

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849  
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 15, 2016 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**  
Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts called the meeting to order at 7pm. Elaine Mokma 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. Oaths of Office.
4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**  
Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker reported:
  - a. A total of 29 calls for October 2016. There were no fire calls, 1 rescue call and 1 Smoke Alarm installation for Fillmore Township, also 3 fire calls to Holland City and 1 rescue call and 1 fire call to Saugatuck Township Fire District.
  - b. I.S.O. Audit was completed on November 8, 2016.
  - c. F.E.M.A. Grant application is due on November 18, 2016
  - d. The Fire Board will meet in December 2016 or January 2017.
5. **Fillmore/Overisel Township Deputy.**  
Officer Ray Retamal reported:
  - a. 55 calls for October 2016, 42 calls for Fillmore Township and 13 calls for Overisel Township.
  - b. The Outdoor Discovery Center hosted a Trails and Treats event on October 21 and 22, 2016; Officer Retamal with the assistance of G.F.D. and other Allegan County Sheriff Department staff assisted in this event which had approximately 4000 people attending.
6. **Allegan County Commissioner.**  
Commissioner Jim Storey reported:
  - a. In January 2017 a bond will be sought to assist with the funding of M.E.R.S.
  - b. December 8, 2016 from 4p-6p a retirement open house will be held in the Zimmerman Room to honor retiring Allegan County Officials.
  - c. Approximately 10 years ago Allegan County accepted the lease of 2 Allegan County Campgrounds, 1 of these will be closed with the land being turned over to the D.N.R.; this is in Valley Township.
  - d. Allegan County will hold a hearing January 2017 as to the future handling of the former RockTenn Paper Mill in Otsego. This is owned by Allegan County due to a bankruptcy in 2004.
7. **Public Participation.**  
There was no public participation.
8. **Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes –October 11, 2016.**  
A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Janella Hop to approve the minutes as presented.  
PASSED 5-0.
9. **November 8, 2016 General Election.**  
Clerk Mokma reported the Election went well. A total of 1472 votes were cast, for a total of 71% voter participation. The State of Michigan will be doing an audit of this Election on November 29, 2016 with Fillmore Township being one of the precincts; these audits are chosen at random by the State of Michigan.
10. **F.E.M.A. Maps**
  - a. Preliminary F.E.M.A. maps for Fillmore Township are now complete with the Maatman Jaarda Drain being looked at. Supervisor DeWeerdts representing Fillmore Township will continue to be part of the survey and study enabling Township residents to purchase flood insurance through F.E.M.A.
11. **Fillmore Township Roads.**  
The Allegan County Road Commission has completed the 2016 road work for Fillmore Township.

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**12. Supervisor Updates.**

- a. M.A.C.C. in 2016 received and spent \$41 million in State and Federal funds in the M.A.C.C. district. \$10 million is being expected in 2017.
- b. B.P.W. sewer expansion on north River Ave. is nearing completion.
- c. Supervisor DeWeerdts is seeking a date for a Study Session before the end of 2016 by the Board of Trustees. Date to be posted when decided upon.

**12. Treasurers Report.**

Balance on Hand October 1, 2016	\$327,686.26
Receipts	\$ 8,975.14
Total	\$336,163.79
Disbursements	\$ 56,477.53
Balance on Hand October 30, 2016	\$279,686.26
CD'S	
General Fund	\$150,000.00
Utility Fund	\$300,000.00

**14. Monthly Bills.**

A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to approve the bills as presented.  
PASSED 5-0.

**15. Oaths of Office.**

Those elected to the Fillmore Township Board of Trustees per the November 8, 2016 Election were sworn into office:  
Ken DeWeerdts – Supervisor; Janella Hop – Treasurer; Elaine Mokma – Clerk; Chuck Schaap – Trustee; Bob Yonker – Trustee.

**16. Meeting Adjourned.**

There being no other business presented to the Board;  
A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.  
PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Mokma, Clerk  
Fillmore Township