

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 8, 2025, 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 and Leah Folkert.

Members Absent: Chuck Schaap and Bob Yonker

3. Late Agenda Items.

None

4. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker submitted the following report;

- a. A total of 82 calls for March 2025. There were 24 medical/rescue calls and 4 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 2 medical/rescue calls, 4 fire calls to other agencies and 4 assist from another agency.

5. Hamilton Fire Department.

- a. The March 2025 report was taken for information.

6. Overisel Fire Department.

The March 2025 report wasn't available.

7. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.

Officer Wei Chen submitted the following report;

- a. There were 77 calls for March 2025, 54 calls for Fillmore Township and 29 for Overisel Township.

8. Allegan County Commissioner.

Commissioner Craig VanBeek was absent with notice.

9. Public Participation.

Allegan County Drain Commissioner Chris Machiela gave an update on his office. His office is now located at the County Services Building on 122nd Ave.

10. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – March 11, 2025.

Upon review of the March 11, 2025, minutes as presented;

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

PASSED 3-0.

11. Fillmore Township Election Commission.

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve the Fillmore Township Election Commission Minutes of April 8, 2025 with the following individuals appointed as election workers;

Appointed for the upcoming May 6, 2025 Special Election;

Chairperson:

Cindi Lampen – Democrat

Michelle Herman - Republican

Poll Workers:

Lyn Becksford – Republican

Nancy Snay – Democrat

Lynette Bosch - Democrat

Joyce Blauwkamp – Republican

Mary Nienhuis – Democrat

Diane Kempkers – Republican

PASSED 3-0.

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12. Fillmore Township Planning Commission meeting April 7, 2025.

Planning Commission member Dave Brink was present to give a report of the Public Hearing on April 7, 2025; Rezoning request by David Boeve; Parcel 03 06 011 002 00 from A1 to A2. Fits land use plan. No one spoke in opposition.

Motion, support and unanimous passage to recommend approval by Township Board.

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve this rezoning from A-1 to A-2.

PASSED 3-0.

Public hearing request by Jaime Mathew representing Harvard Towers and Verizon Wireless to construct, maintain, and operate a wireless communication tower on parcel 03-06-022-027-00 under long term lease from Boeve family protection Trust. Monopole construction 155 ft height on a fenced in 65 by 50 ft. compound near 4136 52nd St.

Motion and support to recommend approval by Township Board with 3 condition;

A. Maintenance of access to keep clear of snow and debris to allow for fire/emergency equipment.

B. Zoning board of appeals approval to allow height exceeding 150 feet.

C. Zoning board of appeals approval to allow distance from any existing wireless communication tower to be less than 2 miles.

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve the communication tower with the conditions set by the Planning Commission.

PASSED 3-0.

13. Supervisor Updates.

a. Supervisor Yonker continues to attend monthly meetings of M.A.C.C. He reported that an area of Blue Star Hwy will be reconstructed and widened.

b. 123 Net has been contacted to provide Wi-Fi to the Township Hall, a time frame for installation is 90-120 days.

14. Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Balance on Hand March 1, 2025	\$417,748.24
Receipts	\$ 41,602.99
Disbursements	\$ 77,683.72
Balance on Hand March 31, 2025	\$381,667.50

CD's

General Fund	\$2,237,880.74
Total General Fund	\$2,617,548.24

Utility Fund

Balance on March 1, 2025	\$119,595.46
Receipts	\$141,628.39
Disbursements	\$374,423.11
Bank Service Fee (returned check-water)	\$ 15.00
Balance on Hand March 31, 2025	\$-113,214.26

CD's

Utility Fund	\$101,031.13
Total Utility Fund	\$-12,183.131

15. Monthly Bills

Upon review of the bills as presented;

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

PASSED 3-0.

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16. Meeting Adjourned.

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Leah Folkert to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

PASSED 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Mokma, Clerk

Fillmore Township