

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 13, 2024, 7PM

1. Call to Order.

Supervisor John Yonker called the meeting to order. Elaine Mokma opened with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call.

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

Members Absent: None.

3. Late Agenda Items.

a. None

4. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker submitted the following report;

a. A total of 65 calls for July 2024. There were 9 medical/rescue calls and 6 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 4 medical/rescue calls, 2 fire calls to other agencies and 1 assist from another agency.

b. Bob Yonker reported the Fire Board has found a new member to replace Tim Hoffman; A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to appoint Mark Geurink to fill the open position of Tim Hoffman.

PASSED 5-0.

c. Chief DenBleyker will be formulating a plan for debt deduction and costs to add 3 full-time firefighters.

This was taken for information.

5. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.

Officer Dillon Schmitt submitted the following report;

a. There were 66 calls for July 2024, 37 calls for Fillmore Township and 29 for Overisel Township.

6. Allegan County Commissioner.

Commissioner Jim Storey reported;

a. 911 millage proposal passed.

b. Road Milage proposal passed.

c. Discussions with Commissioners continue regarding the expanded use of the Allegan County State Game Area.

d. Due to the passing of Allegan County Commissioner Dean Kapenga interviews will be conducted to appoint an individual to fill the remainder of his term. State law requires the remainder of the Board to appoint a replacement within 30 days. The Board has until September 4, 2024 to make the appointment. That person will serve the remainder of Dean Kapenga's elected term, which expires December 31, 2024

7. Public Participation.

Emily Jipp, Candidate for the newly created 48th Circuit Court Judge received approximately 48% voter support. Ms. Jipp hopes to receive continued support as the November 2024 nears.

8. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – July 9, 2024

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

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

PASSED 5-0.

9. August 6, 2024 Primary Election Results.

Clerk Mokma reported approximately a 30% turnout from Fillmore Township residents. The AVCB tabulated 376 ballots, the Precinct tabulated 287 votes. Early Voting saw 40 voters. Tabulators had no issues in tabulation.

Payroll for Early Voting was \$5,740.50.

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10. Township Hall Addition.

The Township Hall needs storage space. The late Supervisor DeWeerdts had started some rough plans but was unable to complete them.

A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Bob Yonker to contact Gregg Windemuller Builders to bring a plan to the Township Board for consideration and pricing. This plan would be published for bids.

PASSED 5-0.

11. Supervisor Updates.

a. M.A.C.C. looks at helping area Townships preserve farmland.

b. Water rates and other charges regarding water service haven't been increased since 2006.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Leah Folkert to table this discussion until more information is available

PASSED 5-0.

c. The road leading into (51st Street) East Holland Cemetery needs gravel.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to contact the Allegan County Road Commission for this service.

PASSED 5-0.

d. Truck Routes.

A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Bob Yonker to label the following roads as no trucks traffic;

143rd Ave. - 56th St to M-40.

52nd St. - 138th Ave to Ottogan Rd.

50th St. - 136th Ave. to Ottogan Rd.

54th St. - 136th Ave to 143rd Ave.

138th Ave - 60th St. to 48th St.

140th Ave - 60th St. to 48th St.

142nd Ave. - 60th St. to 56th St.

144th Ave - 48th St. to Russcher Rd.

49th St. - 146th Ave to Ottogan Rd.

Russcher Rd. - 142nd Ave. to 52nd St.

PASSED 5-0.

Allegan County Road Commission to be given this list for signage posting.

e. Officer Dillon Schmitt has reached the end of his contract with the Allegan County Sheriff Department and Fillmore and Overisel Township. Officer Schmitt plans to pursue other options within the Sheriff Department.

2 members of Fillmore Township & 2 members of Overisel Board of Trustees interviewed 2 applicants.

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to hire Wei Chan for the position.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE;

Bob Yonker - YES, Chuck Schaap - YES, John Yonker - YES, Leah Folkert - YES,

Elaine Mokma - YES.

PASSED 5-0.

Officer Chen to begin this position the 2nd week of October 2024.

Officer Schmitt was thanked for his service to Fillmore & Overisel Township.

f. 143rd Ave. Property.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to sell this property to Paul & Ruthann Steere for \$340,000.00. Township lawyer will be contacted to add language to the buy/sell agreement for property layout and distances to be kept from the Township wells. A date of September 11, 2024 was set to finalize this transaction.

PASSED 5-0.

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12. Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Balance on Hand July 1, 2024	\$ 66,585.45
Receipts	\$133,632.65
Disbursements	\$ 108,449.28
Balance on Hand July 31, 2024	\$ 91,768.82

CD's

General Fund	\$1,518,072.93
Total General Fund	\$1,609,841.75

Utility Fund

Balance on July 1, 2024	\$ 80,301.93
Receipts	\$ 3,686.76
Disbursements	\$ 2,565.86
Balance on Hand July 31, 2024	\$ 81,422.83

CD's

Utility Fund	\$101,271.77
Total Utility Fund	\$182,694.60

13. Monthly Bills

Upon review of the bills as presented;

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

PASSED 5-0.

14. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.

Minutes of the August 5, 2024 meeting were taken for information.

Township Planner Ken Dettloff is assisting the Planning Commission and Fillmore Township by updating several forms for Site Plan Approval and Rezoning Requests.

15. Meeting Adjourned.

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Leah Folkert to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township