

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 12, 2023, 7PM

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Roll Call.

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

Members Absent: None

3. Late Agenda Items.

a. ComCast Franchise.

4. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker submitted the following report;

a. A total of 69 calls for August 2023. There were 9 medical/rescue calls and 6 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 5 medical/rescue calls to other agencies, in addition to 4 fire assists from other agencies.

5. Graafschap Fire Board.

Fire Board Chairman Bob Yonker submitted the following report;

- a. 24-hr. staffing & benefits update to support retention and staffing plan. Target date for implementation is July 1, 2026. This would add three 24hr firefighters with an approximate cost to Fillmore Township of \$60,000/fiscal year.
- b. Bids have been requested from Spencer & Toyne for a pumper/tanker. Currently a bid of \$570,000 has been received from Spencer, a bid from Toyne is coming shortly. Bids not to exceed \$600,000.00, with delivery May 2025.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to approve the proposal and purchase of a pumper/tank with cost not to exceed \$600,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Bob Yonker – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, Ken DeWeerdts – YES, Leah Folkert – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES.

PASSED.

6. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.

Officer Dillon Schmitt submitted the following report;

There were 79 calls for August 2023, 46 calls for Fillmore Township and 33 for Overisel Township.

7. Allegan County Commissioner.

Commissioner Jim Storey submitted the following report;

- a. 2024 Budget process is beginning.
- b. Commissioner handed out a news release pertaining to Holtec International and Wolverine Power Cooperative Signing a Historic Agreement for the restart of Palisades Nuclear Power Plant.
- c. Broadband Grant funding is still be awaited from Lansing.
- d. The Board of Commissioners are looking at a Resolution to oppose Local Government losing control of Windmill Farms.
- e. Bids are being taken for the remodel of the Allegan County Courthouse building.

8. Fillmore Township Cemeteries.

Cemetery Sexton, John Yonker has requested to purchase Stainless Steel Lot Markers and bolts from Holland Supply Inc.. These will enable him to mark new plots and be easily located even is snow covered or they become sunken.

A Motion was received from Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to allow Sexton Yonker to purchase the markers and bolts.

PASSED 5-0.

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9. Early Voting Update.

Clerk Mokma gave the following update regarding Early Voting;

- a. New equipment has been ordered through the Allegan County Clerk's Office.
- b. Early Voting for Fillmore Township Voters will be at the Fillmore Township Hall, hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm. The date for the Presidential Primary has yet to be determined.
- c. An Early Voting Resolution was presented to the Board for approval to establish an Early Voting Precinct at the Fillmore Township Hall;

A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Leah Folkert to approve the Early Voting Resolution 2-2023.

PASSED 5-0.

10. Public Participation

- a. Fillmore Township resident Monica Boeve was present and provided the Board with an update regarding the Hamilton School and Zeeland School boundary lines where it pertains to her property on 146th.

11. ComCast Franchise Agreement.

Fillmore Township has received a Franchise Agreement from ComCast enabling them to provide service to residents in the southwest part of Fillmore Township.

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve this agreement.

Passed 5-0.

12. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – August 8, 2023.

Upon review of the August 8, 2023 minutes;

A Motion was received from Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve these minutes as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

13. Fillmore Township Planning Commission Minutes – August 7, 2023

These Minutes were received as information.

Supervisor DeWeerdts reported on the meeting of last evening, September 11, 2023

- a. A Public Hearing was held on September 11, 2023 regarding the Solar Farm Ordinance. There being no opposition from the Public, the Planning Commission has recommended this Solar Ordinance being adopted,

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Bob Yonker to adopt the Solar Ordinance as recommend by the Planning Commission.

PASSED 5-0

- b. A Public Hearing was held on September 11, 2023 to review a Site Plan for X-treme Auto. The Planning Commission approved the Site Plan with the requirements set forth by 6a of the meeting minutes.

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to approve the Site Plan as was presented to the Planning Commission with the requirements set forth by 6a of the meeting minutes.

PASSED 5-0.

14. Supervisor Updates.

- a. The upgrade to the Well House/Water Tower has been completed.
- b. The monthly MACC meeting was held at the Fillmore Township Hall in August. Long Range Plans was the focus of the meeting. Boeve Farms provided a beautiful assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables for MACC members to choose from upon leaving.

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c. Rabbit River Water/Sewer Frontages.

A payment plan has been agreed upon for the costs of water and Sewer to property on M-40 and 143rd Ave.

Water Frontage will be due at 100% payment up front.

Sewer Frontage 491' upfront & remainder to be 5 equal payments to be placed on the Winter

Tax Bill at an interest rate of ½%, this being for the 2025-2030 Winter Tax bills.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Leah Folkert to approve the above Water/Sewer Frontage agreements as set by Supervisor DeWeerd with Rabbit River owners.

PASSED 5-0.

15. Treasurer's Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand August 1, 2023	\$116,736.22
Receipts	\$ 60,450.65
Disbursements	\$ 37,264.61
Balance on Hand August 31, 2023	\$139,922.26

CD's

General Fund	\$1,111,167.14
Total General Fund	\$1,251,089.40

Utility Fund

Balance on August 1, 2023	\$ 49,550.24
Receipts	\$ 460.22
Disbursements	\$ 3,404.02
Balance on Hand August 31, 2023	\$ 46,606.44

CD's

Utility Fund	\$100,000.00
Grand Total August 31, 2023	\$146,606.44

16. Monthly Bills

Upon review of the bills as presented;

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

PASSED 5-0.

17. Meeting Adjourned.

There being no other business presented to the Board;

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

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township

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