

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP  
*ESTABLISHED 1849*  
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OCTOBER 13, 2009 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**  
Supervisor Keith Potter called the meeting to order at 7PM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Janella Hop opened with prayer.
2. **Roll Call.**  
Members present: Keith Potter, Janella Hop, Robert Yonker, Chuck Schaap and Kenneth DeWeerd.
3. **Late Agenda Items.**
  - a. Steve McNeal – Allegan County Commissioner
  - b. Blaine Koops – Allegan County Sheriff
4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**  
Fire Chief Cal Haverdink reported 21 calls for service in September. Of those calls 5 were into Fillmore Township consisting of 2 fires and 3 rescues.  
The Department audit report was received for information.
5. **Fillmore Township Deputy.**  
Deputy Ron Haverdink gave an activity report for the past 2 months. August - 30 calls and September - 41 calls.
6. **Late Agenda.**  
Sheriff Blaine Koops spoke in support of the November 3 ballot proposal concerning funding of 911. The Proposal would place a surcharge of \$1.63 and not to exceed \$2.80 per month on each calling device in Allegan County, presently only landline phones are being charged for 911.  
  
Steve McNeal gave a report that Allegan County continues to handle the situation of decreasing revenues (2 million dollars) and increasing costs. Cost cutting measures are being implemented.
7. **Fillmore Township Water.**  
Horizon Operations reports were received for information.

**8. Fillmore Township Ordinance Changes.**

Section 15.1 article J.

A motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Yonker to approve the Farm Stead Split change.

- a. Frontage minimum changed from 330' to 200'.
- b. Effective date August 8, 1991.

PASSED 5-0.

Section 16.34 On Site and Utility Grid Energy Systems.

A motion was brought by Janella Hop and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Yonker to approve the On Site and Utility Grid Energy System.

- a. To allow opportunities to utilize wind energy systems in all districts with a Site Plan approval.

PASSED 5-0.

The Fillmore Township Planning Commission and the Allegan County Planning Commission recommended both of these changes.

**9. Herrick District Library.**

Herrick Library states there are a large number of Fillmore Township residents having library cards (1,207). Since Fillmore Township is not part of the library district they currently are receiving no funding for operations from Fillmore Township above the penal fines collected for tariff violations. The Library is proposing a .3 mill be applied to our taxable or approximately \$32,000.00 as our contribution.

The Board will decide at a later date the amount and method of funding.

A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Schaap to table this issue until the November 10, 2009 Board meeting.

PASSED 5-0.

**10. Fillmore Township Roads.**

A letter was received from the Allegan County Road Commission stating the approved seal coating for roads in the Township will not take place this season since contractors were unable to obtain needed materials. These roads will be completed in the spring of 2010 at no additional cost.

Resurfacing has been completed on 144<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 50<sup>th</sup> St.

**11. Fillmore Township Audit.**

Fillmore Township's Audit for 2008-2009 has been completed. Copies are available upon request.

- 12. State Revenue Sharing.**  
Because of the State's lack of a final budget, revenue sharing for local governments has not been determined, however it is a possibility that total monies received will be down from last year.
- 13. Fillmore Township Park.**  
Dredge material from Lake Macatawa is arriving at the 143<sup>rd</sup> site. At least 20,000 yards will be used to fill in the future parking area.  
Grant application for the 143<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Park has been re-submitted. The 142<sup>nd</sup> Park in conjunction with the Outdoor Discovery Center is being cleaned and cleared with the help of volunteers.
- 14. 2010 Census Committee.**  
Denise Mokma has been working with the M.A.C.C. Complete Count Committee. Her work with the committee will assure that an accurate count will occur in each community.
- 15. November 3, 2009 Election.**  
The Election Committee, Kenneth DeWeerd and Keith Potter, met October 9 at 9am and have appointed the following individuals as election workers for the November 3, 2009 election.  
They are as follows: Elaine Mokma, Elaine Flokstra, Marilyn Schra, Beverly Zoerhof, Lauri Kragt and Laura Mokma.  
A motion was brought by Kenneth DeWeerd and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janella Hop to approve this list.  
PASSED 5-0.
- 16. Fillmore Township Board Minutes.**  
A motion was brought by Janella Hop and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Yonker to approve the September 8, 2009 Board Minutes as presented.  
PASSED 5-0.
- 17. Allegan County Methamphetamine Program.**  
The funding request for the Allegan County Methamphetamine Program was tabled until the November 10, 2009 Board meeting.
- 18. Monthly Bills.**  
A motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenneth DeWeerd to pay the bills as submitted.  
PASSED 5-0.

**19. Public Participation.**

Jerome Bush reminded the Board and audience of the October 19, 2009 Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission will be looking to updating the Land Use Plan.

**20. Fillmore Township Treasure Report.**

Balance on Hand September 1, 2009	\$547,295.24
Receipts	\$ 32,612.10
Total	\$579,907.34
Disbursements	\$ 92,785.00
Balance on Hand September 30, 2009	\$487,122.34

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth DeWeerd, Clerk  
Fillmore Township