

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 12, 2014 7PM

**1. Call to Order.**

Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts called the meeting to order at 7pm. Ken DeWeerdts 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. Outdoor Discovery Center.

**4. Graafschap Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Cal Haverdink reported a total of 32 calls for July 2014. There were 2 fire calls and 3 rescue calls for Fillmore Township, also 1 fire assist to Saugatuck Township Fire District and 2 fire assists to Holland City Fire Department.

**5. Allegan County Commissioner.**

Commissioner Jim Storey reported:

- a. The Board of Commissioners has decided not to make a County wide ruling for ORV usage on public streets, but to allow each Township their own ruling.
- b. Following a recent charrette, the Board of Commissioners have 10 options as to use for the old Allegan County Jail.
- c. Approximately 10% of registered voters from Allegan County came to the polls on August 5, 2014.
- d. Allegan County Finance Service Director has retired, the Board of Commissioners hopes to have a replacement in place by September.

**6. Fillmore/Overisel Township Deputy.**

Officer Ray Retamal reported a total of 55 calls for July 2014, 35 calls from Fillmore Township and 20 calls from Overisel Township.

Ray stated a lot of interest was shown by the community at the July 19 fund raiser by Doug VerHoeven.

Travis Williams from the Outdoor Discovery Center reported several acts of vandalism in the recent month. Some of these actions have been caught on camera. Several suggestions were given to Travis.

Supervisor DeWeerdts reported the picnic tables at Cottonwood Park were attempted to be moved. These tables will be better secured.

**7. Tulip Intercounty Drain.**

Travis Williams and Glenn Pomp reported:

- This project began approximately 2 years ago in conjunction with Project Clarity and MDOT.
- Tulip Drain is the 3rd worst in the Watershed.
- A 400 acre water storage would like to be established, possibly using MDOT funds which would be channeled through the Allegan County Drain Commission. MDOT will be looking for such storage areas a goal being not to use farm/AG land. Property has been donated for this purpose already and other sites are being considered for purchase.
- Fillmore Township, Holland City, Holland Township and Laketown Township must petition for these changes.

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Fillmore Township and Laketown Township will pair together on the petition with Laketown initiating the petition, Fillmore will then endorse the petition followed by approval from the Intercounty Drain Board. A project would then be established, costs of the project may or may not be seen if not going through the Outdoor Discovery Center. This project may be several years off.

- 2 stage ditching project is of interest to farmers.
- A 5-7 year timeline with costs not yet known. Costs would be divided between the 4 entities, money to come from the General Fund and not accessed to the property owners. Fillmore Township's share is approximately 12%, the State of Michigan pays a share that comes off the cost of the whole project.
- No Board action is needed at this time.

**8. August 5, 2014 Primary Election**

Clerk Mokma reported a Primary Election was held on August 5, 2014. Approximately 24% voter turnout. The Township Proposal did not pass.

**9. Holland B.P.W. Electric Franchise.**

The Township Board will be placing a proposition on the November 4, 2014 ballot for the voters of the Township with respect to the Holland B.P.W. Electric Franchise.

A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Bob Yonker to place this on the November 4, 2014 Ballot.

PASSED 5-0.

**10. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.**

The next quarterly meeting will be held on August 18, 2014 at 7pm.

**11. Fillmore Township Roads.**

Supervisor DeWeerd reported that 138th Ave. has been repaved, shoulders have yet to be done. This project is coming in according to the estimate at this time.

**12. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes - July 8, 2014.**

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

PASSED 5-0.

**13. Supervisor Updates.**

- a. Blue Star Sewer/Water - petitions are being circulated by a property owner. Water \$740,000.00 and Sewer \$530,000.00 being the approximate costs, these costs being assessed to the property owners.
- b. Property Clean-up Letters - residents are responding either with clean-up efforts or calls to the Supervisor with clean-up plans.
- c. M-40 - an informational meeting was held today giving 3 different options. There was no decision at this time.
- d. Interstate Highway continues to use a large amount of water with the highway project.

**14. Treasurers Report.**

Balance on Hand July 1, 2014	\$217,248.26
Receipts	\$ 38,003.29
Total	\$255,251.55
Disbursements	\$ 44,468.18
Balance on Hand July 31, 2014	\$210,783.37

CD's

General Fund \$300,000.00

Utility Fund \$300,000.00

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**15. Monthly Bills.**

A Motion was brought by Janella Hop and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to approve the bills as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

**16. Public Participation.**

Tonya Schuitmaker a candidate for State Senate was present.

**17. Meeting Adjourned.**

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2nd by Bob Yonker to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Mokma, Clerk  
Fillmore Township