

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 13, 2010 7PM

1. Call to Order.

Supervisor Keith Potter called the meeting to order at 7pm., Ken DeWeerdts opened with prayer.

2. Roll Call.

Members Present: Keith Potter, Bob Yonker, Chuck Schaap, Jan Hop and Ken DeWeerdts.

3. Late Agenda Items.

a. Judge William Baillargeon.

b. Larry Slenk.

4. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Cal Haverdink reported 23 runs for service in June. There were 3 fire runs and 3 rescue calls into Fillmore Township.

The annual July 4th Pancake Breakfast went well with slightly over 700 in attendance.

5. Fillmore Township Deputy.

Fillmore Township Deputy Ron Haverdink reported 39 calls for service by the Allegan County Sheriff Department in June 2010.

6. Allegan County Commissioner.

Commissioner Steve McNeal reported that the up-coming millage vote for the new jail merits passage so the jail issue can proceed.

The Commission is also beginning the 2011 budget process and is looking at a \$2 million difference between revenue and present spending.

Corrections made at August 10, 2010 Board Meeting:

Commissioner Steve McNeal is in favor of the new jail facility, however he was not in favor of the millage proposed and the plans for financing the building.

7. Fillmore Township Water Sewer.

The monthly report from Horizon Operations was received for information.

8. Communications.

A letter of thanks was received from the Holland Zeeland Community Foundation for the contribution to the July 4th fireworks.

9. 457 Plan.

After a review of information regarding the 457 Plan, the Township Board feels that any individual Board member can join the IRA Plan, however there will be no contribution of Township funds.

10. Graafschap Hardware.

Graafschap Hardware will be celebrating 150 years of doing business. Beginning August 28 through September the store will be holding an open house for the community.

11. Fillmore Township Election Workers.

A motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to accept the recommendation of the Election Board to appoint the following individuals as election workers for the August 3 and November 2 election:

Chair - Elaine Mokma
Marilyn Schra
Beverly Zoerhof
Elaine Flokstra
Laura Mokma
Laurie Kragt

PASSED 5-0.

12. Fillmore Township Roads.

A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Bob Yonker to accept the proposal from the Allegan County Road Commission to split the cost of resurfacing 49th St. Ottogan to 146th Ave. The Road Commission has spent \$56,788.00 on repairs of the road due to break-ups occurring this spring. Total resurfacing of black top will cost \$106,000.00 of which half will be paid by Fillmore Township.

PASSED 5-0.

Allegan County Road Commissioner John Kleinheksel reported that the 48th St. bridge is on schedule for a mid-August opening.

13. Heritage Route.

A heritage route has been designated from Chicago to Mackinaw City. A short distance of US-31 through Fillmore Township is part of this route.

A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Jan Hop to support this route.

PASSED 5-0.

14. Fillmore Township Park.

M.C. Smith Associates has offered their professional services for the Township Park located at 143rd Ave. A motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Keith Potter to table this offer until a more detailed contract can be submitted outlining the cost and services to be obtained.

PASSED 5-0.

15. Fillmore Township Board Minutes.

A motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the June 8, 2010 minutes as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

16. Fillmore Township Ordinance Revisions.

The Fillmore Township Planning Commission and the Allegan County Planning Commission recommended approval of the following changes in the Fillmore Township Zoning Ordinance.

A motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Jan Hop to approve the changes.

PASSED 4-1 with Keith Potter in opposition to the changes.

1. Delete Section 4.02D - "Publicly owned and operated parks, parkways and recreational facilities" as a permitted use in A-1 AG zone.
2. Delete Section 4.03E (Part) - "Privately owned and operated recreation areas, uses and facilities including country clubs, golf courses", but retain "hunting preserves" as a Special Use in A-1 AG zone.

3. Delete Section 5.02F - "Publicly owned and operated buildings and uses including community buildings and public parks, playgrounds and other recreational areas" as a permitted use in A-2 AG zone.
4. Addition to Section 5.03F - "Equestrian facility" as a Special Use in A-2 AG zone.
5. Add Section 5.03H - "Public and private parks, campgrounds and other recreational lands" as a Special Use in A-2 AG zone.
6. Delete Section 11.02G - "Public and private parks" as a permitted use in C-1 Comm zone.
7. Add section 11.03H - "Outdoor and indoor recreational facilities" as a Special Use in C-1 Comm zone.
8. Addition to Section 3.02 Definitions - "Equestrian Facility" - A privately owned indoor or outdoor facility which includes riding stables where horses are rented and/or boarded for a fee and which may provide riding lessons for a fee. The incidental sale of tack and riding equipment/supplies is also permitted.
 "Hunting Preserve" - A privately owned natural area reserved for the hunting of game (bow and arrow as well as firearms). Hunting preserves shall not include gun clubs or skeet shooting facilities but may include the incidental sale of ammunition and other hunting related supplies.

PASSED 4-1 with Keith Potter in opposition to the changes.

17. Monthly Bills.

A motion was brought by Jan Hop and 2nd by Bob Yonker to pay the bills as submitted.

PASSED 5-0.

18. Special Use Permit Request.

A Special Use Permit request has been received from the Second Chance Ranch. A date will be determined by the Fillmore Township Planning Commission for this Request.

19. Medical Marijuana.

Information has been received regarding the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act. The Fillmore Township Planning Commission will hold a hearing on July 19 for a Special Use Permit request for an indoor nursery.

20. Public Participation.

Larry Slenk had questions about a Special Assessment for a water district on Blue Star Highway. Supervisor Potter explained the cost per parcel and the process for a possible expansion of the water lines.

Judge William Baillargeon addressed the audience for support in the upcoming August 3 Primary for the 57th District Court.

21. Treasurer's Report.

Balance on Hand June 1, 2010	\$580,478.14
Receipts	\$ 35,747.79
Total	\$616,225.93
Disbursement	\$ 44,096.12
Balance on Hand June 30, 2010	\$572,129.81

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Kenneth DeWeerd, Clerk
 Fillmore Township

