

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JANUARY 8, 2013 7PM

**1. Call to Order.**

Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts called the meeting to order at 7pm. Bob Yonker opened with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call.**

Members Present: Ken DeWeerdts, Jan Hop, Elaine Mokma, Chuck Schaap and Bob Yonker.

Members Absent: None.

**3. Late Agenda Items.**

None.

**4. Graafschap Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Cal Haverdink reported 39 calls in December. There were 2 fire calls and 6 rescue calls into Fillmore Township.

Chief Haverdink reported a total of 374 calls for the year of 2012 along with 29 assists to other Departments, 23 fire calls and 78 rescues calls were into Fillmore Township. Dollar loss totals were \$46,500 for Fillmore Township.

**5. Allegan County Commissioner.**

Jim Storey stated the Commissioners will meet for their 1st meeting of 2013 on January 10, a new Chairman will be elected at that meeting.

Committees that he has been appointed to are: Economic Development, M.A.C.C., West Michigan Planning Committee (alternate), Brownfield Development Committee.

Commissioner Storey is looking to increase economic and industrial development as well as agricultural development for the area.

**6. Fillmore/Overisel Township Deputy Update.**

Frank Baker from the Allegan County Sheriff's Office was present to give an update and answer any questions the Board and audience. An updated cost Schedule A & B along with Officer and Car Contracts were presented.

Chuck Schaap raised a question of the M.D.T. cost from the previous vehicle. Lt. Baker feels this cost shouldn't be listed and will pursue that line item.

The Deputy will be hired from within the Sheriff Department with the job posting to end on January 11, 2013. Allegan County will then hire a new Deputy to replace that individual.

Lt. Baker gave the options of 2 different vehicles - the first being a car/sedan and the 2nd being an all wheel drive vehicle.

Start date is April 1, 2013.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Chuck Schaap that Fillmore Township's choice of a deputy vehicle would be the all wheel drive vehicle.

PASSED 5-0.

Tim Hoffman, Fillmore Township Resident was thanked for circulating the petition to reinstate a Deputy.

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**7. Fillmore Township Board Member Re-Appointments and Appointments.**

The following Boards will be re-appointed and 1 new appointment with 2 yr. terms to begin on 1.1.2013.

- a. Planning Commission - Fred VanTubbergen, David Brink, Chuck Schaap, Dan Seymour and Mike Dozeman.

A Motion was brought by Janella Hop and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to accept these members to the Fillmore Township Planning Commission.

PASSED 5-0.

- b. Board of Appeals - Fred VanTubbergen, Marc Tucker, Keith Potter - appointment.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Janella Hop to accept these members to the Fillmore Township Board of Appeals.

PASSED 5-0.

- c. Board of Review - Roger Zoet, Peter Yonker and Jay Hop.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Ken DeWeerd to accept these members to the Fillmore Township Board of Review.

PASSED 5-0.

**8. Clerk/Secretary Pay Package.**

Since Elaine Mokma, Township Secretary was elected to the office of Township Clerk in November 2012 Election, the Board has requested that Elaine continue to cover the responsibilities of Secretary, with a change of pay to \$6,480.00 per year. Elaine has agreed to do that.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to pay Elaine Mokma \$6,480 per year to cover the Secretarial Duties in the Office. This would be in addition to the salary as Township Clerk.

Yes: Ken DeWeerd, Janella Hop, Chuck Schaap, Bob Yonker.

Abstain: Elaine Mokma

PASSED.

**9. Horizon Operations.**

Monthly reports for November 2012 and December 2012 were received for information. A new meter, mechanical in operation will be installed at the well house.

**10. B.P.W. 30 year Franchise Update.**

Supervisor Ken DeWeerd attended a meeting (H.B.P.W. Forum) December 21, 2012 regarding this Franchise and gave the Board the following update:

H.B.P.W. needs to have this 30 year Franchise in place to have a Bond Sale. Park, Laketown and Fillmore Townships seem to be at an impasse with the B.P.W., the 1 year extension that was proposed was rejected by the B.P.W.. The Fillmore and Laketown Townships has requested PILOT (payment in Lieu of Taxes) for any *future* services by the B.P.W., Park Township has requested consideration of a PILOT for the *present* water treatment facility located in Park Township. Currently the City of Holland receives payment in lieu of taxes.

Currently Park Township is 4%, Laketown .5% and Fillmore .2% of approximate revenue to the B.P.W.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Janella Hop to table any decision regarding this matter until Supervisor DeWeerd is able to attend a future meeting of this H.B.P.W. Forum in January or February.

PASSED 5-0.

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**11. January/February Township Board Work Session.**

Supervisor DeWeerdts has requested a work session by the Board prior to the next Board meeting.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Bob Yonker to hold a Work Session on February 9, 2013 at 9a. Notices will be posted on the Township Web Page and the front window as required by Law.

PASSED 5-0.

**12. 2013-2014 Budget.**

Supervisor DeWeerdts has started to look at the new Budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. A preliminary budget will be available at the February 12, 2013 Board meeting, with a finalized Budget to be finalized by the March 12, 2013 Board meeting.

**13. Allegan County Road Commission - Fillmore Township Roads.**

The Allegan County Road Commission will hold a meeting on January 16, 2013 at 7pm to discuss Primary Roads in Fillmore, Laketown, Manlius and Saugatuck Townships. Ken DeWeerdts and Chuck Schaap will attend this meeting. Any others wishing to attend this meeting should contact Ken.

**14. Fillmore Township Board Minutes December 11, 2012.**

A Motion was brought by Jan Hop and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve the December 11, 2012 minutes as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

**15. Fillmore Township Planning Commission November 19, 2012 Minutes.**

Planning Commission member Chuck Schaap gave a brief update on activity by the Commission and presented the Minutes for information. The next quarterly meeting will be held February 18, 2013.

**16. Monthly Bills.**

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Jan Hop to pay the monthly bills with the exception of 2 bills to the Allegan County Road Commission. The bills will be paid in February 2013.

PASSED 5-0.

**17. Treasurers Report.**

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| Balance on Hand December 1, 2012  | \$286,943.33 |
| Receipts                          | \$ 1,469.69  |
| Total                             | \$288,413.02 |
| Disbursements                     | \$ 17,146.34 |
| Balance on Hand December 31, 2012 | \$271,266.68 |

**18. Public Participation.**

a. Bob Yonker, Hamilton Fire Department Board Member reported the Board is meeting to work on the Budget for the 2013-2014.

Fire Chief Dave Haverdink is expected to be at the February 12, 2013 Board meeting to present the new Budget.

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b. Fire Chief Cal Haverdink questioned cost of the M.D.T. for the Deputy vehicle.

**19. Meeting Adjourned.**

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Jan Hop and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Mokma, Clerk  
Fillmore Township