

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 8, 2014 7PM

**1. Call to Order.**

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

**2. Roll Call.**

Members Present: Ken DeWeerdts, Janella 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 a total of 42 calls for June 2014. There were no fire calls and 6 rescue call for Fillmore Township, also 2 fire assists to Saugatuck Township Fire District, and 2 fire assist to Holland City Fire Department.

The Fire Department hosted their annual Pancake Breakfast on July 4, serving approximately 1200 people.

**5. Zeeland Public Schools Recreation.**

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to open a Public Hearing for the Zeeland Area Recreation Plan.

PASSED 5-0.

Mike Kolean and Tiffany Smith presented a 5 year Park & Recreation Plan and explained the process enabling the Township to apply for grant money, a notice was published in the Holland Sentinel.

A Motion was brought by Janella Hop and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to close the Public Hearing.

PASSED 5-0.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to adopt the Resolution. Bob Yonker - YES, Chuck Schaap - YES, Ken DeWeerdts - Yes, Janella Hop - YES, Elaine Mokma - YES.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote 5-0.

**6. Allegan County Commissioner.**

Commissioner Jim Storey reported:

a. Allegan County Jail to be demolished, use for the property is yet to be determined.

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

Officer Ray Retamal reported a total of 64 calls for June 2014, 39 calls from Fillmore Township and 25 calls from Overisel Township.

**8. Public Participation.**

a. Mary Whiteford - Candidate for State Representation gave an update on her campaign.

b. John Kleinheksel - Brought concern to the Township Board regarding the appearance of several properties in the Township. Address were determined and the Supervisor will be contacting these property owners.

**9. Fillmore Township Street Lights.**

Consumers Energy approached the Township regarding the street light located at M-40 & 64th St. This property was annexed to the City of Holland in 1999, however the Township has continued to pay for that light. Due to road construction and reconfigurations to that roadway, this light will be taken down, Fillmore Township is required to authorized this work.

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A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Janella Hop to authorize this change in the Standard Lighting Contract for above Street Light.

PASSED 5-0.

Supervisor stated that Fillmore Township has been covering the cost of this street light from the annexation time to this date and will be exploring reimbursement from the City for this cost.

There are 3 lights located at the train track crossings that are also no longer needed since CSX Railroad has installed lit crossing arms and warning lights,

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to have these lights removed as well.

PASSED 5-0.

**10. August 5, 2014 & November 4, 2014 Elections.**

Upon a recommendation of the Election Committee;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to appoint the following individuals as Election Inspectors for the August 5, 2014 and November 4, 2014 Elections.

Election Chairman: Mary Geurink

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

PASSED 5-0.

**11. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.**

A letter of change was sent to 9 parcel owners, 1 letter of no change and 1 letter of no action due to the land asking of change isn't owned by this company.

**12. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes - June 10, 2014.**

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

PASSED 5-0.

**13. Fillmore Township Roads.**

Allegan County Road Commissioner John Kleinheksel stated the 1st roadside mowing has been completed. Paving on 138th Ave. should be completed this week. Trees have been removed on 48th St. and crack filling should start soon.

The Road Commission anticipates beginning a building project in October 2014 for their usage, this is a 2 year project, the first building being a maintenance building and the second building used for administrative purposes.

**14. Supervisor Updates.**

a. Blue Star Water/Sewer - Supervisor DeWeerd has met with Ken Bosma (Prein & Newhof) and Ron Bultje (Scholten and Fant), an assessment district has been set for water and sewer, estimate costs at this for water is \$740,000 and sewer \$531,000. This cost would be totally assessed to the property owners. At this time Embo Dr. is not in these numbers.

Supervisor DeWeerd will contact Ken Bosma to continue with the process, Diane McNulty is willing to circulate these petitions.

b. Tulip Intercounty Relief Drain.

Due to continued flooding and erosion problems - improvements, repair and maintenance has been proposed by the Drain Board. This cost would be partially funded by the State of Michigan. Land would be purchased through Project Clarity and for retention and run-off. Petitions to be signed by Allegan and Ottawa County.

**This is for information only.**

The August 12, 2014 Board of Trustee meeting will have a representative from the Tulip Intercounty Drain.

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- c. Township Hall Cleaning.  
After many years of service to the Township, Shirley Greving has retired from her position. Kim Greving has been trained and will continue Shirley's duties.  
A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to hire Kim Greving and to send Shirley a card of thanks and a token of appreciation.  
PASSED 5-0.
- d. Building Permits.  
The Township continues to receive building permits for new home construction (2 in June), commercial building (2 in June) and accessory buildings (4 in June).
- e. Consumers Concrete.  
Interstate Highway will begin pouring the concrete for the highway project, they are based at Consumers Concrete.  
Supervisor DeWeerd has spoken to the owners of Consumers Concrete regarding hooking up to the Township water system.

**15. Horizon Operations.**

A May 2014 report was received for information.

**16. Treasurer's Report.**

Balance on Hand June 1, 2014	\$368,235.66
Receipts	\$ 7,088.10
Total	\$375,323.76
Disbursements	\$158,075.50
Balance on Hand June 30, 2014	\$217,248.26

CD's

General Fund \$300,000.00

**17. Monthly Bills.**

A Motion was brought by Janella Hop and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the bills as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

**18. Meeting Adjourned.**

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Mokma, Clerk  
Fillmore Township