

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 13, 2019 7PM

**1. Call to Order.**

Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts called the meeting to order at 7pm, opened with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call.**

Members Present: Ken DeWeerdts, Elaine Mokma, Leah Folkert, Bob Yonker and Chuck Schaap.

Members Absent: None.

**3. Late Agenda Items.**

a. Supervisor DeWeerdts – Hidden Creek Sewer.

b. Allegan County Road Commissioner John Kleinheksel.

**4. Graafschap Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker reported;

a. A total of 59 calls for July 2019. There being 2 fire calls and 8 medical/rescue calls for Fillmore Township, also 1 medical/rescue call and 4 fire calls to other departments or agencies.

b. Bob Yonker, Fire Board Chairman reported on the July 22, 2019 meeting;

1. August 28, 2019 at 11am there will be an Open House of the Live Training Facility, this is a joint Facility with 7 area Fire Departments.

2. The history and future of Aerial 750 was discussed. With approximately \$11,000 in maintenance this year, the question of replacing the Aerial with a newer engine was poised. A 1997 Sutphen with a 100' platform has been found in Ohio for \$165,000.00. The Board approved the purchase of a newer used aerial with costs of purchase and into placing it in service not to exceed \$190,000.00.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Schaap to approve this decision by the Fire Board.

PASSED 5-0.

**5. Allegan County Commissioner.**

Jim Storey reported:

a. For the 8<sup>th</sup> year, on July 2019 Allegan County was received the Digital Counties Survey award from the Center for Digital Government and the National Association of Counties.

b. The Indigent Defense System is up and running, 80% funded by the State and 20% funded by fees.

c. Allegan County received \$432,000.00 from the Gun Lake Tribe.

d. The 2020-2021 Budget process is beginning looking at 3yr contracts from the Union.

e. Allegan County Medical Care Community continues to receive 5 Star Quality Ratings while providing care to 120-130 residents during financial challenging times.

f. Ottawa County is conducting a ground water study.

g. A new budget process has begun with the hope of 3-year contracts with the Union.

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

Officer Tyler Langerak reported:

a. 70 calls for July 2019. There being 34 calls for Fillmore Township and 36 calls for Overisel Township.

**7. Public Participation.**

Josh Przygocki Constituent Relations and District Director for Senator Aric Nesbitt was present updating the Board on issues within the state government.

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**8. Fillmore Township Board of Trustee Minutes – July 9, 2019.**

Upon review of the July 9, 2019 minutes;

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Mokma to approve the minutes as presented.  
PASSED 5-0.

**9. Supervisor Updates.**

a. The Fillmore Township Planning Commission met on July 12, 2019 to consider rezoning of 38 acres located at approximately 4460 52<sup>nd</sup> St., Parcel #0306-010-023-00 from AG to MIC. This request was tabled.

The Planning Commission also recommended amending Chapter 13 MIC of the Fillmore Township Zoning Ordinance.

**The above was received for information by the Board of Trustees.**

b. A letter was sent to Holland City Manager Keith VanBeek on July 18, 2019. As yet no response has been received from Mr. VanBeek.

c. Township Office property had several trees taken down from the storm on July 20-21, 2019. Clean-up has taken place and a claim has been sent to Berends Hendrick Stuit.

d. The Fillmore Township Board of Review met in July 2019 due to changes for the Hidden Creek Community Residents. Assessor James Bush created 72 new parcels for the purpose of moving taxes for garages, porches and decks to the owners. Prior these taxes were paid by the owners of the Hidden Creek Community.

e. Sheet Metal Unlimited Owner, Jack Prins submitted a building permit to add 60' x 72' addition to his existing building located at 4195 Blue Star Hwy, Parcel #0306-020-007-16. Supervisor DeWeerdts ok'd this building permit.

f. Ground has been broken and construction is under way at the Hamilton Area Veterans' Memorial Park. Fillmore Township is supporting this project by donating a Memorial Bench to honor those men and women that have served and are serving. Wording for this bench and final payment due in September 2019. Board members are asked for input of the wording.

**10. Late Agenda Items.**

a. Allegan County Road Commissioner John Kleinheksel updated the Board of Trustees on area roads and projects.

b. Hidden Creek 52<sup>nd</sup> St. Sewer approximate costs were presented to the Board. Hidden Creek owners are asking for the Township to contribute to this project.

**11. Metro Act Right of Way Extension.**

A letter agreement which extends the existing METRO Act Permit issued by Fillmore Township to Frontier Communications expires on 1.5.2020. The extension is for a term to end on 1.5.2025.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Mokma to sign this extension.  
PASSED 5-0.

**12. Treasurer's Report.**

Balance on Hand July 1, 2019	\$ 95,219.27
Receipts	\$ 39,921.95
Total	\$135,141.22
Disbursements	\$ 55,897.05
Balance on Hand July 31, 2019	\$ 79,244.17
CD's	
General Fund	\$753,387.54
Utility Fund	\$300,000.00

**13. Monthly Bills.**

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A Motion was brought Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leah Folkert to approve the bills as submitted.  
PASSED 5-0.

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**14. Next Meeting September 17, 2019.**

A reminder was given to the Board members and audience of the change of date for the September 2019 Board of Trustee meeting. Monthly bills to be paid prior to this meeting – a list of bills will be sent out to Board members prior to checks being cut.

**15. There being no other business presented to the Board;**

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Mokma to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm.  
PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Mokma, Clerk  
Fillmore Township