

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 14, 2023, 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**

Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts called 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, Leah Folkert and Chuck Schaap.

Members Absent: None

3. **Late Agenda Items.**

- a. Resolution For Zoning Fees and Escrow Accounts
- b. Water Report
- c. Gord Bosch, Electrical Inspector Retirement.

4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker submitted the following report;

- a. A total of 48 calls for October 2023. There were 8 medical/rescue calls and 4 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 2 medical/rescue call and 2 fire calls to other agencies, in addition to 4 assist from other agencies.
- b. The Department received a \$2000 Grant, monies from this Grant were used for CPR Training and Mannequins of which 4 adult, 4 child and 4 infant were purchased.

5. **Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.**

Officer Dillon Schmitt submitted the following report;

There were 108 calls for October 2023, 70 calls for Fillmore Township and 38 for Overisel Township.

6. **Allegan County Commissioner.**

Commissioner Jim Storey reported;

- a. 123Net Construction has begun.
- b. Update from Lansing regarding solar & windmill legislation.
- c. Beginning December 7, 2023, Allegan County will be operating the Allegan County Animal Shelters.
- d. A 2nd meeting of the Allegan County Conservation Board will be held to look at the Spongy Moss issues.
- e. November 2023 meeting will look at the use of no outside County monies for elections.

7. **Allegan County Clerk.**

Clerk Bob Genetski presented the 2022 Annual Report for Allegan County. Clerk Genetski also made available information regarding Property Fraud and a free service for property owners for protection.

8. **Public Participation**

- a. Fillmore Township resident Monica Boeve was present. She continued to work on the Hamilton School and Zeeland School boundary lines where it pertains to her property on 146th. Her investigation has shown her property is in the Hamilton School District.
Supervisor DeWeerdts will instruct the Fillmore Township Assessor to return that property to the Hamilton School District for property taxes.

9. **Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – October 10, 2023.**

Upon review of the October 10, 2023 minutes as presented;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to approve these minutes as presented.
PASSED 5-0.

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10. Late Agenda.

- a. A letter of retirement was received from Gord Bosch, Electrical Inspector for Fillmore Township. His retirement will be effective January 1, 2024. Jeff Nyboer will replace Mr. Bosch as Electrical Inspector for Fillmore Township.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to accept this letter of retirement from Gord Bosch.

PASSED 5-0.

- b. Township Attorney, Ron Bultje has drawn up a Resolution for Zoning Fees and Escrow Accounts. Currently the Township is charging \$200.00 for Special Use Application; \$500.00 for PUD Application; \$500 for Rezoning and Text Amendment Request; \$300.00 for Site Plan Review Application; \$300.00 Zoning Board of Appeals.
Clerk to contact neighboring Townships for fees they charge.
This Resolution was tabled to obtain more information until the December 12, 2023 Board Meeting.

11. Fillmore Township Planning Commission Minutes – November 6, 2023.

- a. Jeff Genzink of Diversified Welding & Fabrication presented a preliminary Site Plan. Mr. Genzink to submit final engineered drawings to the Township and a formal Site Plan for a December 4, 2023 review.
- b. Fillmore Township Land Use changes for a 5 year review will be presented at the December 4, 2023 meeting.
- c. LG Chem update – a Closed meeting was held on October 30, 2023 with the Planning Commission and the Township Board of Trustees. The minutes of the meeting were taken as information.

12. Supervisor Updates.

- a. Recycling Fee.

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to return the Recycling Fee to the Table, as was tabled at the October 10, 2023 meeting.

PASSED 5-0.

Following a Board discussion with no opposition and wanting to be consistent with this Fee, a Motion was brought forward to place this Recycling Fee which allows Fillmore Township Residents to participate in the Allegan County Resource Recovery Program also allows Township Treasurer Folkert to place this on the Winter 2023 Tax Bills in the amount of \$25.00 per household.

ROLL CALL VOTE – Bob Yonker-YES, Chuck Schaap-YES, Ken DeWeerd-YES, Leah Folkert-YES and Elaine Mokma-YES.

Passed by Roll Call Vote 5-0.

Allegan County Resource Recovery, Heather Bausick to be notified of decision.

- b. Prein & Newhof will again hold their Annual Holiday Open House on December 1, 2023 from 11am-1pm. RSVP to Elaine Mokma if attending.
- c. Allegan County Road Commission has sent a Pacer report and is requesting a decision on road work for Fillmore Township Road for 2024.
- d. Fillmore Township Deputy & Vehicle.
Allegan County Law Enforcement has submitted a contract to the Township for leasing a Police Vehicle for a monthly cost of \$648.38 and a contract for the Deputy for a monthly cost of \$3,360.41.

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

PASSED 5-0.

- e. Fillmore Township Water Report.
There was a potential contamination found at the Township Office. Notices were sent to all water customers. The boil water advisory was lifted November 16, 2023. Water testing samples have shown there is no potential for contamination noted.

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13. Treasurer's Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand October 1, 2023	\$120,881.14
Receipts	\$161,763.71
Disbursements	\$112,292.69
Balance on Hand October 31, 2023	\$170,352.16

CD's

General Fund	\$767,526.26
Total General Fund	\$937,878.42

Utility Fund

Balance on October 1, 2023	\$ 47,096.81
Receipts	\$ 5,078.88
Disbursements	\$ 3,379.85
Balance on Hand October 31, 2023	\$ 48,795.84

CD's

Utility Fund	\$101,245.21
Grand Total October 31, 2023	\$150,041.05

12. Monthly Bills

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A Motion was received from Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve the bills as presented, those bills being Payroll, General Fund, Utility Fund.

PASSED 5-0.

14. Meeting Adjourned.

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township