

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP  
*ESTABLISHED 1849*  
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MARCH 11, 2008 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**  
Clerk Kenneth DeWeerdt called the meeting order at 7PM, Chuck Schaap led in prayer.
2. **Roll Call.**  
Supervisor Keith Potter was absent with notice, all other members were present.
3. **Late Agenda Items.**  
Hamilton Youth Recreation update.  
Annexation/detachment.
4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**  
Cal Haverdink Fire Chief of the Graafschap Fire Department reported 6 calls for service in Fillmore Township consisting of 1 fire and 5 rescues. Received for information a wage scale survey of the surrounding departments for fire officials and firemen.  
Cal is encouraged by the meeting with MDOT, this may lead to possible access to I-96.
5. **Fillmore Township Deputy.**  
No report.
6. **Allegan County Commissioner.**  
Steve McNeal reported that drainage problems at the animal shelter have been addressed. Allegan County Commissioners will meet on Thursday March 20 at 9:30AM to hear commits concerning selections of the Dumont Lake site for a new jail.
7. **Fillmore Township 2008-2009 Budget Hearing.**  
Motion by Kenneth DeWeerdt 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Schaap to open a Public Hearing at 7:45PM.  
PASSED 4-0.  
Kenneth DeWeerdt explained line item amounts for revenues and expenditures. Fred VanTubergen asked about State Revenue Sharing item, to remain consistent. Kenneth DeWeerdt explained that an extra \$20,000 can be added to the carry over for available funds and that a new line item of Parks should be added to expenditures in the amount of \$20,000.  
Motion by Kenneth DeWeerdt 2<sup>nd</sup> John Kleinheksel to close the Public Hearing.  
PASSED 4-0.  
After Board discussion a motion by Chuck Schaap 2<sup>nd</sup> Janella Hop to adopt the budget as presented with the 2 fore-mentioned changes. PASSED. Roll call vote 4-0.

**2007-2008 Budget Amendments:**

Motion by Kenneth DeWeerdt 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Schaap to amend the 2007-2008 budget to reflect spending for the following line items:

Assessor: \$15,000 to \$17,000.

Cemetery: \$7,000 to \$12,000.

Drains: \$6,000 to \$12,800.  
Township Board: \$35,000 to \$150,000.  
Township Board accounts for the purchase of the Cook Property.  
PASSED 4-0.

**8. Transfer Station.**

Dates for the 2008 season are as follows: April 19, May 3, June 7, July 12, August 2, September 6, and October 4.

**9. Roads.**

Received for information the report from the Allegan County Road Commission for Township roads and their ratings for conditions.  
M-40 safety study received for information.

**10. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes.**

Motion by Janella Hop 2<sup>nd</sup> John Kleinheksel to accept the February 12, 2008 Board minutes as presented. PASSED 4-0.

**11. Fillmore Township Planning Commission Minutes.**

The minutes of the February 18, 2008 were received for information.

**12. Monthly Bills.**

Motion by Chuck Schaap 2<sup>nd</sup> John Kleinheksel to pay the bills as submitted. PASSED 4-0.

Note: \$50,000 for a final payment for the Allyn Cook Property.

\$15,831.97 to pay off equipment for the Hamilton Fire Department.

**13. Hamilton Recreation.**

Kenneth DeWeerd reported that the Hamilton School Board has been approached to administer the Youth Recreation Program. Lee Becksfort continues to represent Fillmore Township on the committee.

**14. Annexation/Detachment.**

The State of Michigan continues to discuss bills to make these transactions more Township friendly.

**15. Public Participation.**

Jerome Bush presented an Allegan County flag for display.

**16. Treasurer's Report.**

Balance on Hand February 1, 2008	\$239,961.24
Receipts	\$ 480.58
Total	\$240,441.82
Disbursements	\$ 39,627.70
Balance on Hand February 29, 2008	\$200,814.12

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth DeWeerd, Clerk  
Fillmore Township