

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

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FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 9, 2021 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**  
Supervisor Ken DeWeerdt call the meeting to order Ken DeWeerdt opened with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Roll Call.**  
Members Present: Ken DeWeerdt, Elaine Mokma, Bob Yonker, Leah Folkert and Chuck Schaap.  
Members Absent: None
3. **Late Agenda Items.**  
None.
4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**  
Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker reported;
  - a. A total of 63 calls for October 2021. There were 11 medical/rescue calls and 4 fire calls for Fillmore Township, there were 6 fire calls to other agencies.
5. **Allegan County Commissioner.**  
Jim Storey reported;
  - a. The County's apportionment commission adopted a five-member plan during a Friday, Nov. 5, meeting, which took place at the County headquarters in Allegan. Mr. Storey District 1 would be made up of Laketown Township, City of Holland, Fillmore Township, Overisel Township and Salem Township.
  - b. The Board of Commissioners discussed potential changes to the Board of Rule of Organization;
    1. Legal Counsel at Board Meetings beginning in 2022.
    2. The Board of Commissioners are also considered Board of Public Health. The Board of Health will hold quarterly meetings beginning in 2022.
  - c. The Broadband action group continues to meet.
  - d. December 9, 2021 will be the last meeting for 2021.
6. **Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.**  
Officer Joe Knapp reported;
  - a. There were 77 calls for October 2021, 50 calls for Fillmore Township and 22 for Overisel Township.
7. **Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – October 12, 2021.**  
Upon review of the October 12, 2021 minutes;  
A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Schaap to approve the minutes as presented.  
PASSED 5-0.
8. **November 2, 2021 Election.**  
Clerk Mokma reported the Election went well. A total of 432 votes were cast, 160 in the precinct and 272 absentee ballots for a total of 20% voter participation.
9. **Supervisor Updates.**
  - a. **Planning Commission Meeting November 1, 2021.**
    1. Bob Piers was present seeking a Land Use Plan Change for the southern portion of parcel 0306-018-025-00. Township Planner Ken Dettloff will prepare the notice for a tentative meeting date of February 7, 2022 this being a quarterly meeting for the Planning Commission.
    2. Karl Keuning has entered into a purchase agreement with D & L Services and requests a Special Use Permit for a 2.5 acres, parcel # 0306-019-001-01 The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on December 7, 2021, with a Notice to the Holland Sentinel and notices to property owners within 300ft of the above property. A Site Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission should the Special Use Permit be approved.
    3. Al Bomers owner of commercial property at 4284 Blue Star Hwy was present seeking advice on what is necessary to construct another phase of his Site Plan that was

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approved in 2007. Township Planner Ken Dettloff inspected the 2007 Site Plan and recommended that all is sufficient for proceeding to obtain a building permit.

- 4. 2022 Quarterly meeting dates – February 7, May 2, August 1 and November 7, 2022.
- 5. Planning Commission Chairman and Secretary positions to continue the same for 2022.

**b. Fillmore Township Roads.**

The Allegan County Road Commission submitted a Road Paser Ratings and Project Planning for 2022. The A.C.R.C. requests the Township to submit pave/resurface and chip seal/crack seal for 2022 following the December 2021 Board meeting. Supervisor DeWeerdts will forward preliminary road ideas to the Board.

**c. Fillmore Township 2021 Drain Assessments.**

A report from the Allegan County Drain Commission was received for information.

**d. Fire Department SEV**

2021 Total SEV for Graafschap, Hamilton and Overisel Fire Departments were received for information.

**e. Prein & Newhof Holiday Open House December 3, 2021.**

Please R.S.V.P. to Elaine by November 19, 2021.

**f. 60<sup>th</sup> & Blue Star Hwy Street Light Request.**

Due to safety concerns, a request will be made by Laketown and Fillmore Township to Consumers Energy for a streetlight at this intersection.

**10. Treasurer’s Report.**

**General Fund**

Balance on Hand October 1, 2021	\$333,047.45
Receipts	\$ 83,169.70
	\$416,217.15
Disbursements	\$217,716.72
Balance on Hand October 31, 2021	\$198,500.43

**CD’s**

General Fund	\$425,541.80
Total General Fund	\$624,042.23

**Utility Fund**

Balance on Hand October 1, 2021	\$ 19,389.94
Receipts	\$ 1,030.10
	\$ 20,420.04
Disbursements	\$ 10,694.39
Transfer from Cash Sweep Account	\$ 16,629.06
Balance on Hand October 31, 2021	\$ 26,354.71

**CD’s**

Utility Fund	\$278,667.14
Grand Total October 31, 2021	\$305,021.85

In the November 2021 Township Focus, a reminder for tax collection office hours. Treasurer Folkert has requested permission of the Township Board to hold required office hours on December 31, 2021, 9am to 5pm. Since Township residents are familiar with December 31 as the last day to pay property taxes for the year, the Board is in agreement with Treasurer Folkert.

**11. Monthly Bills**

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A Motion was received from Elaine Mokma and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leah Folkert to approve the bills as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

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**12. 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 7:42 pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Mokma, Clerk  
Fillmore Township