

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 14, 2024, 7PM

1. Call to Order.

Trustee Chuck Schaap in the absence of Supervisor Ken DeWeerdts called the meeting to order, opened with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call.

Members Present: Elaine Mokma, Bob Yonker, Leah Folkert and Chuck Schaap.

Members Absent with notice: Ken DeWeerdts

3. Late Agenda Items.

- a. Allegan County Prosecuting Attorney – Myrene Koch
- b. Allegan County Sheriff – Frank Baker
- c. 425 Agreement with Holland City
- d. 52nd St/Ottogan Rd. Bridge
- e. Fillmore Township Website
- f. Graafschap Fire Board

4. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker submitted the following report;

- a. A total of 60 calls for April 2024. There were 8 medical/rescue calls and 1 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 2 medical/rescue calls, 4 fire calls to other agencies and 1 assist from other agencies.
- b. Bob Yonker from the Graafschap Fire Department Fire Board reported on an April 25, 2024 meeting, the Board is looking at aging staff and increasing need for more full-time staff. The Board is looking at the 2026 Budget to meet these needs.

5. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.

Officer Dillon Schmitt submitted the following report;

- a. There were 53 calls for April 2024, 38 calls for Fillmore Township and 15 for Overisel Township.

6. Allegan County Commissioner.

Jim Storey reported;

- a. The August 2024 ballot will have millage requests from the Allegan County Road Commission and from 911.
- b. Remodeling of the Allegan County Court House and the Allegan County Services Building is on schedule.

7. Public Participation.

- a. Connie Smith – running for Heath Township Supervisor.

8. Fillmore Township Special Election – May 7, 2024.

Clerk Mokma reported approximately a 9% turnout from Fillmore Township residents. The AVCB tabulated 297 ballots and the Precinct tabulated 67 votes, all machines having no issues in tabulation. The AVCB Ballot Box (being used) write-in bag only being held in place by adhesive dropped into the ballots and several ballots were stuck in the adhesive and the top of the box let go and the Tabulator being only held by the latch fell into the Ballot Box.

Election Source was contacted the day following the Election and have already come out to repair the used Ballot Box and checked the Tabulator and found the Tabulator to be in good working order.

Clerk to follow up with Election Source for other options of Ballot Boxes.

9. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – April 9, 2024.

Upon review of the April 9, 2024 minutes as presented;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Leah Folkert to approve these minutes as presented.

PASSED 4-0.

10. Allegan County Prosecuting Attorney.

Allegan County Prosecuting Attorney Myrene Koch;

- a. Gave an update from the Prosecutors Office. Also stated she's running for re-election.

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11. Allegan County Sheriff.

Allegan County Sheriff Frank Baker;

a. Gave an update from the Sheriff's Office. Also stated he's running for re-election.

12. Fillmore Township Planning Commission – May 6, 2024.

P.C. member, Chuck Schaap reported on the meeting.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Leah Folkert to accept the recommendations from the Planning Commission on all the following Parcels – 0306-012-013-00;0306-012-012-00;0306-012-011-20 and 0306-012-011-10.

PASSED 4-0.

13. Dale & Norma DeWitt Property.

May 8, 2024 the Township purchased the Dale & Norma DeWitt property located at 5354 143rd Ave. Holland, MI.

14. Treasurer's Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand April 1, 2024	\$175,385.15
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Receipts	\$484,930.14
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Disbursements	\$165,258.84
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Balance on Hand April 30, 2024	\$495,056.45
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CD's

General Fund	\$1,100,000.00
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Total General Fund	\$1,595,056.45
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Utility Fund

Balance on April 1, 2024	\$ 52,376.34
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Receipts	\$ 97,732.78
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Disbursements	\$102,959.49
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Balance on Hand April 30, 2024	\$ 47,149.63
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CD's

Utility Fund	\$100,000.00
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Total Utility Fund	\$147,149.63
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15. Monthly Bills

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A Motion was received from Leah Folkert and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the bills as presented, those bills being Payroll, General Fund, Utility Fund.

PASSED 4-0.

16. Closed Session Discussion.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to open the Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote: Bob Yonker – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES, Leah Folkert – YES and Chuck Schaap – YES.

Passed 4-0.

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to close the Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote: Bob Yonker – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES, Leah Folkert – YES and Chuck Schaap – YES.

Passed 4-0.

17. Fillmore Township Website.

EZ Net Tools has moved the Website to another program and giving the Township no instructions for updating/uploading information. Clerk Mokma to inquire of other options for changes or creating a new Website.

18. Allegan County Road Commission.

Information was received from the Allegan County Road Commission for using a Safety Grant for the intersection of 52nd St./Country Club Rd/Ottogan Rd. jointly with Ottawa County to realign this intersection eliminating the 95' jog. Using Safety funds, it's a 10% match. Costs to be approximately 60/40 Ottawa County to Allegan County approximately \$700,000.00. Fillmore Township to be responsible for possibly \$30,000. At this intersection a narrow box culvert will need to be replaced in the future. This work is possibly being done in 2026. The Board received this for information.

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19. Meeting Adjourned.

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm.

PASSED 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township