

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP  
*ESTABLISHED 1849*  
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
May 11, 2010 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**  
Supervisor Keith Potter called the meeting to order at 7pm, Chuck Schaap opened with prayer.
2. **Roll Call.**  
Members Present: Keith Potter, Janella Hop, Chuck Schaap, Robert Yonker, Kenneth DeWeerd.
3. **Late Agenda Items.**
  - a. Internet Service.
  - b. Herrick Library.
  - c. Requests for Donations.
4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**  
Fire Chief Cal Haverdink reported a total of 14 calls in April. there was 1 rescue call into Fillmore Township.  
The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on May 15 at 5:30pm; Township Board members and spouses are invited.
5. **Fillmore Township Deputy.**  
Fillmore Township Deputy Ron Haverdink reported 53 calls by the Allegan County Sheriff Department in April.
6. **Allegan County Commissioner.**  
Allegan County Commissioner Steve McNeal stated that a decision for funding the new jail must be made. Discussion is between a jail millage versus a law enforcement millage. If there was a law enforcement millage, funds from the General Fund would be available for jail construction.
7. **Fillmore Township Water & Sewer.**  
Horizon Operations monthly report of water use and service was received for information.
8. **Township Sign.**  
The sign in front of the Township office is showing a need for repair. The Board feels that painting the sign will prolong the life of the present sign.  
A bid from Accent Sign & Graphics for a new sign for \$1,498.00 was considered.

**9. Resolution for Ballot Language.**

A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Janella Hop to place proposals for millage on the August Primary Ballot.

PASSED 5-0.

**Resolution 10-04.**

Road Millage Renewal Proposition, 2.6067 mills.

PASSED 5-0.

**Resolution 10-05.**

Fire & First Response Protection Renewal Proposition, 1.9099 mills.

PASSED 5-0.

**Resolution 10-06.**

Library Millage Increase Proposition, up to .3000 mills.

PASSED 5-0.

**10. Park.**

A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to appropriate funds to match funds from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment development of Township properties for Park Use.

PASSED 5-0.

**11. School Election.**

Ken DeWeerd reported a small turn-out for the May 4 school election, 162 voters.

**12. Herrick Library.**

A motion was brought by Keith Potter 2nd by Ken DeWeerd to allow the Supervisor to sign a Service Contract with Herrick District Library.

PASSED 5-0.

This will allow Fillmore Township residents to continue use of the library and set payment schedules for the July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 fiscal year.

**13. Funding Requests.**

A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to support the following organizations:

Outdoor Discovery Center	\$1,000.00
Holland American Legion Band	\$ 500.00
Community Foundation (Fireworks)	\$ 549.00

PASSED 5-0.

**14. 2nd Chance Ranch.**

The Fillmore Township Ordinance does not specifically spell out the operation of adult boarding of released prisoners, our professional planner recommends the Board of Appeals look at the operation at 4351 60th St.

- 15. Rabbit River Trucking.**  
 Because of complaints from a neighbor for excessive noise from this business, the Township Supervisor has received a list of requests from Pete TerHaar to limit sound and lighting from this business. The Board members will review this list and support the Supervisor in getting the parties to co-exist.
- 16. Graafschap Drain.**  
 The Allegan County Drain Commissioner held an information meeting dealing with water run-off issues in the Village of Graafschap. First estimates are \$101,000 to construct a drain to handle the situation.
- 17. Fillmore Township Board Minutes.**  
 A motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the April 13, 2010 Board minutes as presented.  
 PASSED 5-0.
- 18. Internet Service.**  
 Chuck Schaap has talked with Barry County telephone for possible internet service in Fillmore Township. The next step would be to schedule an informational meeting with the company at a future Board meeting.
- 19. Monthly Bills.**  
 A motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to pay the bills as submitted.  
 PASSED 5-0.
- 20. Public Participation.**  
 None.
- 21. Treasurer's Report.**
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| Balance on Hand April 1, 2010  | \$753,202.13 |
| Receipts                       | \$ 2,025.22  |
| Total                          | \$755,227.35 |
| Disbursements                  | \$ 30,448.14 |
| Balance on Hand April 30, 2010 | \$724,779.21 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth DeWeerd, Clerk  
 Fillmore Township

