

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 14, 2023 7PM

1. Call to Order.

Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts call the meeting to order. Chuck Schaap 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. None.

4. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker reported;

a. A total of 77 February calls for 2023. There were 14 medical/rescue calls and 8 fire call for Fillmore Township, there were 3 fire calls and 2 medical/rescue calls to other agencies.

b. Bob Yonker Fire Board Chairman reports receiving a letter of retirement effective April 1, 2023, from fire department member Wayne Mokma. Mr. Mokma has served the residents of Fillmore and Laketown Township for over 50 years; his knowledge and expertise will be missed. An open house celebrating his retirement will be set.

5. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.

Officer Dillon Schmitt submitted the following report;

a. There were 96 calls for February 2023, 69 calls for Fillmore Township and 27 for Overisel Township.

6. Allegan County Commissioner.

Jim Storey reported;

a. 123NET filed a 30 million ROBIN grant application. This has bipartisan support. If no opposition presents in 45 days construction should begin in August 2023.

b. Community Mental Health has moved to their new office space leaving the Allegan County Building. Board of Commissioners continue to look at all non-court functions move to the County Services Building. 3 Elected officials from Allegan County have filed a lawsuit against the Board of Commissioners over plans to move offices. Commissioner Storey presented a press release to the Board of Trustees in response to this lawsuit.

c. Lake Allegan Dam talks continue.

d. The Palisades Plant could possibly be repowered.

e. Allegan County Board of Commissioners have hired Sarah Clark to assume the position of Emergency Manager.

7. Public Hearing – Fillmore Township Budget 2023 – 2024.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Leah Folkert to open the Public Hearing at 7:30pm. PASSED 5-0.

Supervisor DeWeerdts read the Public Notice as it recently appeared in the Holland Sentinel.

Supervisor reviewed the Budget and how funds are raised and dispersed. There being no public comment or input;

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to close the Public Hearing. PASSED 5-0.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Leah Folkert to accept this Budget as presented. PASSED 5-0. A roll call vote – Ken DeWeerdts – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES, Leah Folkert – YES, Bob Yonker – YES.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote.

8. Public Participation

None.

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

Upon review of the February 14, 2023 minutes;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Ken DeWeerd to approve the minutes as presented.
PASSED 5-0.

10. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.

Planning Commission member Chuck Schaap reported the Planning Commission will hold a Special Meeting on March 20, 2023 at 7PM to consider;

- a. Fillmore Township Land Use Map
- b. H.E.S. Site Plan
- c. Special Use Permit for West Michigan Towing for 4--- M-40
- d. A Rezoning request from Mark & David Geurink for property located at --- 141st Ave.

11. Supervisor Updates.

- a. Due to the absence of the Supervisor for the April 11, 2023 Board meeting;

A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Bob Yonker to cancel the April 11, 2023 meeting and to pre-approve the bills.

PASSED 5-0.

Should significant business be presented to the Board of Trustees and alternate meeting date will be sought. A notice to be posted and Township website will reflect the cancellation.

- b. The work order for paving projects for the 2023 season was received from the Allegan County Road Commission. Current bids reflect a possibility of \$47,000 available to additional work.
- c. The Fillmore Township Board of Review is meeting this week. To date there have been no appointments.

12. Treasurer's Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand February 1, 2023	\$ 58,297.17
Receipts	\$1,056,692.62
Disbursements	\$ 338,252.62
Balance on Hand February 28, 2023	\$ 776,737.17

CD's

General Fund	\$753,684.46
Total General Fund	\$1,530,421.63

Utility Fund

Balance on Hand February 1, 2023	\$141,099.61
Receipts	\$ 17,137.06
	\$158,236.67
Disbursements	\$105,720.19
Balance on Hand February 28, 2023	\$ 52,516.48

CD's

Utility Fund	\$201,775.39
Grand Total February 28, 2023	\$254,291.87

13. Monthly Bills

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A Motion was received from Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma 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 Chuck Schaap and 2nd 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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