

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 9, 2024, 7PM

**1. Call to Order.**

Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts called the meeting to order, Bob Yonker 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. Early Voting Update.

**4. Graafschap Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker submitted the following report;

a. A total of 56 calls for December 2023 and 179 calls for Fillmore Township in 2023. There were 16 medical/rescue calls and 0 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 1 medical/rescue call and 4 fire calls to other agencies.

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

**5. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.**

Officer Dillon Schmitt submitted the following report;

There were 85 calls for December 2023, 56 calls for Fillmore Township and 29 for Overisel Township for a total of 1109 calls in 2023, 738 for Fillmore Township and 371 for Overisel Township.

**6. Allegan County Commissioner.**

Jim Storey reported;

a. January 11, 2024 the Board of Commissioners will hold their organizational meeting and will also interviews for the Director of the Allegan County Health Department.

b. Renovation has begun on the Allegan County Court House.

c. A Ballot effort seeking to repeal Lansing control of solar was handed out to the Board.

**7. Hamilton Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Dave Haverdink presented;

a. The 2023 Annual Report which showed a total of 519 calls for 2023 compared to 526 call for 2022. Currently the department has 22 members.

b. The 2024-2025 Budget was also presented of which is Fillmore's share is \$85,336.00 – 13%. A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Mokma to approve the proposed budget for Hamilton Fire Department.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote:

Bob Yonker – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, Ken DeWeerdts – YES, Leah Folkert – YES and Elaine Mokma – YES.

PASSED 5-0.

**8. Overisel Fire Department.**

Supervisor DeWeerdts reported;

Overisel Fire Department showing 175 calls for 2023, of which 35 calls were for Fillmore Township.

**9. Perceptive Controls.**

Larry West representing Perceptive Controls was present to answer any questions that the Board might have concerning the 2023 installation of the Opto Groov PLC control platform and SCADA system for the Township Water System. The system is running smoothly and allows Perceptive and Township Officials to watch the functions.

**10. Public Participation.**

None.

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**11. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – December 12, 2023.**

Upon review of the December 12, 2023 minutes as presented;  
A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leah Folkert to approve these minutes as presented.  
PASSED 5-0.

**12. Fillmore Township Planning Commission – February 5, 2024.**

a. The Fillmore Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on February 5, 2024 to discuss the Fillmore Township Master Land Use Plan.

**13. Supervisor Updates.**

- a. 2024 Paving projects for Fillmore Township
1. 52<sup>nd</sup> St. – 140<sup>th</sup> Ave to 138<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  2. 139<sup>th</sup> Ave. – Blue Star Hwy to 60<sup>th</sup> St.
  3. 138<sup>th</sup> Ave. – 48<sup>th</sup> St. to M-40.
- b. Following a conversation with Keith VanBeek, Holland City Manager, Fillmore Township should be seeing Draft 425 agreement with the City regarding 3 properties recently purchased by LG Chem.
- c. P.C.I. submitted a 2023 building permit report, showing a total of 99 permits issued totally \$20,727,457.00, this total doesn't include Agricultural permits.
- d. A preliminary 2024-2025 Budget for Fillmore Township will be available at the February 13, 2024 Board meeting, with a Public Hearing for the adoption of the 2024-2025 Budget at the March 12, 2024 meeting.
- e. Early Voting Clerk Compensation.  
Following a discussion by the Board regarding the 9-day Early Voting which adds to the Clerk's responsibilities;  
A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken DeWeerd to compensate the Clerk \$2,000 for every State and Federal Election in 2024 which requires the 9-day Early Voting.  
PASSED 5-0.
- f. A Thank-you card of correspondence was received from Kim Greving.

**14. Treasurer's Report.**

**General Fund**

Balance on Hand December 1, 2023	\$ 32,063.18
Receipts	\$292,279.73
Disbursements	\$ 49,372.90
Balance on Hand December 31, 2023	\$274,970.01

**CD's**

General Fund	\$670,310.92
Total General Fund	\$945,280.93

**Utility Fund**

Balance on December 1, 2023	\$ 65,336.20
Receipts	\$ 78,718.86
Disbursements	\$ 4,436.89
Balance on Hand December 31, 2023	\$139,618.17

**CD's**

Utility Fund	\$101,245.21
Total Utility Fund	\$240,863.38

**15. 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.

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**16. Meeting Adjourned.**

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerd and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Mokma to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Mokma, Clerk  
Fillmore Township