden Creek and the additional 6 properties will be sharing the cost along with Fillmore Township.

14. **Correspondences.**

a. A card of thanks was received from the Out Door Discovery Network.

15. **Treasurers Report.**

General Fund.

Balance on Hand February 1, 2020 \$108,901.56

Receipts \$159,188.73

\$268,090.29

Disbursements \$156,271.64

Balance on Hand February 29, 2020 \$111,818.65

CD's

General Fund \$153,660.80

Total General Fund \$265,479.45

Utility Fund.

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Balance on Hand February 1, 2020	\$ 70,822.84
Receipts	\$ 18,804.25
	\$ 89,627.09

Disbursements	\$ 2,817.26
Balance on Hand February 29, 2020	\$ 86,809.83

CD's

Utility Fund	\$306,571.78
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Total Utility Fund	\$393,381.61
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16. Monthly Bills.

Upon review of the bills as presented;

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

PASSED 4-0.

15. Meeting Adjourn.

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 8:15pm.

PASSED 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Mokma, Clerk

Fillmore Township