

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP  
ESTABLISHED 1849  
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
January 11, 2022 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**  
Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts call the meeting to order Leah Folkert 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. M.A.C.C. Update
  - b. Overisel Fire Department 2021 Report
4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**  
Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker reported;
  - a. A total of 104 calls for December 2021 for a total of 850 calls for 2021. There were 25 medical/rescue calls and 3 fire calls for Fillmore Township, there were 2 fire calls and 3 medical/rescue calls to other agencies.
  - b. Fire Board Chairman Bob Yonker presented the 2022-2023 Budget;  
A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Schaap to approve the proposed amount of \$750,256.00 for the Graafschap Fire Department. Fillmore Township's share is \$171,509.00 of that Budget, this being a combination of calls and S.E.V. from Fillmore Township.  
PASSED by Roll Call Vote:  
Bob Yonker – YES; Chuck Schaap – YES; Ken DeWeerdts – YES; Elaine Mokma – YES;  
Leah Folkert – YES.  
PASSED 5-0.  
Board Chairman Yonker also brought a suggestion to the Township Board to possibly authorized \$20,000 of ARPA funds be used for the Graafschap Fire Department. This was taken as information by the Board.
5. **Hamilton Fire Department.**
  - a. Fire Board Member Bob Yonker reported on the 2022-2023 Budget;  
Fire Chief David Haverdink will be present at the February 2022 Board Meeting, at this point the Fire Board has proposed the amount of approximately \$87,000 being Fillmore Township's share of the 2022-2023 Budget. Chief Haverdink will also be proposing the purchase of a new smaller 1 ton medical squad for approximately \$195,000.00. With the addition of this equipment, the Fire Station will need to add another bay with the approximate cost being \$180,000.00. Fillmore Township's share to be approximately \$55,000.  
The Township Board will be considering using A.R.P.A. Funds to cover the costs.  
Fire Board Member Tim Hoffman expressed his appreciation and respect for the area Fire Department members as they continue to serve the community.
6. **Overisel Fire Department.**  
The Department responded to a total of 163 calls for 2021-2022, with 45 of them being in Fillmore Township. The Board received this report for information.
7. **Allegan County Commissioner.**  
Jim Storey reported;
  - a. January 13, 2022 will be the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for 2022 with the election of officers and possible Rules of Organization changes.
  - b. The Board of Commissioners continues to discuss the spending of A.R.P.A. Funds.
  - c. Allegan County Community Mental Health has obtained a loan of \$5.6 Million for the former Shop Co Building.
  - d. The Board of Commissioners continue to monitor the Federal Vaccine Mandate for Covid-19 vaccines.
8. **Late Agenda Items.**

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- a. At a recent M.A.C.C. meeting, it was reported of an extra \$430,000.00 being available for Construction/Transportation.
  - b. The M.A.C.C. has narrowed the search for an Executive Director and has recommended Jason Latham be hired.
- 9. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.**  
Officer Joe Knapp reported;
- a. There were 75 calls for December 2021, 52 calls for Fillmore Township and 23 for Overisel Township.
  - b. The Board of Trustees has received for information an Updated Schedule A & B and County Law Enforcement Services Agreement.
- 10. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – December 14, 2021.**  
Upon review of the December 14, 2021 minutes;  
A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Mokma to approve the minutes as presented.  
PASSED 5-0.
- 11. Public Participation.**  
None.
- 12. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.**
- a. **Planning Commission Meeting February 7, 2022.**  
This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly meeting of 2022 for the Planning Commission. The Board will considered a rezoning request of Bob Piers.
- 13. Supervisor Updates.**
- a. January 6, 2022 the Allegan County Road Commission held their 2022 Primary Road Millage Meeting.  
141<sup>st</sup> Ave. from 60<sup>th</sup> St. to 48<sup>th</sup> St. will be chip sealed.
  - b. A preliminary 2022-2023 Budget for Fillmore Township will be available at the February 8, 2022 Board meeting, with a Public Hearing for the adoption of the 2022-2023 Budget at the March 8, 2022 meeting.
  - c. Fillmore Township 2021-2022 Budget Amendments.  
The following amendments will be made to the 2021-2022 Budget;
    - 1. Drains - \$22,000.00 to \$60,000.00
    - 2. Library - \$24,000.00 to \$27,500.00
    - 3. Legal - \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00
    - 4. Planning Commission - \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Yonker to accept these Budget Amendments as presented.  
PASSED 5-0.
  - d. Elected Officials Salaries.  
A Motion was brought by Ken DeWeerdts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Schaap to increase the salaries by approximately 3% for the 2022-2023 Budget.  
Supervisor - \$28,200.00; Clerk - \$16,500.00; Treasurer - \$18,200.00 Trustees - \$3,800.00.  
Planning Commission and Board of Appeals increase of \$10.00 per meeting.  
Township Secretary increase of \$500.00.  
A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Yonker to approve these increases with the exception of the Township Secretary, with that increase being of \$1,000.00.  
PASSED by Roll Call Vote:  
Bob Yonker – YES; Chuck Schaap – YES; Ken DeWeerdts – YES; Elaine Mokma – YES; Leah Folkert – YES.  
PASSED 5-0.
  - e. A 2021-2022 Building Report was received from Professional Code Inspectors as information.
- 14. Treasurer’s Report.**  
**General Fund**

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Balance on Hand December 1, 2021	\$111,560.27
Receipts	\$ 52,359.01
	\$163,919.28
Disbursements	\$ 23,597.41
Balance on Hand December 31, 2021	\$140,321.87
<b>CD's</b>	
General Fund	\$425,641.23
Total General Fund	\$565,963.10
<b>Utility Fund</b>	
Balance on Hand December 1, 2021	\$ 33,791.08
Receipts	\$ 7,658.22
	\$ 41,449.30
Disbursements	\$ 4,458.03
Transfer from Cash Sweep Account	\$ -2,541.27
Balance on Hand December 31, 2021	\$ 34,450.00
<b>CD's</b>	
Utility Fund	\$273,992.12
Grand Total December 31, 2021	\$308,442.12

**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.  
PASSED 5-0.

**16. Meeting Adjourned.**

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Mokma to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.  
PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Mokma, Clerk  
Fillmore Township