

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP  
ESTABLISHED 1849  
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 10, 2021 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**  
Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts called the meeting to order at 7pm, with the Board observed social distancing, Chuck Schaap opened with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Roll Call.**  
Members Present: Ken DeWeerdts, Leah Folkert, Elaine Mokma, Chuck Schaap and Bob Yonker.  
Members Absent: None
3. **Late Agenda Items.**  
None.
4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**  
Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker reported;
  - a. A total of 61 calls for January 2021. There were 9 medical calls and 2 fire calls for Fillmore Township for a total of 183 calls in 2020. There was 1 medical and 4 fire calls to other agencies.
  - b. Fire Board Chairman Bob Yonker presented the 2021-2022 Budget.  
A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to approve the proposed budget of \$679,192.00 for the Graafschap Fire Department. Fillmore Township's share is \$143,074.00 (21.19%) of that Budget, this being a combination of calls and S.E.V. from Fillmore Township.  
PASSED by Roll Call Vote:  
Bob Yonker – YES; Chuck Schaap – YES; Ken DeWeerdts – YES; Elaine Mokma – YES; Leah Folkert – YES.  
PASSED 5-0.  
Chairman Yonker expressed his appreciation to the Department for the timely response and professional manner in which calls are handled.
5. **Fillmore/Overisel Township Deputy.**  
Officer Joe Knapp reported;
  - a. 68 calls for January 2021, 53 calls for Fillmore Township and 15 calls for Overisel Township.
6. **Allegan County Commissioner.**  
Jim Storey reported;
  - a. Covid vaccinations are going well with over 10,000 individuals having received the vaccine.
  - b. The Board of Commissioners will be considering the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for 431 Helen Ave., Otsego, MI, the site of the former Rock Tenn Papermill. This Plan would allow Allegan County to seek reimbursement for demolition, clean-up, site preparation and infrastructure costs. The Brownfield Plan must first be approved by the Allegan County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, City of Otsego, followed by the Allegan County Board of Commissioners.
  - c. The Board will be considering a policy to live stream the Board meetings.
  - d. Eric Nesbitt has introduced a Senate Bill 46 for WIFI/Broadband for Allegan County.
7. **Public Participation.**  
None.
8. **Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes - January 12, 2021.**  
Upon review of the January 12, 2021 minutes;  
A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Mokma to approve these minutes as presented.  
PASSED 5-0.
9. **Fillmore Township Planning Commission – February 1, 2021 Meeting.**  
Trustee and Planning Commission member Chuck Schaap gave a verbal report of the Planning Commission meeting held February 1, 2021.
  - a. 2 rezoning request have been received. Public Hearings to consider these requests will be held on March 2, 2021 7pm.  
A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Schaap to accept the rezoning requests of H.E.S. & TB Services and forward them to the Planning Commission for the March 2, 2021 hearings.  
PASSED 5-0.
  - b. Agri-Tourism District was discussed with the Planning Commission feeling no changes are necessary at this time.
  - c. Short Term Rentals were discussed, the Planning Commission has requested Ken Dettloff

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Professional Planner for Fillmore Township to offer ideas, verbage and recommendations.

d. The Minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting were received for information.

**10. Supervisor Updates.**

a. A preliminary 2021-2022 Budget was available for the Board. A Budget Hearing will be held on March 9, 2021 at 7:30pm. Notice to be published in the Holland Sentinel.

b. A 2020 Building Permit report was received from P.C.I. for information.

c. A Consent for representation has been received from Dickinson Wright PLLC which will allow Ron Bultje to represent Fillmore Township with the City of Holland in a 425 Agreement.

d. Fillmore Township Cemetery Rates.

Upon view of the cemetery rates;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leah Folkert to increase the Resident rate from \$100.00 to \$200.00 and the Non-Resident rate from \$500.00 to \$700.00.

PASSED 5-0.

This increase will take effect immediately.

e. M.A.C.C.

a. An active signal will be installed at the intersection of 136<sup>th</sup> Ave. & M-40 in 2022, along with funds for construction on M-40 from 136<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 48<sup>th</sup> St.

b. The M.A.C.C. continues to experience staffing fluctuations.

**11. Treasurers Report.**

**General Fund.**

Balance on Hand January 1, 2021 \$ 89,208.53

Receipts \$201,855.88

\$291,064.41

Disbursements \$122,108.84

Balance on Hand January 31, 2021 \$168,955.57

**Total for General Fund \$168,955.57**

**Utility Fund.**

Balance on Hand January 1, 2021 \$ 45,140.25

Receipts \$ 13,401.52

\$ 58,541.77

Disbursements \$ 4,683.19

Balance on Hand January 31, 2021 \$ 53,858.58

**CD's**

Grand River Bank \$150,333.18

United Bank \$100,189.72

**Total for Utility Fund \$304,381.48**

**12. Monthly Bills.**

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Yonker to approve the bills as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

**13. Meeting Adjourn.**

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Yonker to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Mokma, Clerk  
Fillmore Township

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