

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JULY 10, 2012 7PM

1. Call to Order.

Supervisor Keith Potter called the meeting to order at 7pm, opened with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call.

Members Present: Keith Potter, Janella Hop, Kenneth DeWeerd, Bob Yonker, and Chuck Schaap.

3. Late Agenda Items.

a. Allegan County Road Commission work orders.

4. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Cal Haverdink reported 35 call in June. There were 3 fires and 8 rescues into Fillmore Township.

Cal reported approximately 1200 people were served at the annual July 4th Pancake breakfast.

5. Allegan County Commissioner.

Commissioner Steve McNeal reported on several issues before the Board. Among those issues were safety at the Consumers Palisades Nuclear Plant, Meth clean-up funding, Fed Trade Zones and West Side County Park.

Steve also would appreciate Fillmore's support in his re-election as County Commissioner.

6. Candidates:

- Jim Storey running for County Commissioner representing Fillmore Township.
- Julie Cowie running for Allegan County Clerk, Register of Deeds.
- Bob Genetski running for 80th State Representative.

7. Special Use Permit.

The Fillmore Township Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on June 18, 2012 to receive input for a request from Curtis McFarland for a Special Use Permit for property located at 5978 144th Ave., Parcel # 0306.018.001.10 to open a rehabilitation center.

The Planning Commission recommended this request be denied.

Supervisor Potter opened the discussion by stating the Board would allow brief comments from the audience with concerns of both for and against allowing a Special Use Permit for this property.

Neighboring property owners were 100% opposed for granting this request. Several residents of the Second Chance Ranch supported Mr. McFarland and his efforts of providing additional housing for rehabilitation of individuals.

A Motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the Special Use request for property located at 5978 144th Ave., Parcel 0306.018.001.10 to open a rehabilitation center.

Motion was defeated 1-Yes, 4-No; Keith Potter - Yes, Bob Yonker - No, Janella Hop - No, Chuck Schaap - No, Kenneth DeWeerd - No.

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8. Fillmore Township Zoning Ordinance.

A Motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Bob Yonker to add to the Ordinance in the A-1 and A-2 as a Special Use language and requirements to allow private substance abuse and rehabilitation centers.

PASSED 5-0.

9. Request for Donations.

A Motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to honor a request from the Holland American Legion Band for support of \$500.00.

PASSED 5-0.

Received acknowledgement of a donation from the OutDoor Discovery Center for a donation and maintenance agreement for CottonWood Park of \$7,500.00.

10. Allegan County Sheriff Department.

Information was received of zone precinct coverage by the Department. There are 6 sections in Allegan County and each section is covered by at least one deputy at all times.

11. Inspector Compensation.

Fillmore Township is serviced by private inspectors for Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical, their last rate increase was November 2008.

A Motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to increase the charges for these inspections to \$50/inspection with the inspectors rate being raised from \$40 to \$45 per inspection.

PASSED 5-0.

This increase will be assessed at time of a permit being issued and is effective immediately.

12. Election Inspectors.

Upon a recommendation of the Election Committee;

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Janella Hop to appoint the following individuals as Election Inspectors for the August 7 and November 6 Elections.

Election Chairman: Mary Geurink

Election Inspectors: Marilyn Schra, Laura Mokma, Lynn Becksford and Dawn Cook.

PASSED 5-0.

13. Fillmore Township Planning Commission Minutes.

Minutes of the June 18, 2012 of the Planning Commission were received for information.

14. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes June 12, 2012.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Janella Hop to approve the June 12, 2012 minutes as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

15. Fillmore Township Roads.

A Motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Ken DeWeerd to approve an estimate from the Allegan County Road Commission to do crack filling on 52nd St. from 146th Ave. to M-40 at a cost of \$7,500.00.

PASSED 5-0.

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The wash-out culvert on 139th Ave. has a repair estimate of \$85,000.00. The Board decided to have the Road Commission repair the site if payment can be deferred to late in this fiscal year or to the first part of the next fiscal year. John Kleinheksel , Allegan County Road Commissioner will approach the Road Commission with this option.

16. Monthly Bills.

A Motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to pay the bills as submitted.
PASSED 5-0.

17. Public Participation.

Andrew Geurink spoke in favor of repairing the 139th St. culvert. He also supports the additional police millage proposal for the November Ballot.

18. Treasurer Report.

Balance on Hand June 1, 2012	\$422,379.88
Receipts	\$141,717.19
Total	\$564,097.07
Disbursements	\$102,895.05
Balance on Hand June 30,2012	\$461,202.02

19. Meeting Adjourned.

Adjourned 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth DeWeerd, Clerk
Fillmore Township