

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP  
*ESTABLISHED 1849*  
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FEBRUARY 12, 2008 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**  
Supervisor Keith Potter called the meeting to order at 7PM, John Kleinheksel led in prayer.
2. **Roll Call.**  
All members were present.
3. **Late Agenda Items.**  
Allegan County Road Commission Report.
4. **Hamilton Fire Department.**  
Dave Haverdink Fire Chief of Hamilton Fire Department gave the 2007 report of activities. A 16% increase over 2006 with a total of 281 calls was received.  
Motion by John Kleinheksel 2<sup>nd</sup> Janella Hop to support the Department's budget of \$283,810.00 of which \$36,895.00 or 13% will be Fillmore's responsibility.  
PASSED 5-0.  
Motion by John Kleinheksel 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Schaap to pay off Fillmore's share of the loans on two trucks for a total of \$15,831.99 by March 31, 2008 if sufficient funds allow in our current budget. This will save interest cost over the remaining term of the loan. After discussion motion was passed 5-0.
5. **Graafschap Fire Department.**  
Cal Haverdink Fire Chief of Graafschap Fire Department reported 44 calls for January consisting of 2 fires and 5 rescues in Fillmore Township.  
Motion by Keith Potter 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Schaap to adopt the Graafschap Fire 2008 budget for expenditures totally \$410,246.00. Fillmore's responsibility will be \$81,598.00 as computed by a formula using the Township's SEV and number of runs. PASSED 5-0.
6. **Fillmore Township Deputy.**  
Deputy Ron Haverdink reported 72 calls for service in January by the Allegan County Sheriff Department, many of those were weather related. For the year 2007 a total of 754 calls were handled, an increase of 27 from 2006.
7. **Hamilton Recreation.**  
Lee Becksfort has been attending meetings of the Heath Township Recreation Board. Heath Township is no longer going to funnel youth recreation funds thru their Township budget. That being a new Recreation Board will be set-up consisting of surrounding Townships. It is the hope that Hamilton Schools will become involved and take over the running of youth programs. This will be formally requested of the School Board at their February 25 meeting.
8. **Public Hearing: Nuisance and Anti-Noise Ordinance.**

At 7:30PM as published in the Holland Sentinel a public hearing for the Nuisance and Anti-Noise Ordinance was held. Supervisor Keith Potter introduced the Ordinance and opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments from anyone in attendance. Motion by Keith Potter 2<sup>nd</sup> Kenneth DeWeerd to close the hearing. PASSED 5-0.

The Board discussed changing one item, that all accepted activity be allowed no later than 10PM. Motion by Keith Potter 2<sup>nd</sup> John Kleinheksel that the Board approve the Ordinance as printed with the suggested change. PASSED 5-0.  
Ordinance to become effective 30days after published.

**9. Resolution - Surplus Bond Money.**

Motion by John Kleinheksel 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Schaap to use the surplus bond money as payments. The projects have been completed and all contingencies have been paid leaving a surplus of \$98,780.24. Resolution passed 5-0.

**10. Fillmore Township Elected Official Salaries.**

The following salaries were presented for the elected officials for 2008-2009.

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| Supervisor | \$23,730.00 |
| Clerk      | \$11,500.00 |
| Treasurer  | \$14,700.00 |
| Trustee    | \$ 2,100.00 |

After discussion it was suggested to raise the Trustee salary to \$2,500.00 and maintain others as proposed representing a 5% increase. PASSED 5-0.

**11. Fillmore Township 2008-2009 Budget.**

Revenues and Expenditures have been proposed and a Public Hearing is scheduled for the next Board meeting on March 11, 2008 at 7:30PM.

**12. University of Michigan Forecast Report.**

Population and employment forecasts for Allegan County thru 2035 were received for information.

**13. MAC Media Continuation.**

MAC Media has requested funding from Fillmore Township. Having not used this service for the past several years due to a decision by the Board that the cost did not merit residence use. Motion Kenneth DeWeerd 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Schaap that we do not contribute to MAC Media. Available funds will be used to promote and continue updating our Township Web Site. PASSED 5-0.

**14. Written Assessment Appeals – Board of Review.**

Motion by Keith Potter 2<sup>nd</sup> John Kleinheksel to accept written Assessment Appeals to the Board of Review. PASSED 5-0.

**15. Horizon Operation.**

The January 2008 Horizon Operation report received for information. Cold weather has forced the lowering of water levels in the tower to prevent icing and possible damage.

**16. Fillmore Township Board of Trustee Minutes.**

Motion by Kenneth DeWeerd 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Schaap to accept the January 8, 2008 minutes of the Board as presented. PASSED 5-0.

**17. Public Participation.**

Doug Troost was late to participate in the Public Hearing of the Public Nuisance and Anti-Noise Ordinance. He was given a copy of the adopted Ordinance.

Keith Potter reported that there is renewed discussion in Lansing concerning the Annexation/Detachment Bills.

Keith Potter and Kenneth DeWeerdts reported that they attended the Allegan County Road Commission meeting. No work is projected on township primary roads for the next 5 years.

**18. Treasurer's Report.**

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| Balance on Hand January 1, 2008  | \$296,727.32 |
| Receipts                         | \$ 37,905.86 |
| Total                            | \$334,633.18 |
| Disbursements                    | \$ 44,671.94 |
| Balance on Hand January 31, 2008 | \$289,961.24 |

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth DeWeerdts, Clerk  
Fillmore Township