

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP
ESTABLISHED 1849
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 9, 2011 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**
Supervisor Keith Potter called the meeting to order at 7pm. Chuck Schaap opened with prayer.
2. **Roll Call.**
Members Present: Keith Potter, Jan Hop, Ken DeWeerd, Bob Yonker and Chuck Schaap.
3. **Late Agenda Items.**
 - a. CottonWood Park - Amy Kole, Park benches.
 - b. Sewer line extension.
4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**
Fire Chief Cal Haverdink was not present at the meeting. The July 2011 activity report shows 41 calls for service, 3 fires and 7 rescue calls into Fillmore Township.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has acknowledged that response time could be improved for emergency vehicles if access could be obtained near the fire station to I-196.
Therefore MDOT will formally submit a request for locked gate access for Graafschap Fire Department use to the Federal Highway Administration.
5. **Allegan County Sheriff Department.**
The Allegan County Sheriff Department responded to 41 calls into Fillmore Township for the month of July. Several daytime breaking and entering were recorded. The Board reminds all residents to be alert to these events.
6. **Outdoor Discovery Center.**
Director Travis Williams updated the Board on the Discovery Park Project. This is land on 142nd Ave. that Fillmore Township has given the O.D.C. on a 100 year lease. Parking lots, trails to the existing pond, stocking of fish in the pond, fencing, entrance and fishing docks are being completed in the first phase of the project. Travis will also be using CottonWood Park for some current O.D.C. Programs. Last year over 35,000 participants were involved in programs of the O.D.C.
7. **Horizon Operations.**
A monthly report from Horizon Operations was received for information. A claim for damages to the electrical system caused by a lightning strike has been submitted to our insurance carrier.
8. **M-40 Forced Sewer Main.**
Bids for the project were opened July 22, 2011 at 11am. All bids exceeded project estimates.
A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to reject all bids and allow DeWeerd Poultry to hire a contractor of choice to complete the project of installing a 3" forced main and connections to the existing Fillmore Township sewer line. All work to be done to Prein & Newhof engineered specifications and inspected

by Prein & Newhof. Upon completion of the project the system will become the property of Fillmore Township.
PASSED 5-0.

9. Law Enforcement .

Allegan County Board of Commissioners has scheduled an informational meeting on September 29, 2011 at 5:30pm for all governmental units in the County to discuss needs and financing of Law Enforcement within Allegan County. Supervisor Keith Potter will attend.

10. Worker's Compensation Insurance.

The Michigan Township Association is attempting to set-up a self-insurance plan for Worker's Compensation Insurance. Because Fillmore Township has very few employees this plan would have no cost saving to our present insurance coverage. The Board will notify M.T.A. that Fillmore Township has no desire to pursue or participate in a self-insurance plan.

11. M.A.C.C. Service Structure.

Macatawa Area Coordinating Council is setting up an Area Service Delivery Committee. This would allow better usage of services and agencies by inter-governmental cooperation. The Board supports the efforts of this Committee.

12. Charter Township Resolution.

Notification has been received from the Secretary of State that Fillmore Township qualifies to become a Charter Township by population count of 2000 or more, the 2010 census shows a population of 2,681.

Because the Board sees no need or any significant benefit to becoming a Charter Township;

A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Jan Hop to adopt Resolution 11-02 to **NOT** incorporate as a Charter Township.

Roll Call Vote:

Keith Potter - Yes

Jan Hop - Yes

Ken DeWeerd - Yes

Chuck Schaap - Yes

Bob Yonker - Yes

PASSED 5-0.

13. CottonWood Park.

The Park is completed and ready for use, opening will be held this fall after a newsletter can be sent.

Amy Kole was present stating her satisfaction with the appearance of the Park and also the beauty of the walking trails. The Mulder family is donating a bench along the walking trail, she wishes to invite others to become a donor of benches for rest and enjoyment in the wooded settings that the trails go through.

14. Fillmore Township Roads.

After further consideration regarding 54th St. repaving project,

A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to approve the repaving of 54th St. from 136th to 138th Ave. The Allegan County Road Commission is willing to hold the bill for payment until January 2012 if Township funds are not available upon completion of that project.

PASSED 5-0.

15. Fillmore Township Board Minutes July 12, 2011.

A motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the July 12, 2011 minutes as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

16. Public Participation.

None.

17. Treasurer Report.

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| Balance on Hand July 1, 2011 | \$448,924.54 |
| Receipts | \$ 31,925.41 |
| Balance | \$480,849.95 |
| Disbursements | \$187,100.89 |
| Balance on Hand July 31, 2011 | \$294,010.44 |

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kenneth DeWeerd, Clerk
Fillmore Township