

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 15, 2022 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**

Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts call the meeting to order, Chuck Schaap 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. Fillmore Township Board of Appeals Hearing.

4. **Allegan County Health Department Solid Waste Reduction Program.**

Resource Recovery cards have been received and along with an informational insert on colored paper will be inserted with the Winter 2022 Tax bills.

5. **Graafschap Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker reported;

a. A total of 73 calls for October 2022. There were 13 medical calls and 3 fire call for Fillmore Township, there were 4 fire calls and 4 medical calls to other agencies.

b. The Fire Board meets on December 1, 2022 to begin the Budget for 2023-2024.

6. **Fillmore/Overisel Township Deputy.**

Officer Joe Knapp reported;

a. There were 86 calls for October 2022, 60 calls for Fillmore Township and 26 calls for Overisel Township.

b. The Township Board with regrets accepted Officer Knapp's resignation as Officer for Fillmore & Overisel Township. Officer Knapp has accepted the position of Resource Officer for Hamilton Community Schools effective December 1, 2022. Interviews for a new deputy will be held on Wednesday, November 23 at 9am at the Overisel Township Office with Leah Folkert and Bob Yonker representing Fillmore Township.

7. **Allegan County Commissioner.**

Jim Storey reported;

a. Board of Commissioners have approved a \$17.7 Million bid offer for Broad Net. Starting date for this project is approximately March 31, 2023.

b. Conversations continue regarding the dams. Consumers Energy questions continue to be asked regarding the effects on areas if these dams cease to operate.

c. The Board of Commissioners plan to have a Consultant to work with the Townships to develop a water resource plan.

d. Scott Corbin, Emergency Manager for Allegan County has resigned to accept a position with Kent County. Frank Baker to appoint an interim manager until a replacement is hired.

e. The November 2022 election has resulted in 5 Commissioners.

8. **Public Participation.**

Ross Vannette was present filing a formal complaint requesting the Township Blight Resolution 2016-01 be enforced for property located on 146th Ave., Parcel # 0306-003-029-30. Supervisor stated that the trailer and watercraft are both licensed. He will again have a conversation with the property owner for cleaning up the other items.

9. **November 8, 2022 General Election.**

a. Clerk Mokma reported the Election went well. A total of 1518 votes were cast, 478 absentee ballots and 1040 in the precinct for a total of 75% voter participation. Both tabulators functioned well.

b. A FOIA request has been received for copies of tabulator tapes for all of Allegan County.

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10. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.

Planning Commission member Chuck Schaap reported on the November 7, 2022 meeting;

Brian Bredeweg requested rezoning for 5477 136th Ave., Parcel #0306-033-025-00 from A-1 to C-

2. Former A-1 Use was a conforming Ag. Related Commercial Business.

The Planning Commission denied the request for re-zoning.

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

Supervisor DeWeerdts stated he felt C-2 would be a good fit due to the location and previous use of the property for approximately 40 years. The Planning Commission could do a Special Use Permit for this property. A Site Plan could be requested.

Chuck Schaap stated the owner could build a home on the property, however once a C-2 zoning is in place the Township doesn't have a good way to follow up on any changes that might occur.

A Roll Call vote was called – Yes being the decision of the Planning Commission stands and No being the decision of the Planning Commission is overturned.

Roll Call Vote:

Ken DeWeerdts – NO, Bob Yonker – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, Leah Folkert – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES.

The recommendation of the Planning Commission stands.

- a. HES Site Plan

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve the decision of the Planning Commission. A Landscape Plan to follow.

PASSED 5-0.

- b. A sketch plan was received from Rabbit River for the thoughts of the Planning Commission for property located at 143rd/M-40. A Site Plan Review Hearing has been set for January 9, 2023 or the quarterly meeting date of February 6, 2023.

- c. Supervisor DeWeerdts has received several inquiries regarding Solar Farms in Fillmore Township and requested the Planning Commission to develop an Ordinance for this.

11. Fillmore Township Board of Appeals.

The Fillmore Township Board of Appeals will hold a hearing on December 12, 2022 at 6:30pm to consider a request from Phil Brink for property located at 3778 M-40, Parcel #0306-036-003.10.

12. Supervisor Updates.

- a. Prein & Newhof will hold their annual Holiday Open House on December 2, 2022 from 11am-1pm. RSVP's are needed by November 18, 2022.

- b. The Allegan County Road Commission has completed the 2022 road projects in Fillmore Township.

The Primary Road meeting for Fillmore Township will be held on January 5, 2023 at 7pm.

- c. A quote from RICOH was received for the updating of the Township copy machine. The current machine was purchased in September 2013. This current machine is worth \$750 to upgrade to a new IMC2500 Model.

A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Ken DeWeerdts to upgrade to a new IMC2500 Model.

PASSED 5-0.

- d. The Fillmore Township Board of Reviews members for 2023 are as follows;

Doug VerHoeven and Gary Balder – both returning members, Randy Yonker to be appointed to fill the vacancy of Peter Yonker. Peter Yonker to remain a non-voting alternate.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to appoint the above-named individuals to the Board of Review.

PASSED 5-0.

- e. A card of thanks was received from the OutDoor Discovery Center for the ongoing support to their organization from Fillmore Township.

13. Treasurers Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand October 1, 2022 \$223,199.65

Receipts \$ 67,040.99

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	\$290,240.64
Disbursements	\$100,398.31
Balance on Hand October 31, 2022	\$189,842.33
CD's	
General Fund	\$900,690.17
Total General Fund	\$1,090,532.50
Utility Fund	
Balance on Hand October 1, 2022	\$109,717.12
Receipts	\$ 556.35
	\$110,273.47
Disbursements	\$ 3,350.30
Balance on Hand October 31, 2022	\$106,923.17
CD's	
Utility Fund	\$100,620.10
Total Utility Fund	\$207,543.27

14. 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 5-0.

15. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – October 11, 2022.

Upon review of the October 11, 2022 minutes;

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

PASSED 5-0.

16. Meeting Adjourned.

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was received by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Leah Folkert to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township