

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP
ESTABLISHED 1849
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 9, 2010 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**
Clerk Kenneth DeWeerdts called the meeting to order at 7PM. Janella Hop opened with prayer.
2. **Roll Call.**
Members Present: Kenneth DeWeerdts, Janella Hop, Chuck Schaap, and Robert Yonker.
Members Absent: Keith Potter was absent with notice.
3. **Late Agenda Items.**
 - a. Judge William Baillargeon.
 - b. Doug Troost.
 - c. Annual Township Meeting.
4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**
Fire Chief Cal Haverdink reported 19 runs in February, 3 rescues into Fillmore Township.
5. **Fillmore Township Deputy Report.**
Allegan County Deputy Ron Haverdink reported 31 calls in January and 37 calls in February.
6. **Allegan County Commissioner.**
No Report.
7. **2010 Census.**
Denise Mokma submitted a written report. Several present in the audience have received a notice of upcoming census cards. It is important to reply by filling out census information and sending them back promptly.
8. **Judge William Baillargeon.**
The Honorable Judge reported from the Allegan County District Court. Several programs were discussed including Methamphetamine Program, Court in Schools, and the C.A.S.A. Program (Court Appointed Special Advocate).

9. Fillmore Township Roads.

The Board has decided on a maintenance program this year. This involves a seal-coat process on roads that are somewhat degraded but not to the point of resurfacing. The Allegan County Road Commission estimates this will prolong the surface of the road by 3-5 years.

The following roads to be seal coated are:

- a. 138th Ave. – M-40 to 48th St.
- b. 50th St. – 1.5 miles south from Ottogan.
- c. 52nd St. – 138th Ave. to 140th Ave.
- d. 140th Ave. – 52nd St. to 54th St.
- e. 140th Ave. – 56th to 60th St., extra maintenance may be needed at the west end.
- f. 142nd Ave. – 56th to 58th St.

A motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to inform the Allegan County Road Commission of the intended roadwork.

PASSED 4-0.

10. 2010-2011 Fillmore Township Budget

As noted in the Holland Sentinel a Public Hearing on the 2010-2011 Fillmore Township Budget will be held at this meeting.

A motion was brought by Kenneth DeWeerd and 2nd by Janella Hop to open the Public Hearing by reading the notice as it appeared in the Holland Sentinel.

PASSED 4-0.

Kenneth DeWeerd explained the budget by giving line-by-line information on both the proposed revenue and expenditures expected for the coming fiscal year. There were several positive comments given to the Board for wise spending. There was no negative input.

A motion was brought by Kenneth DeWeerd and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to close the Public Hearing.

PASSED 4-0.

A motion was brought by Chuck Schaap 2nd by Robert Yonker to approve the Budget as presented and to keep a diligent watch on spending as revenues decline and costs of operations continue to increase.

Roll Call Vote:

Chuck Schaap – YES.

Robert Yonker – YES.

Kenneth DeWeerd – YES.

Janella Hop – YES.

11. Fillmore Township/City of Holland Resolution.

A special meeting of the Fillmore Township Board of Trustees is set for March 10, 2010 at 6:30PM at the Township Office to set the date for a Public Hearing on March 24, 2010 at 7:00PM. For a discussion on a Mutual Consent Annexation for Parcel #0306-003-027-10 and Parcel #0306-003-002-00(pt.) An Urban Cooperation

Agreement, Retail Water Agreement and Sewer Agreement between Fillmore Township and the City of Holland will be discussed.

12. Second Chance Ranch.

Curtis McFarland, Administrator for Second Chance Ranch, a home for released prisoners, men with addictions and homeless individuals. This business was established in August 2009 without the knowledge of the Township Board. Since that time the Board was made aware of the activity happening at this residence at 4351 60th St. A check of the facility showed several violations to our building codes. Mr. McFarland was notified by letter to make the corrections or cease operation of business in 30 days. The letter was dated February 9, 2010.

Mr. McFarland informed the Board that the corrections have been completed, and he asks the Board for continued use of the house for the stated purpose.

A motion was brought by Kenneth DeWeerd and 2nd by Robert Yonker to allow an extension of business until the Zoning questions are addressed.

PASSED 4-0.

13. Doug Troost.

Mr. Troost was present asking for a mud run on the 1st Saturday of June 2010, with monies raised for the American Cancer Society. The Board advised Mr. Troost there would be no more mud runs on this property because of various problems in the past. However if he still feels strongly about possible Board approval he can be formally placed on the agenda at a later date.

14. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.

Chuck Schaap reviewed the minutes of the February 15, 2010 meeting. The main discussion was around Zoning Ordinance changes that would allow a campground on private property.

15. Fillmore Township Board Minutes.

A motion was brought by Janella Hop and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to approve the February 9, 2010 Board minutes as presented.

PASSED 4-0.

16. Monthly Bills.

A motion was brought by Kenneth DeWeerd and 2nd by Janella Hop to pay the bills as submitted.

PASSED 4-0.

17. Fillmore Township Annual Meeting.

The Board discussed holding an Annual Meeting on April 10, 2010. In the past attendance has been very small with only 3-4 residents.

With no major issues to be discussed, the financial statement could be available at the regular Board meeting on April 13, 2010. No Annual Meeting is planned.

18. Public Participation.

None.

19. Treasurer's Report.

Balance on Hand February 1, 2010	\$201,876.59
Receipts	\$ 2,047.57
Total	\$203,924.16
Disbursements	\$ 45,445.45
Balance on Hand February 28, 2010	\$158,478.71

Meeting Adjourned 8:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kenneth DeWeerd, Clerk
Fillmore Township