

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 9, 2019 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, Leah Folkert, Elaine Mokma, Bob Yonker and Chuck Schaap.

Members Absent: None.

**3. Late Agenda Items.**

- a. East Saugatuck Cemetery
- b. Lakeshore Advantage – Greg King
- c. O.D.C. Invitation

**4. Graafschap Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker reported;

- a. A total of 43 calls for March 2019. There were 7 rescue calls and 1 fire call for Fillmore Township, also 5 fire calls and 1 medical/rescue call to other agencies.

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

Officer Ray Retamal reported;

- a. 75 calls for March 2019, 51 calls for Fillmore Township and 24 calls for Overisel Township.

**6. Allegan County Commissioner.**

Jim Storey reported:

- a. Chad D. Catalino has been hired as the Public Defender for the Indigent System, additional staffing will be hired.
- b. The Board of Commissioners has applied for a grant from the MDEQ for waterway cleanup.
- c. The future of the Allegan County Courthouse is being evaluated as to space and needs for the departments now using it.

**7. Public Participation.**

- a. Jason Nyhof submitted a letter to the Township Board stating concerns of area housing changes in the area. Following a discussion by the Board and Supervisor DeWeerdts stating the Township is aware of these changes, and they are allowed under the Fillmore Township Zoning Ordinance. Officer Retamal to be watchful.  
All building and trade permits have been taken out on the property in question.

**8. Lakeshore Advantage – Greg King.**

Greg King, Business Solutions Manager for Lakeshore Advantage was present giving an update of the background of Lakeshore Advantage and his role.

Mr. King has asked the Township Board to consider an investment request of \$1,875.00 for Lakeshore Advantage.

**9. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes - March 12, 2019.**

Upon review of the March 12, 2019 minutes;

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

PASSED 5-0.

**10. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.**

- a. The Planning Commission met on April 8, 2019 to consider a Special Use Request from Dan Gerbens of Renew Therapeutic Riding Center, Parcel # 0306-011-008-20. This property is zoned Ag-1 consisting of 19 acres on 146<sup>th</sup> Ave. Renew TRC provides equine activities to improve the emotional and physical well-being of special needs individuals through the therapeutic use of horses, and to serve as an international training and education center for therapeutic riding programs.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Yonker to approve this Special Use Permit Request.

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PASSED 5-0.

A Motion was brought Ken DeWeerd and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Mokma refer a Site Plan Review which was submitted by Mr. Gerbens for Renew TRC. The Planning Commission will review that Plan on May 13, 2019 at 7pm.

PASSED 5-0.

**11. Supervisor Updates.**

a. The Spring 2019 Township newsletter has been sent to Zeeland Print Shop.

b. A quote for mowing and labor was received from Straight Line Lawn Care LLC;

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Schaap to accept this bid for lawn care for 2019.

PASSED 5-0.

d. The Allegan County Road Commission submitted bids for the 2019 road projects. \$390,000.00 has been budgeted by the Board for Road projects in 2019, in addition the Township will receive \$20,000.00 from the ACRC. The current bid is \$469,355.00 being \$73,000.00 over budget.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Yonker to accept this bid from the ACRC and amend the Budget should road projects go over budget.

PASSED 5-0.

e. Les Brink will again do the 2019 roadside mowing for Fillmore Township. ACRC covers this expense.

f. An initiation has been received from O.D.C. for the Grand Opening of the Eldean Family Nature Play Park on May 17, 2019. RSVP to Elaine.

**12. Treasurers Report.**

Balance on Hand March 1, 2019	\$ 154,845.97
Receipts	\$ 871,344.85
Total	\$1,026,190.82
Disbursements	\$ 18,187.22
Balance on Hand December 31, 2018	\$1,008,003.60
CD's	
General Fund	\$150,000.00
Utility Fund	\$150,000.00

**13. Monthly Bills.**

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Yonker to approve the bills as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

**14. Late Agenda.**

a. East Saugatuck Cemetery.

Bob Yonker has inquired of Fence Consultants regarding fencing at the entrance to East Saugatuck Cemetery. He will obtain options and pricing for fencing.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Mokma to raise wages for Cemetery Employees by \$2.00/hour.

PASSED 5-0.

**15. There being no other business presented to the Board;**

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Mokma to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Mokma, Clerk  
Fillmore Township

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