

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FEBRUARY 12, 2013 7PM

**1. Call to Order.**

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

**2. Roll Call.**

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

Members Absent: None.

**3. Late Agenda Items.**

None.

**4. Graafschap Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Cal Haverdink reported 38 calls in January. There were 2 fire calls and 10 rescue calls into Fillmore Township.

Chief Haverdink presented the 2013-2014 budget. There is an increase to Fillmore Township's share due to an increase in runs and an SEV drop in Laketown. Total amount due from Fillmore Township for 2013-2014 will be \$118,578.00.

Chief Haverdink explained the increase for the Contract in Services, the engineering firm of Williams and Works will be hired for the I-196 access. Construction to be in 2016. MACC to pay a large part of construction costs for this access to I-196. Also lower capital outlay for the upcoming year.

May 2015 the pumper will be paid off and 2017 the Fire Station will be paid off.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jan Hop to approve the proposed budget for Graafschap Fire Department 2013-2014.

PASSED 5-0.

**5. Hamilton Fire Department Report.**

Fire Chief David Haverdink presented the 2013-2014 Budget. The Department responded to 282 calls which was an increase of 41 calls. The Department will be receiving a \$38,000 grant to upgrade the extraction equipment.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Schaap to approve the proposed budget for the Hamilton Fire Department. Fillmore Township's share to be \$47,885.50.

PASSED 5-0.

**6. Allegan County Commissioner.**

Jim Storey gave an update on items at the County level. Bob Genetski is working on getting the sales tax refunded from materials used in the Jail construction, this was paid by the Contractors. Currently the Jail project is running about 5% over budget.

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

Chuck gave an update on the deputy – Ray Retamal who was interviewed on February 9, 2013. The Ford Explorer was also available to viewing on that date, the Townships will be purchasing the Explorer instead of leasing it from Allegan County. Ray will be taking the vehicle home. The Boards wish Ray to meet community and citizens. Ray would start April 1 or sooner if staffing allows at Allegan County.

**8. Elected Officials Salaries - 2013-2014.**

Supervisor DeWeerdt recommended the salaries from 2013-2014 to remain the same as the past fiscal year.

Supervisor - \$24,920.00

Clerk - \$12,130.00

Treasurer - \$15,435.00

Trustees - \$2,625.00

A Motion was brought by Jan Hop and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve these salaries for 2013-2014.

PASSED 5-0.

**9. Horizon Operations.**

There was no report available.

**10. Allegan County Fillmore Township Water/Sewer Bond.**

Fillmore Township received a Resolution Requesting Approve Refunding Contract from Allegan County and its Board of Public Works, this would be a savings of \$179,641.00 over the life of the Bond.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdt and 2nd Chuck Schaap to approve the Refinancing of the Bond.

PASSED 5-0.

The Resolution to be signed by the Township Supervisor and Clerk.

**11. B.P.W. Update - 30 year Franchise.**

Contract received from HBPW – received for information, Board to make a final decision at the March 2013 meeting of the Board, if final wording can be agreed.

**12. February 9, 2013 Work Session.**

Supervisor DeWeerdt gave a recap of the Work Study Session the Board had on February 9, 2013. A synopsis was available for each Board member.

**13. Fillmore Township 2013 - 2014 Budget.**

A preliminary Budget for 2013-2014 fiscal year was received.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdt and 2nd by Bob Yonker to hold a Public Hearing on the final budget on March 12, 2013 at 7:30pm.

PASSED 5-0.

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**14. Allegan County Road Commission .**

Road Commissioner John Kleinheksel reported on the primary road meeting that were held with the area Townships. The Big Wing Plows are a cost savings, as well as low snow fall on weekends and over the holidays.

The Board was encouraged to decide on repaving roads by mid-March for bidding process by Road Commission.

Gas tax is .19 of which County gets 39.1%, the hope is to have that remain the same.

**15. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes January 8, 2013.**

A Motion brought by Jan Hop and 2nd Elaine Mokma to approve the minutes as presented.  
PASSED 5-0.

**16. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.**

Chuck Schaap gave an update on the Planning Commission. February 18, 2013 will be the first quarterly meeting with Ken Dettloff Twp Planner present.

**17. Treasurers Report.**

Balance on Hand January 1, 2013	\$ 271,266.68
Receipts	\$197,942.63
Total	\$469,209.31
Disbursements	\$ 60,008.62
Balance on Hand January 31, 2013	\$409,200.69

**18. Monthly Bills.**

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Jan Hop to pay the monthly bills as submitted.

PASSED 5-0.

**19. Public Participation.**

Cal Haverdink mentioned 144th Ave. from 60th east to Blue Star and asked the Board to look at repairing the road. This road receives a lot of truck traffic from Chef Container and other companies.

GFD will be receiving a grant of \$25,000 - \$30,000 to be used for hoses and other items.

**20. Meeting Adjourned**

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Bob Yonker to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Mokma, Clerk  
Fillmore Township