

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 14, 2015 7PM

**1. Call to Order.**

Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts called the meeting to order at 7pm and welcomed the Laketown Township Board of Trustees. Chuck Schaap 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.**

a. Office Furniture – Chuck Schaap

**4. Graafschap Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Cal Haverdink reported:

a. A total of 28 calls for March 2015. There was 1 fire call and 4 rescue calls for Fillmore Township.

b. The Mutual Aid Agreement between Graafschap Fire Department and Holland City Fire Department will need to be amended to include 14-15 parcels of property in the Holland City.

c. An Open House to celebrate Chief Haverdink's retirement is planned for April 18, 2015 from 11am to 1pm at the Graafschap Fire Station.

Fire Board Chairman Bob Yonker:

a. Introduced Tim Hofman – new member to the Fire Board.

b. He stated that Fire Board has made a decision which started with 40 applications and interviewing a final 5.

Upon recommendation by the Fire Board:

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Schaap to approve Todd Szakacs as the new Fire Chief of the Graafschap Fire Department.

PASSED 5-0.

A roll call vote - Ken DeWeerdts - YES, Bob Yonker - YES, Chuck Schaap - YES, Elaine Mokma - YES, Janella Hop - Yes.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote.

A Motion was brought by Laketown Township Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Howell to approve Todd Szakacs as the new Fire Chief of the Graafschap Fire Department.

PASSED 4-0.

A roll call vote – Terry Hofmeyer – YES, Linda Howell – YES, Wendy Van Huis – YES, Ed Stielstra – YES.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote.

Mr. Szakacs will take over as Chief on May 4, 2015.

**5. Fillmore/Overisel Township Deputy.**

Office Ray Retamal reported:

a. 47 calls for March 2015, 32 calls for Fillmore Township and 15 calls for Overisel Township.

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**6. Allegan County Commissioner.**

Jim Storey reported:

- a. A Livestock Claim Policy has been adopted by the Allegan County Board of Commissioners.
- b. The Allegan County Board of Commissioners has joined the Great Lakes County Incubator; this is designed to help grow businesses in Allegan County.
- c. Ground breaking for the Holland Energy Park is scheduled for April 21, 2015 at 1:30pm.

**7. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes - March 10, 2015.**

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

PASSED 5-0.

**8. May 5, 2015 Special Election.**

A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Janella Hop to approve the Election Commission minutes with the following individuals appointed as election workers:

Chairperson: Mary Geurink

Poll workers: Marilyn Schra - Democratic  
Lyn Becksford - Republican  
Laura Mokma - Democratic  
Dawn Cook - Republican  
John Nauta - Republican

PASSED 5-0.

**9. Supervisor Updates.**

- a. Blue Star Utilities.  
A meeting has been scheduled for May 4, 2015 of the large parcel owners and individuals that are interested in the project.
- b. First Stated Burning Resolution.  
Following discussion and clarification of this Resolution by the Supervisor and Fire Chief; A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to adopt this Resolution.  
PASSED 5-0.
- c. Fillmore Township Spring Clean-up is scheduled for May 16, 2015 from 8am to 3pm. This is for Township residents only.
- d. Connect Michigan Broadband is looking for a representative from Fillmore Township. This groups hopes to identify gap coverage in the County and establish a cost for services - cable vs. wireless.
- e. Tulip Inter County Drain.  
Improvement plans have ceased, s smaller scale project will be undertaken by the Allegan County Drain Commission.

**10. Fillmore Township Planning Commission Minutes April 6, 2015**

Planning Commission member Chuck Schaap gave an update of the Planning Commission's Rezoning meeting on April 6, 2015 requested by Derek DeFrell for Parcel #0306-002-005-41 located at 5086 Ottogan Rd., Holland, MI. this request was granted.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken DeWeerd to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to rezone Parcel #0306-002-005-41, 5086 Ottogan Rd., Holland, MI 49423 from RE to R-1.

PASSED 5-0.

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The Planning Commission will also be looking at the Land Use Plan for the Township in upcoming meetings.

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

PASSED 5-0.

**11. Late Agenda Items.**

Chuck Schaap presented information as requested from the Board for chairs and a new Board table.

The Board chose Option B.

A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Janella Hop to not exceed \$7500.00 for these items.

PASSED 5-0.

**12. Treasurers Report.**

Balance on Hand March 1, 2015	\$ 48,732.57
Receipts	\$757,063.28
Total	\$805,795.85
Disbursements	\$ 25,788.37
Balance on Hand March 31, 2015	\$780,007.48

**17. Monthly Bills.**

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Janella Hop 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 Janella Hop to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Mokma, Clerk  
Fillmore Township