

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 12, 2023, 7PM

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Roll Call.

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

Members Absent: Chuck Schaap was absent with notice.

3. Late Agenda Items.

a. State Representative Rachelle Smit.

4. State Representative.

State Representative Rachelle Smit was present, updating the Board on items at the State level. She currently serves on the Agricultural, Elections and the Insurance and Financial Services Committees.

5. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker submitted the following report;

a. A total of 67 calls for November 2023. There were 13 medical/rescue calls and 3 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 6 medical/rescue call and 4 fire calls to other agencies, in addition to 14 assists from other agencies.

b. January 11, 2024 the Fire Board will meet to begin the Budget for 2024-2025.

c. Hamilton Fire Board will meet on December 14, 2023 to discuss the Budget for 2024-2025.

5. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.

Officer Dillon Schmitt submitted the following report;

There were 108 calls for November 2023, 75 calls for Fillmore Township and 33 for Overisel Township.

6. Public Participation.

None.

7. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – November 14, 2023.

Upon review of the November 14, 2023 minutes as presented;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Leah Folkert to approve these minutes as presented. PASSED 4-0.

8. Fillmore Township Planning Commission – December 4, 2023.

a. Jeff Genzink of Diversified Welding & Fabrication presented final engineered drawings and a formal Site Plan for an addition.

Following a recommendation by the Planning Commission;

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve this Site Plan with the following 3 conditions as set by the Planning Commission;

1. Building address numbers need to be visible towards Blue Star Hwy.

2. Fuel storage tanks need to be in compliance with the State of Michigan requirement

3. The wall separating the existing structure and the proposed addition requires a rated door. To be confirmed by P.C.I. upon their review.

4. It was noted by the Planning Commission that a landscape plan in the Site Plan of the existing structure was not completed, this also to be completed per Fillmore Township Landscape Ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE – Bob Yonker-YES, Ken DeWeerdts-YES, Leah Folkert-YES and Elaine Mokma-YES.

Passed by Roll Call Vote 4-0.

b. The Fillmore Township Master Plan continues to be worked on for a hearing in February 2024. Township Planner Ken Dettloff to prepare the wording.

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9. Supervisor Updates.

- a. Fillmore Township Sexton John Yonker submitted an update on activity at Township Cemeteries and was present for any questions by the Board. The Board thanked Sexton Yonker for his work with the cemeteries and records.
- b. A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to return to the table the Resolution for Zoning Fees and Escrow Accounts as was table t the November 14, 2023 Board Meeting.
PASSED 4-0.
Following a Board discussion with no opposition;
A Motion was made by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to increase the following application fees as follows;
Special Use Application – Zoning Ordinance currently \$200 raised to \$500.00.
Planned Unit Development Application - Zoning Ordinance currently \$500 raised to \$1,000.00.
Rezoning and Tet Amendment Request – Zoning Ordinance currently \$500.00 raised to \$1,000.00.
Site Plan Review Application – Zoning Ordinance - currently \$300.00 raised to \$500.00.
Zoning Board of Appeals Application – Zoning Ordinance – currently \$300.00 raised to \$500.00.
Escrow Account Fees to be determined by Supervisor DeWeerdts on a need-by-need basis.
A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve the increases as presented.
ROLL CALL VOTE – Bob Yonker-YES, Ken DeWeerdts-YES, Leah Folkert-YES and Elaine Mokma-YES.
Passed by Roll Call Vote 4-0.
This will be Resolution 2023-7.
- c. Fillmore Township 2024 Roadwork.
 1. 52nd St. 141st to 138th Ave be repaved
 2. 139th Ave. Blue Star Hwy to 60th St. to be repaved.
 3. 138th Ave. 48th St. to 50th St. to be repaved.The Board to consider chip seal depending on the bids for the above paving.
A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Ken DeWeerdts to send the above road requests to the Allegan County Road Commission.
PASSED 4-0.
The annual Primary Road meeting for Fillmore Township will be held a the Allegan County Road Commission office on January 4, 2024 at 7pm.
- d. Ron Bultje Attorney for Fillmore Township continues to work on the Well House Lease details and an upcoming 425 agreement with the City of Holland with property formally owned by Leon Slikkers.
- e. Supervisor DeWeerdts has requested John Yonker be appointed Deputy Supervisor to assist with office duties during vacations and other times that Supervisor DeWeerdts is unable to be in the office for extended times.
A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve this appointment of John Yonker as Deputy Supervisor of Fillmore Township.
PASSED 4-0.
- f. A semi annual report of the Allegan County Resource Recovery Program was received for information.

10. Allegan County Commissioner.

- Commissioner Jim Storey reported;
- a. Resignations of the Medial Examiner and the Health Director. The Deputy Medical Examiner will assume the responsibility of Medical Examiner and the job of the Health Director will be posted.
 - b. Talks continue regarding the Caulkins Dam.
 - c. Holtec has applied to restart the shuttered Palisades plant which includes new licenses and a possible addition to the plant.

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d. The Board of Commissioners is considering County-wide regulations for septic tanks.

11. Treasurer's Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand November 1, 2023	\$170,352.16
Receipts	\$ 14,253.88
Disbursements	\$152,542.86
Balance on Hand November 30, 2023	\$ 32,063.18

CD's

General Fund	\$769,047.84
Total General Fund	\$801,111.02

Utility Fund

Balance on November 1, 2023	\$ 48,795.84
Receipts	\$ 20,394.54
Disbursements	\$ 3,854.18
Balance on Hand November 30, 2023	\$ 65,336.20

CD's

Utility Fund	\$101,245.21
Total Utility Fund	\$166,581.41

12. Monthly Bills

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A Motion was received from Bob Yonker and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve the bills as presented, those bills being Payroll, General Fund, Utility Fund.

PASSED 4-0.

14. Meeting Adjourned.

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

PASSED 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township