

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP
ESTABLISHED 1849
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 14, 2010 7PM

- 1. Call to Order.**
Supervisor Keith Potter called the meeting to order at 7pm, and opened with prayer.
- 2. Roll Call.**
Members Present: Keith Potter, Janella Hop, Bob Yonker and Kenneth DeWeerd.
Members Absent: Trustee, Chuck Schaap was absent with notice.
- 3. Late Agenda Items.**
 - a. PA 116 requests.
- 4. Graafschap Fire Department.**
Fire Chief Cal Haverdink reported 23 calls for service in August. Of those calls 7 were into Fillmore Township consisting of 1 fire and 6 rescues.
- 5. Fillmore Township Deputy.**
Fillmore Township Deputy Ron Haverdink reported 49 calls by the Allegan County Sherriff Department in August.
- 6. Allegan County Commissioner.**
No Report.
- 7. Fillmore Township Water and Sewer.**
Horizon Operations report for July and August was received for information.
- 8. Fillmore Township Cemetery Reports.**
Following last months report from the Sexton Howard Lubbers concerning the possible resale of lots, legal opinion was received concerning the process. Mr. Lubbers is making a list of possible lots. This will be a process of notices which will have to be followed.
- 9. Special Use Permit - Second Chance Ranch.**
The Fillmore Township Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on August 23, 2010 to hear input on the operations of the Second Chance Ranch. After hearing comments, The Planning Commission recommended allowance of the operation of the Second Chance Ranch located at 4351 60th St. with the following requirements:
 - a. All property improvements that require a permit need to be completed by a licensed contractor.
 - b. No more than 9 residents are allowed to live in the home. The outbuildings may not house residents.
 - c. Liability Insurance is required. A copy of the policy shall be filed with the Township Board.
 - d. The Special Use Permit will be granted for one year from the date of the

approval of the Fillmore Township Board of Trustees.

- e. A signed lease agreement must be completed before approval by the Board.
- f. A record of communication with law enforcement must be kept and available to the Township.
- g. SCR must be supervised by a qualified supervisor on the premises at all times.

A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Bob Yonker to allow the Second Chance Ranch to operate at 4351 60th St. with all the Planning Commission requirements and that the Director Curtis McFarland will give quarterly reported to the Planning Commission. A review of the Special Use Permit by the Board of Trustees after 1 year.

PASSED 4-0

10. Fillmore Township Ordinance Change Request.

A motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Janella Hop to pass the request of Ordinance change from Sybil Cathey to the Fillmore Township Planning Commission to allow a Bed & Breakfast in the R-1 Zone.

PASSED 4-0.

11. Building & Grounds.

A motion was brought by Janella Hop and 2nd by Bob Yonker to except the bid from Choice Landscaping to install underground sprinkling on the Township Hall property at a cost of \$4,096.50.

PASSED 4-0.

A motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Keith Potter to contract with Lone Star Enterprises to remove the existing septic tank, restore grade and lawn for \$475.00.

PASSED 4-0.

A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2nd by Ken DeWeerd to contract with Bruce's Black Top for parking lot seal coating and restriping at a cost of \$1,280.00.

PASSED 4-0.

12. Fillmore Township Park.

Supervisor Keith Potter reported that he had walked the property with engineers from M.C. Smith, new plans for walking trails were established to go around several wet areas. After these plans are completed, bids will be taken for a 2011 spring start.

13. Graafschap Hardware.

A congratulatory letter of 150 years of operation sent to Graafschap Hardware was received for information.

14. Late Agenda Items.

PA 116:

A motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Janella Hop to accept 5 PA 116 requests, 4 from Hank Balder and 1 from David Brink.

Ken DeWeerd, Clerk will fill out the necessary papers and the requestors will file these with the proper agencies.

PASSED 4-0.

15. Fillmore Township August 10, 2010 Board Minutes.

A motion was brought by Janella Hop and 2nd by Keith Potter to accept the August 10, 2010 minutes as presented.

PASSED 4-0.

16. Fillmore Township Planning Commission August 23, 2010 Minutes.

August 23, 2010 minutes were received for information.

17. Fillmore Township Board of Appeals.

August 2, 2010 minutes were received for information.

18. Monthly Bills.

A motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Janella Hop to pay the bills as submitted.

PASSED 4-0.

19. Public Participation.

Duane Zuverink inquired about the possibility of better internet service in the Township. The Board gave Mr. Zuverink several options. Mr. Zuverink thanked the Board for providing Herrick Library access for all Fillmore Township residence. For information \$17,059.93 of general funds were used for this service.

20. Treasurer Report.

Balance on Hand August 1, 2010	\$566,120.03
Receipts	\$ 2,821.11
Total	\$568,941.14
Disbursements	\$ 31,593.17
Balance on Hand August 31, 2010	\$537,347.97

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth DeWeerd, Clerk
Fillmore Township