

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

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FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOVEMBER 12, 2013 7PM

1. Call to Order.

Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts called the meeting to order at 7pm. Bob Yonker led in prayer and 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.

None.

4. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Cal Haverdink reported a total of 32 calls for October 2013. There were 4 rescue calls and no fire calls for Fillmore Township, also 1 rescue assist to Saugatuck Township Fire District.

Fire Chief also report the department will be participating in a Pilot Program beginning in January 2014 offering free smoke alarms with a 10year lithium battery, they will be installed by fire department personnel and are free for owner occupied homes. Alarms are paid for from the FEMA Program. Michigan will be the 2nd state to be offering the program.

5. Allegan County Commissioner.

Jim Storey reported:

- a. Attended the County Leadership Conference on October 2013.
- b. November 14 the Commissioners will look at options for disposing or repurposing the old jail.
- c. November 20, Michigan Works is hosting a seminar to train new employees.
- d. Serving on the jail transition team, open houses are being planned for February 2014.

6. Holland B.P.W.

Approximately 1 year ago Fillmore Township entered into an Electric Franchise with B.P.W., Gary Scholten became the non-voting member/liaison from B.P.W. to the Townships. He stated the new electric plant is a 3year \$200 million project

Questions for Mr. Scholten from the Board:

- a. Could Fiber Optics be extended into Fillmore Township.
- b. Could water be sold to Fillmore Township? Fillmore is the only Township adjacent to the City of Holland the BPW will not sell water to.

7. Fillmore/Overisel Township Deputy.

Deputy Ray Retamal reported a total of 70 calls for October 2013, 45 calls from Fillmore Township and 34 calls from Overisel Township.

8. November 5, 2013 Special Election.

Clerk Mokma reported a Special Election was held on November 5, 2013 for Zeeland Schools. Of 138 voters, 9 votes were cast from absentee ballots.

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9. Public Participation.

Jared Slagh of Boy Scout Troup 316 was present, he is currently working towards achieving Eagle Scout.

10. Allegan County Road Commission.

- a. Crack Filling - will be done in 2014 due to the weather.
- b. 2nd Road Side Mowing - completed.
- c. 138th Ave. Culvert is in the process of being replaced and will be completed before winter.

11. Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway.

M.A.C.C. is seeking an endorsement from Fillmore Township for Project Clarify, at this time there is no commitment of money from the Township. The cost of Project Clarify is \$12million with \$9 million coming from the private sector, the remainder will be coming from the entities within the watershed.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to endorse Project Clarity.

PASSED 5-0.

Travis Williams to be notified of this decision.

12. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.

- a. Land Use Changes - Chuck Schaap reports the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on November 18, 2013 to consider Land Use changes to an area along Blue Star Highway in addition to looking at future needs and uses.
- b. The Minutes of the October 14, 2013 were received for information.

13. Horizon Operations.

The September 2013 report was received for information.

14. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes - October 8 2013 and October 28, 2013.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Janella Hop to approve these minutes as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

15. Supervisor Updates.

- a. M.A.C.C. meetings - The Service Delivery Team will be looking at 2 of the 21 items at each meeting. Supervisor DeWeerdts will decide on a monthly basis whether to attend based on relevance of benefits to Fillmore Township.
Fillmore Township will be receiving monies for road projects to be done in 2014 and 2015.
- b. Blue Star Water - Darlene McNulty has approached the Township to take over supplying water to approximately 30 customers currently receiving water from a water system built by the late Stuart Bouwman.
An oversize line is needed for future users beyond the needs of these current customers.
Supervisor DeWeerdts has met with Holland City Mayor Kurt Dykstra as this area is part of an agreement (water) with the LG Chem agreement. Water was also requested beyond the Bouwman need area.

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- c. Supervisor DeWeerdts attended the Allegan County Leadership Conference in October 2013.

16. Treasurers Report.

Balance on Hand October 1, 2013	\$131,506.61
Receipts	\$ 2,240.10
Total	\$133,746.75
Disbursements	\$ 95,137.75
Balance on Hand October 31, 2013	\$ 38,608.87

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General Fund \$350,000.00

17. Monthly Bills.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to pay the bills as submitted .
PASSED 5-0.

18. Meeting Adjourned.

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Janella Hop and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township