

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP  
*ESTABLISHED 1849*  
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 9, 2010 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**  
Supervisor Keith Potter called the meeting to order at 7p.m. Kenneth DeWeerdts opened with prayer.
2. **Roll Call.**  
Members Present: Keith Potter, Kenneth DeWeerdts, Janella Hop, Bob Yonker, Chuck Schaap and Kenneth DeWeerdts.
3. **Late Agenda Items.**
  - Budget Amendments 2009-2010.
  - Township millage update.
  - Allegan County Sheriff contract.
4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**  
Fire Chief Cal Haverdink reported 29 calls for service in January, of which 4 calls were into Fillmore Township all being rescue.  
Bob Yonker summarized the proposed Graafschap Fire Budget for 2010-2011. There will be very slight changes for the coming year. Fillmore Township's share decreased slightly for a total of \$82,689 of the total budget of \$415,932.00.  
A motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Schaap to approve the budget as presented.  
PASSED 5-0.
5. **Fillmore Township Deputy.**  
No Report.
6. **Allegan County Commissioner.**  
Commissioner Steve McNeal gave an update on the new County Jail. Because the site and present building have been built on a good foundation a savings of 5 million dollars can be expected. The process of choosing a site manager has created some dissention among the Board. A committee has recommended the hiring of RQAW of Indianapolis, over Tower Pinkster of Kalamazoo at an additional cost of \$238,000.00. Commissioner McNeal opposes this hiring for several reasons. The Township Board has drafted a Resolution to have the County Commissioners reconsider recommendations for the site architect.  
A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Schaap to adopt the Resolution 01-10.  
PASSED 5-0.

7. **2010 Census.**  
Denise Mokma gave an update on the local efforts for the Census 2010. There will be a mailing in late March to each address of a short form seeking information of persons living at that address.
8. **Horizon Operations.**  
A monthly report was received for information from Horizon Operations.
9. **Fillmore Township Roads.**  
Keith Potter and Ken DeWeerdts attended the annual Primary Road meeting in Allegan. No primary roadwork will be done in Fillmore Township this year.  
The following roads will be worked on this year:
- 49<sup>th</sup> St. between 146<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Ottogan Rd.
  - Up to 7 miles of seal coating on yet to be determined roads.
  - Culvert replacement on 138<sup>th</sup> Ave. to be put on hold, money to be placed in reserve for future replacement.
10. **Fillmore Township 2010-2011 Budget Review.**  
An additional \$16,000 will be placed in the Township Board Expenditures for the Herrick District Library.  
A Resident Budget Hearing will be held March 9, 2010 at the regular Board meeting.
11. **Elected Officials Salaries.**  
The last pay increase for the Elected Officials was in 2006.  
A motion was brought by Keith Potter 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Yonker to increase salaries 5%.  
Motion defeated 2-3.  
A motion was brought by Keith Potter 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Yonker to increase salaries 3%.  
Motion defeated 2-3.  
Salaries to remain at the present levels.
- |            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| Supervisor | \$23,730.00 |
| Clerk      | \$11,550.00 |
| Treasurer  | \$14,700.00 |
| Trustee    | \$ 2,500.00 |
12. **Fillmore Township Board of Review.**  
The Board of Review dates are March 8 and 10.  
A motion was brought by Keith Potter 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Schaap to accept written appeals prior to adjournment of the Board of Review.  
PASSED 5-0.
13. **Allegan County Department Contract.**  
Notice has been received that contracted services for the Township Deputy will be increased by \$3,436.56 for 2010.

A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenneth DeWeerdt not to pay this increase until our new fiscal year begins April 1, 2010.  
PASSED 5-0.

**14. Fillmore Township Board Minutes.**

A motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janella Hop to approve the January 12, 2010 Board minutes as presented.  
PASSED 5-0.

**15. Monthly Bills.**

A motion was brought by Kenneth DeWeerdt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Yonker to pay the submitted bills.  
PASSED 5-0.

**16. Fillmore Township Budget Amendments.**

A motion was brought by Kenneth DeWeerdt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janella Hop to amend the 2009-2010 budgets to reflect actual spending.

Drains at Large	\$10,000 to \$15,000
Transfer/Recycle	\$7,000 to \$9,000

PASSED 5-0.

**17. Public Participation.**

Chad DeJonge asked for a timetable on the 48<sup>th</sup> St. bridge. Allegan County Road Commissioner John Kleinheksel stated that bids would be taken in April 2010 with work to be completed in August 2010.

**18. Fillmore Township Millage.**

After receiving legal opinion, the Township millages are in place through 2010, thence voter renewal is required in 2010 for collection after December 31, 2010.  
A .3 Library millage for the August Primary ballot is being discussed.

**19. Treasurer Report.**

Balance on Hand January 1, 2010	\$364,705.95
Receipts	\$ 31,975.62
Total	\$411,387.52
Disbursements	\$194,804.98
Balance on Hand January 31, 2010	\$201,876.59

Meeting Adjourned 8:50p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth DeWeerdt, Clerk  
Fillmore Township

