

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 12, 2015 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.

- a. Holland American Legion Band Contributions
- b. Fillmore Township Roads
- c. Broadband
- d. M.A.C.C.

4. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Cal Haverdink reported:

- a. A total of 26 calls for April 2015. There were no fire calls and 6 rescue calls for Fillmore Township.

Fire Board Chairman Bob Yonker:

Upon recommendation of the Fire Board:

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to accept the resignation of Todd Szakacs from the Graafschap Fire Department.

PASSED 5-0.

Upon recommendation from the Fire Board;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Janella Hop to approve the appointment of Doug DenBleyker as 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.

Mr. DenBleyker will assume the duties as Chief on June 1, 2015.

5. Fillmore/Overisel Township Deputy.

Due to the absence of Officer Retamal there was no April 2015 report available.

6. Allegan County Commissioner.

Jim Storey reported:

- a. The Allegan County Clerk's office was hopeful of achieving a solution for uploading election results in a timely manner following elections.
- b. The Westside Park in Ganges is being completed with a D.N.R. Grant and Allegan County matching funds.
- c. 911 is requesting a design for a new radio system.
- d. A Livestock Claim Policy should be available at the June Board meeting.

7. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes - April 14, 2015.

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

PASSED 5-0.

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8. Public Participation.

None.

9. May 5, 2015 Special Election.

Clerk Mokma reported the Election went well; State Proposal 15-1 was defeated by the Township residents, a total of 598 votes were cast; YES – 52 and NO – 546. The uploading of the election results to Allegan County went smoothly.

10. Horizon Operations.

The March 2015 report was received for information.

11. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.

Chuck Schaap reported that the Land Use Plan will be looked at during the upcoming May 18, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.

12. Supervisor Updates.

- a. A meeting was held regarding the Blue Star Utilities, completed petitions for Sewer and Water will be coming to the Township Board, with the Board then to decide on the project.
Hearings on the project would be early Fall of 2015. Bids for this project are expected to be up 20% from 2014.
- b. The Supervisor continues to attend M.A.C.C. meetings. Green Week is May 11-18, 2015.
- c. Township resident Brad Iverson will serve as the Fillmore Township representative on a Broadband Committee.
- d. Signage at Cottonwood Park is in need of repair, Supervisor DeWeerdts will do these repairs. Wood chips to be added to the trails.
- e. Fillmore Township Roads:
 1. A bid of \$17,700.00 has been received for the gravel.
 2. Re-paving of 1.75 miles – a bid of \$178,367.00.
 3. Chip seal of 2.8 miles – no bid has been received, possibly \$28,000/mile has been proposed.

13. Allegan County Road Commission.

Commissioner John Kleinheksel reported the building project is going well; the garage is 4-6 weeks away from completion. New offices will be started following the demolition of the old buildings.

14. Late Agenda Items.

A contribution request was received from the Holland American Legion Band seeking continued support for the 2015 concert season.

A Motion was brought by Janella Hop and 2nd by Bob Yonker to support the Holland American Legion Band with a contribution of \$500.00 to the 2015 concert season.

PASSED 5-0.

15. Treasurers Report.

Balance on Hand April 1, 2015	\$780,007.48
Receipts	\$ 4,077.35
Total	\$784,084.83
Disbursements	\$ 16,706.25
Balance on Hand April 30, 2015	\$767,378.58

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17. Monthly Bills.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Elaine Mokma 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 BobYonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township