

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 10, 2024, 7PM

1. Call to Order.

Supervisor John Yonker called the meeting to order. Leah Folkert 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 76 calls for August 2024. There were 15 medical/rescue calls and 2 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 4 medical/rescue calls, 6 fire calls to other agencies and 4 assists from another agency.

5. Hamilton Fire Department

a. The August 2024 report was taken for information.

6. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.

Officer Dillon Schmitt submitted the following report;

a. There were 86 calls for August 2024, 51 calls for Fillmore Township and 35 for Overisel Township.

b. This being Office Schmitt's last meeting, he was thanked for his work in Fillmore & Overisel Township. Officer Schmitt will be moving into a different rotation and area within Allegan County. Wei Chen will be taking over as Fillmore & Overisel Deputy.

7. Allegan County Commissioner.

Commissioner Jim Storey reported;

a. 2025 Budget is being prepared to be adopted at the October 2024 Board Meeting.

b. The Commissioners will consider the spending of \$2.8 million in opioid money that will be received over an 18-year period.

c. Due to the passing of Allegan County Commissioner Dean Kapenga, interviews were conducted. The Board of Commissioners appointed Tom Jessup to fill the remainder of the term of Dean Kapenga which expires on December 31, 2024.

The Allegan County Republican Party met and has nominated Brad Lubbers from Manlius Township to have his name placed on the November 2024 ballot in District 3.

Christi Allen will be running as a write-in for the Democratic Party in District 3.

d. September 19, 2024 from 4p-7p the Emergency Preparedness Committee will have a Fair.

e. September 10, 2024 the Allegan County Register of Deeds office moved to the Dumont Lake Complex.

7. Public Participation.

a. Elizabeth Peterson - Candidate for the newly created 48th Circuit Court Judge was present.

b. Residents from 52nd St. were present expressing concern for speeding traffic on that road.

8. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – August 13 & August 30, 2024

Upon review of the August 13 and August 30, 2024 minutes as presented;

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

PASSED 5-0.

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9. **Supervisor Updates.**

- a. M.A.C.C. monthly meeting was held at the Fillmore Township Hall on August 26, 2024.
- b. A Fillmore Truck Route Ordinance was prepared by the Township Planner Ken Dettloff.
A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Leah Folkert to adopt the Truck Route Ordinance except for Section 1A, removing the following words **by the owner thereof**.
PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE;
Bob Yonker – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, John Yonker – YES, Leah Folkert – YES,
Elaine Mokma – YES.
PASSED 5-0.
Allegan County Road Commission will be sent the adopted Truck Route Ordinance and put up signage.
- c. 5354 143rd Ave. Property.
Following the decision of the Board at the Augst 2024 meeting to sell this property to Paul & Ruthann Steere and receiving very little communication from them;
A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to email the Steere's informing them of a deadline of 12 noon on September 13, 2024 requiring a signed purchase agreement and Sanitary Control Easement, a letter of credit from their bank and \$1500.00 of earnest money or the property will be listed with a realtor.
PASSED 5-0.
- d. The Allegan County Drain Commission will be cleaning out several drains running through Fillmore Township.

10. **Treasurer's Report**

General Fund

Balance on Hand August 1, 2024	\$ 91,768.82
Receipts	\$241,862.66
Disbursements	\$359,066.48
Balance on Hand August 30, 2024	\$ -25,435.00

Treasurer Folkert explained the shortage in the GF stating timing of CD's maturing and being transferred to the GF. A rather large check has been held from mailing until a CD is transferred in.

CD's

General Fund	\$1,365,076.85
Total General Fund	\$1,339,641.85

Utility Fund

Balance on August 1, 2024	\$ 81,422.83
Receipts	\$ 9,243.50
Disbursements	\$ 3,378.19
Balance on Hand August 30, 2024	\$ 87,288.14

CD's

Utility Fund	\$101,271.77
Total Utility Fund	\$188,559.91

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.

15. **Meeting Adjourned.**

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Leah Folkert to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township

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