

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

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Allegan County

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 12, 2024, 7 PM

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Elaine Mokma with notice

3. Late Agenda items - none

4. Fire Departments

a. Graafschap Fire Department

Fire Chief Doug DebBleyker submitted the following report:

A total of 72 calls for October 2024. There were 3 fire calls and 21 medical/rescue calls in Fillmore Township. 2 medical/rescue calls and 2 fire call assists to other agencies, and 0 assists from other agencies. The Fire Board will be meeting on Nov. 14 at 8 AM.

b. Hamilton Fire Department

The October 2024 report was taken for information

c. Overisel Fire Department

The October 2024 report was taken for information

5. Allegan County Commissioner

Commissioner Jim Storey reported:

- a. The Board of Commissioners will be meeting Nov. 21. The budget policy is on the agenda.
- b. The elected Board members will now be serving for 4 year terms beginning January 1, 2025.
- c. The salaries of the county-wide prosecutors will be finalized. The goal is to stay within the median of where other area counties set their prosecutor salaries.
- d. The County Treasurer's office is in the process of moving to the Dumont Lake facility. The Register of Deed's office and the Drain Commissioner's office have already relocated to that building.
- e. The rededication of the 120-year-old Union Soldier statue that was moved to the northwest corner of courthouse square occurred on Veteran's Day.
- f. Emergency sirens within the county are being repaired.
- g. The Board has approved a contract of the RAVE system and a contract with the Community Action Agency regarding contaminated wells and faulty septic systems.

6. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy

Officer Wei Chen presented the September and October 2024 reports for information. He reported that a 4-way stop has been placed at the intersection of 58th St. and 136th Ave.

7. Public Participation

Newly Elected Commissioner Craig Van Beek introduced himself.

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8. Herrick District Library

Library Director Diane Kooiker was present and explained the stats on usage of the library by Fillmore Township patrons, how the annual cost to the township is calculated, services available to patrons, timetable of the township's contract with the library of July 1 to June 30, and lack of options if the Board does not renew the contract. Deadline for canceling the contract for the next billing cycle is Dec. 31.

9. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes - October 8, 2024

Upon review of the October 8, 2024 minutes, a motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and supported by Bob Yonker to approve the minutes as presented.

PASSED 4-0

10. Fillmore Township Planning Commission Minutes - October 28, 2024

- a. Chuck Schaap gave a verbal recap of the meeting, explaining in further details the 3 proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding wind and solar farms.
- b. Site Plan Review for property at 141st and Blue Star Hwy: The Supervisor was encouraged to make sure that all details of the property are in compliance with various ordinances when the owner seeks a site plan approval.
- c. If the owners do not have the parking lot completed, it was recommended to grant the owners occupancy only if they post a bond.
- d. The Planning Commission intends to discuss using PCI to oversee ordinance compliance, including blight, at a meeting in January, 2025.
- e. Upon review of the October 28, 2024 minutes, a motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve these minutes as presented.

PASSED 4-0.

11. November 2024 Election Synopsis taken for information

12. Supervisor Updates

- a. MACC - Roadwork for next year is being evaluated
- b. Michigan Gas Utilities Franchise Ordinance A motion to approve the ordinance was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Bob Yonker.
PASSED 4-0.
- c. Allegan County GroundWater Update. Supervisor Yonker attended a meeting discussing water needs around the county and problems with contaminated aquifers.
- d. Storage Shelves - Township Hall basement. A proposal to order shelves, storage boxes, and a dehumidifier was presented. Motion was supported by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker.
PASSED 4-0.
- e. Fillmore Township Water Rates. A proposal prepared by Ken Bosma was presented. The proposal was tabled until the next board meeting to allow the Board to read through the document.

13. Treasurer's Report

- a. At a recent Allegan County Treasurer's Association meeting, the Treasurer learned that Fillmore Township is the only township represented at the meeting that collects the receipts at the monthly board meetings. Treasurer Folkert suggested a motion allowing weekly deposits of funds to the General Fund and Utility Fund, rather than monthly deposits. A motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and supported by Bob Yonker.
PASSED 4-0.

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General Fund

Balance on Hand October 1, 2024	\$140,637.43
Receipts	\$182,810.60
Disbursements	\$157,465.57
Balance on Hand October 31, 2024	\$165,982.46

CD's

General Fund	\$1,123,803.97
Total General Fund	\$1,289,786.43

Utility Fund

Balance on Hand October 1, 2024	\$85,438.73
Receipts	\$222.91
Disbursements	\$3,204.44
Balance on Hand October 31, 2024	\$82,457.20

CD's

Utility Fund	\$102,545.50
Total Utility Fund	\$185,002.70

14. Monthly Bills

Upon review of the bills as presented, a motion was received from Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the bills as presented.

PASSED 4-0

Noting that ARPA funds need to be allocated by December 2024, Chuck Schaap recommended the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer provide the Board with a list of financial needs to be discussed at the December board meeting.

15. Meeting Adjournment

There being no other business presented to the Board, a motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and supported by Bob Yonker to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.

PASSED 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Folkert, Treasurer

Fillmore Township