

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 10, 2024, 7PM

1. Call to Order.

Supervisor John Yonker called the meeting to order, 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. Oaths of Office.

Those elected to the Fillmore Township Board of Trustees per the November 5, 2024 Election were sworn into office:

John Yonker – Supervisor; Elaine Mokma – Clerk; Leah Folkert – Treasurer; Chuck Schaap – Trustee; Bob Yonker – Trustee.

4. Late Agenda Items.

- a. Herrick District Library

5. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker submitted the following report;

- a. A total of 59 calls for November 2024. There were 14 medical/rescue calls and 4 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 0 medical/rescue calls, 8 fire calls to other agencies and 4 assists from another agency.

6. Hamilton Fire Department

- a. The November 2024 report was taken for information.

7. Overisel Fire Department.

- a. The November 2024 report was taken for information.

8. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.

Officer Wei Chen submitted the following report;

- a. There were 100 calls for November 2024, 74 calls for Fillmore Township and 26 for Overisel Township.

9. Allegan County Commissioner.

Commissioner Jim Storey reported;

- a. The current Board of Commissioners will hold their final meeting on December 12, 2024. The new Board of Commissioners will be sworn in and assume their duties on January 1, 2025.
- b. 123 NET continues installation of Fiber Optics throughout Allegan County.
- c. An award has been received from Gallagher & Co.
- d. The Board will approve questions for the 2025 Allegan County Citizen Survey.
- e. Commissioner Storey gave an account of his accomplishments during his time as Commissioner.
- f. Unfinished business includes improved cell phone coverage in the County, possible repair of the Lakeshore washout and D.N.R. State Game Area becoming more assessable to the public.

10. Public Participation.

None.

11. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – November 11, 2024

Upon review of the November 11, 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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12. Fillmore Township Planning Commission Minutes November 18, 2024.

Chuck Schaap gave an update on the meeting;

- a. The Commission reviewed a Site Plan for Josiah Genzink which they found to be vague in 3 areas as brought in letter from Graafschap Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker, these 3 being outlined in item #4 a,b, and c of the Minutes.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve this Site Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission, noting the 3 items from Chief DenBleyker and contingencies from the Planning Commission added to the Site Plan.

PASSED 5-0.

- b. A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the minutes as presented noting several additions/corrections that were missed from the original handwritten minutes.
- c. Item #4 – remove **an additional**.
- d. Under questions & comments item a to include **All driveway, and Space adding to Parking Space, and overhead door access areas must be hard surfaced by June 15, 2025.**
- e. Adding **d – Sign and lighting need to comply with the Township Ordinance.**
- f. **The landscaping plan needs to be added to the Site Plan and be in compliance to the ‘Zoning Ordinance.**
- g. These will be added to the minutes by Clerk Mokma.

PASSED 5-0.

13. Supervisor Updates.

- a. M.A.C.C. has made a change to their by-laws;
A Motion was made by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to accept the changes as presented.
PASSED 5-0.
- b. Fillmore Township Water Rates.
A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Bob Yonker to have Utility Financial Solutions, LLC to assist the Township in developing a strategy to ensure the water department current and future financial stability.
PASSED 5-0.
- c. ARPA
A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to split the remaining ARPA funds between the Township Hall for upgrades and the Fire Departments for equipment. PASSED 5-0.
A roll call vote – John Yonker – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES, Leah Folkert – YES, Bob Yonker – YES.
PASSED by Roll Call Vote.
- d. The Fillmore Township Board of Review held their December 2024 meeting on December 10, 2024. Assessor Jim Bush will be resigning his position with Fillmore Township, a letter of resignation will be submitted.
- e. Fillmore Township 2025 Paving Projects.
 1. 138th Ave. from M-40 to 52nd St. (2 Miles)
 2. 140th Ave. from M-40 to 48th St. (1.25 Miles)For an approximate cost of \$536,250.00. Should funds be available the Board will consider Chip Sealing.
A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to accept these Paving Projects for 2025. These will be sent to the Allegan County Road Commission.
The annual meeting for the Primary Road Millage program for Fillmore Township will be held on January 9, 2025, 7pm.

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14. Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Balance on Hand November 1, 2024	\$165,982.46
Receipts	\$350,007.92
Disbursements	\$388,530.08
Balance on Hand November 30, 2024	\$127,460.30

CD's

General Fund	\$1,479,415.57
Total General Fund	\$1,606,875.87

Utility Fund

Balance on November 1, 2024	\$ 82,457.20
Receipts	\$ 11,857.43
Disbursements	\$ 2,844.48
Balance on Hand November 30, 2024	\$ 91,470.15

CD's

Utility Fund	\$102,545.50
Total Utility Fund	\$194,015.65

Treasurer shared information regarding IT Services with Envizion IT. Treasurer will continue conversations for the option for IT support for the Township.

15. Monthly Bills

Upon review of the bills as presented;

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

PASSED 5-0.

16. Late Agenda.

Following a discussion by the Board regarding the increased cost of funding the Library from the General Fund;

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Bob Yonker to no longer fund the Library from the General Fund, but to put a millage on an election in 2025. The Township will then be ending their July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 with Herrick Library on June 30, 2025.

The Board will discuss the best way of informing the residents and helping them to understand the millage.

PASSED 5-0.

17. Meeting Adjourned.

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Mokma, Clerk

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