

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP
ESTABLISHED 1849
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 8, 2008 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**
Supervisor Keith Potter called the meeting to order at 7PM, Janella Hop opened with prayer.
2. **Roll Call.**
All members were present.
3. **Late Agenda Items.**
 - Report on the Allyn Cook property.
 - Report on the 143rd Ave. park property.
4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**
Fire Chief Cal Haverdink reported a record of 41 calls for service in December. Of these calls 7 were into Fillmore Township consisting of 1 fire and 6 rescues. For the year of 2007 the Department responded to 371 calls.
5. **Fillmore Township Deputy.**
Deputy Ron Haverdink reported 52 calls for the Allegan County Sheriff Department.
6. **Allegan County Commissioner.**
Allegan County Commissioner Steve McNeal reported that a surplus of \$1,000,000.00 was obtained thru watchful spending. The new county jail continues to be an item of discussion, the Commission on Aging is up and running, and programs for township residents are available.
7. **Public Nuisance Ordinance.**
Fillmore Township does not presently have an Ordinance that deals with nuisance or noise, and feels such an Ordinance may be helpful in monitoring some events or behavior of residents. After review by the Township Board a Public Hearing will be held February 12, 2008 at 7:30PM on the proposed language of the Ordinance.
8. **Law Enforcement Contract.**
Supervisor Keith Potter has received final figures for the cost of a deputy from Allegan County Finance. Although several issues are still being discussed involving the cost of car lease and administrative costs it appears the cost for a Township deputy will be increasing. Motion by Keith Potter 2nd John Kleinheksel to approve the contract for 1 deputy at a cost of \$6,646.75 per month plus \$995.87 for the lease of a vehicle. Total \$7,642.62/month. PASSED 5-0.
9. **Fillmore Township Budget.**
The Board has reviewed the proposed 2008-2009 budget and has set March 11, 2008 for a Public Hearing on the budget.
10. **Fillmore Township Website.**

The Township website is being prepared with information concerning Township services. Jerome Bush is preparing a page on the history of the Township.

11. Approval of Fillmore Township Board Minutes from December 11, 2007.

Motion by Janella Hop 2nd Kenneth DeWeerd to accept the December Board minutes as presented. PASSED 5-0.

12. Monthly Bills.

Motion by John Kleinheksel 2nd Chuck Schaap to pay the submitted bills. PASSED 5-0.

13. Late Agenda Items.

- Chuck Schaap suggests that a leasing agent be obtained to find renters for the Cook house. The Board agrees that if the house were to remain standing it would be beneficial to be occupied.
- Several neighbors of the proposed park on 143rd Ave. were present. Dan & Judy Seymour, Kevin & Ruth Nagelkirk and Dan & Vicki Miller. They were all in favor of the proposed use and were willing to be part of a study/work committed to lead the Board in this project.
- Jerome Bush suggested that as a service to the residents the Township make available a Notary Public for legal documents. It was suggested that our Secretary Elaine Mokma be qualified for this position.
- Motion by Keith Potter 2nd Kenneth DeWeerd that our Annual Meeting be held April 5, 2008 at 9AM. PASSED 5-0.

14. Treasurer's Report.

Balance on Hand December 1, 2007	\$324,377.59
Receipts	\$ 1,712.34
Balance	\$326,089.93
Disbursements	\$ 29,362.61
Balance on Hand December 31, 2007	\$296,727.32

Respectfully Submitted,
Kenneth DeWeerd, Clerk
Fillmore Township