

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP
ESTABLISHED 1849
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 10, 2010 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**

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

2. **Roll Call.**

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

3. **Late Agenda Items.**

- a. Township Building & Grounds.
- b. Graafschap Hardware.
- c. Howard Lubbers - Cemetery Sexton.

4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Cal Haverdink was unable to attend, a written report showed a total of 31 calls for service in July, of which 3 fire and 5 rescues were into Fillmore Township.

5. **Fillmore Township Deputy.**

Fillmore Township Deputy Ron Haverdink reported a total of 45 calls by the Allegan County Sheriff Department. Of this total, 11 calls were to one address, that of the County Acres Mobile Home Park.

6. **Allegan County Commissioner.**

Commissioner Steve McNeal reported the main issue of discussion is the failed millage proposal for jail funding. No decision for future funding has been made at this point.

7. **Fillmore Township Water & Sewer.**

There was no report from Horizon on July 2010 water usage.

8. **August 3, 2010 Primary Election.**

Ken DeWeerd report 786 voters or 42 percent of registered voters participated. Of the Fillmore Township Proposals:

Road Millage Renewal Proposition of 2.6067 mills passed 460 yes to 221 no.

Fire and First Response Protection Millage Renewal Proposition of 1.9099 mills passed 507 yes to 177 no.

Herrick Library Millage Proposal of .3 mills was defeated 329 yes to 352 no.

9. **Fillmore Township Park.**

Taken from the table of the July 13, 2010 Board meeting was the contract for professional services from M.C. Smith for coordinating the construction of the Township Park. A breakdown of costs and services to be rendered was presented as specified in the July discussion.

A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Janella Hop to accept the contract as presented for \$29,247.00 plus miscellaneous costs such as printing, mileage, copies and permit fees.
PASSED 5-0.

10. Fillmore Township July 13, 2010 Board Minutes.

A motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the July 13, 2010 minutes "as corrected."
PASSED 5-0.

11. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.

Chuck Schaap reported on the July 19, 2010 meeting at which a request for a Special Use Permit for a small indoor nursery was not held, Mr. Robert Hunter withdrew his request.
The Board discussed issues of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Law. The Board has recommended a 6 month moratorium on any Special Use Permit requests
A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Bob Yonker to place a 6 month moratorium on any Special Use Permit requests for marijuana produced and distributed for further study of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Law and its local impact.
PASSED 5-0.

12. Fillmore Township Board of Appeals.

Ron Mulder reported the Board has decided to allow the Second Chance Ranch, a halfway house for men who are homeless, recovering alcoholics, recovering drug addicts, ex-offenders, all of whom have served their time and need assistance while they seek employment and re-entry into society, to be located in the A-1 or A-2 zoning district of Fillmore Township. Special Use Permit requirements to be set by the Fillmore Township Board of Trustees.

13. Monthly Bills.

A motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to pay the submitted bills for July 2010.
PASSED 5-0.

14. Soil Storage Permit.

Larry Veen of L.V. Trucking has asked to store soil from a construction site outside the Township on his property located at 5753 Embo Dr. Mr. Veen plans to clean the soil with a separating process and selling the cleaned material. The waste material will be disposed of properly off-site.
A motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Keith Potter to allow this operation.
PASSED 5-0.

15. Public Participation.

Allegan County Road Commissioner John Kleinheksel reported striping of the seal coated roads will be completed. A second road-side mowing will be completed by early fall.

Chuck Schaap has obtained a plan and proposal for underground sprinkling at the Township Hall. Discussion about maintenance and additional parking area should also be coordinated with the plan. This will be addressed at a later meeting.

Chuck Schaap will prepare a letter for Graafschap Hardware in conjunction with their 150th anniversary of doing business in our community.

Howard Lubbers, Cemetery Sexton was present informing the Board of unused lots in the East Holland Cemetery. Many lots were deeded in the mid to late 1800's and have not been used or maintained. Mr. Lubbers would like to place a public notice that these lots are abandoned by the original owners and be deeded back to the Township for future sale to new owners. The Township will look into the legal procedure to have this happen.

Marge Bakker, candidate for Allegan Circuit Court Judge gave her qualifications:

- a. Experienced manager.
- b. Tough in crime.
- c. Cares for Allegan County.

16. Treasurer Report.

Balance on Hand July 1, 2010	\$572,129.81
Receipts	\$ 34,998.40
Total	\$607,128.21
Disbursements	\$ 41,008.18
Balance on Hand July 31, 2010	\$566,120.03

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth DeWeerd, Clerk
Fillmore Township