

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 9, 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. Window Shade Estimates – Township Hall.

**4. Graafschap Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker reported;

a. A total of 54 calls for April 2023. There were 11 medical/rescue calls and 2 fire call for Fillmore Township, there were 4 fire calls and 1 medical/rescue calls to other agencies.

**5. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.**

Officer Dillon Schmitt submitted the following report;

a. There were 81 calls for April 2023, 50 calls for Fillmore Township and 31 for Overisel Township.

**6. Allegan County Commissioner.**

Jim Storey reported;

a. Liberty Power is no longer looking at Fillmore and Overisel Township as potential sites for renewable energy.

b. Emergency Manager, Sarah Clark was given a tour of the Palisades Nuclear Plant.

c. Broad Band group looking at cell phone coverage.

d. Judge Robert Kengis has announced his retirement for June 30, 2023. The Governor will appoint a successor and this individual will run on the 2024 ballot.

e. The Board of Commissioners has submitted a resolution to the DNR requesting expansion of uses in the Allegan County State Game Area.

f. The Board of Commissioners will be adopting the Strategic Plan 2023-2027. The Plan sets the schedule of projects & systems.

**7. Public Participation**

None.

**8. Fillmore Township Special Election – May 2, 2023**

Clerk Mokma reported approximately a 22% turnout from Fillmore Township residents. The AVCB tabulated 306 ballots and the Precinct tabulated 219 votes, with both machines having no issues in tabulation.

**9. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – March 14, 2023.**

Upon review of the March 14, 2023 minutes;

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Yonker to approve the minutes as presented. PASSED 5-0.

**10. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.**

Planning Commission member Chuck Schaap reported from the May 1, 2023 meeting;

a. The Fillmore Township Zoning Ordinance concerning Solar Farms was un-tabled. Ken Dettloff will bring a 2<sup>nd</sup> draft to the Planning Commission.

b. O.D.C. informed the Township of plans to demolish the former Township Hall which was being used for classroom purposes. A new building will be constructed using the same footprint, thereby needing no Site Plan.

c. Land Use Plan changes – Ken Dettloff will advise. A Public Hearing will be required for input prior to any changes.

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**11. Supervisor Updates.**

a. A FEMA flood plan was OK'd by the Township June 21, 2022;  
A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leah Folkert to adopt this Ordinance, this will allow homeowners wishing to build in a flood plain area the ability to buy Flood Plain Insurance.  
PASSED 5-0.

b. Fillmore Township well house and water tower continue to have communication issues with AT&A. Supervisor DeWeerdts continues to monitor the situation to ensure residents have adequate service.

c. Fillmore Township Roads Crack fill to be done at an approximate cost of \$53,000. This will be approximately 7 miles.

d. A bid of \$2,100 was received from MSR Asphalt Services for cleaning, sealing cracks and re-striping the Township Parking Lot.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken DeWeerdts to accept this bid of \$2,100.  
PASSED 5-0.

e. May 24 Supervisor DeWeerdts and M.A.C.C. staff will meet to discuss growth and transportation as it relates to Fillmore Township.

**12. Late Agenda Items.**

Clerk Mokma has obtained 2 estimates for new window blinds for the Township Hall. The bids do not reflect the options as requested. Companies submitting these bids will be contacted again and will be requested to submit new estimates to include these options.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Yonker to allow the Supervisor and Clerk to order the blinds following new estimates being received.

PASSED 5-0.

**13. Treasurer's Report.**

**General Fund**

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance on Hand April 1, 2023  | \$465,209.79 |
| Receipts                       | \$ 55,097.00 |
| Disbursements                  | \$431,904.31 |
| Balance on Hand April 30, 2023 | \$ 88,402.48 |

**CD's**

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| General Fund       | \$1,281,303.23 |
| Total General Fund | \$1,369,705.71 |

**Utility Fund**

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance on Hand April 1, 2023  | \$ 41,437.94 |
| Receipts                       | \$100,695.78 |
| Disbursements                  | \$ 2,517.06  |
| Balance on Hand April 30, 2023 | \$139,616.66 |

**CD's**

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Utility Fund               | \$ 0.00      |
| Grand Total April 30, 2023 | \$139,616.66 |

**13. Monthly Bills**

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A Motion was received from Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leah Folkert to approve the bills as presented, those bills being Payroll, General Fund, Utility Fund.

PASSED 5-0.

**14. Meeting Adjourned.**

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Mokma to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Mokma, Clerk  
Fillmore Township

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