

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MARCH 11, 2025, 7PM

1. Call to Order.

Supervisor John Yonker called the meeting to order, Bob Yonker 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.

None

4. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker submitted the following report;

a. A total of 65 calls for February 2025. There were 19 medical/rescue calls and no fire calls for Fillmore Township. 2 medical/rescue calls, 5 fire calls to other agencies and 7 assist from another agency.

b. Fire Board member Bob Yonker stated the Fire Board met March 6, 2025;
A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve the proposed increase for the Graafschap Fire Department. Fillmore Township's share is \$269,156.00.
PASSED 5-0

The Department is also looking at hiring 3 FT members for duty shift but doing this 1 at a time for budget reasons. Chief DenBleyker gave an update on timing of new equipment & cost savings, with costs not to exceed \$650,000.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to approve the hiring and equipment plan.

PASSED 5-0.

5. Hamilton Fire Department.

a. The February 2025 report was taken for information.

b. Clerk Mokma discussed the meeting held with the Township Clerks from Manlius and Heath to discuss material to send out to different council for the Inter-Local agreement. All 3 Clerks decided that ownership of the building was clear, however there are questions in the inter-local agreement that could be addressed as well as asset description that could be made clearer. Because this was not a Fire Board member meeting, the decision was made to go back to each Township Board and ask for permission to go to the Fire Board and request to update the inter-local accordingly.

6. Overisel Fire Department.

The February 2025 report was taken for information.

7. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.

Officer Wei Chen submitted the following report;

a. There were 77 calls for February 2025, 41 calls for Fillmore Township and 36 for Overisel Township.

8. Allegan County Commissioner.

Commissioner Craig VanBeek being absent submitted a written report.

9. Public Hearing – Fillmore Township Budget 2025 – 2026.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to open the Public Hearing at 7:30pm.
PASSED 5-0.

Supervisor Yonker read the Public Notice as it recently appeared in the Holland Sentinel.

Supervisor reviewed the Budget and how funds are raised and dispersed. There being no public comment or input;

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to close the Public Hearing.

PASSED 5-0.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Leah Folkert to accept this Budget with several amendments.

PASSED 5-0.

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A roll call vote – John Yonker – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES, Leah Folkert – YES, Bob Yonker – YES.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote.

10. Fillmore Township 2024-2025 Budget Amendments.

The following amendments will be made to the 2024-2025 Budget;

1. Library - \$35,000 to \$42,000.
2. Legal - \$15,000 to \$25,000

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the above Budget amendments as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

11. Public Participation.

None.

12. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – February 11, 2025.

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

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve these minutes with the exception in #14 of electrical outlets added to the floor in front of the Board table, since that isn't being done.

PASSED 5-0.

13. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes February 14, 2025.

Upon review of the February 14, 2025 minutes as presented;

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

PASSED 5-0.

14. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes February 26, 2025.

Upon review of the February 26, 2025 minutes as presented;

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

PASSED 5-0.

15. Fillmore Township Office Lawn Care 2025-2026 Bids.

Bids for lawn care for the coming season from SS Services and Straightline. Upon review of these bids;

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Bob Yonker to accept the bid from Straightline.

PASSED 5-0.

16. Township Office Wi-Fi.

Due to the undependability of Wi-Fi services being received from Frontier;

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to contact 123 Net regarding Wi-Fi services for a speed of 100MBPS

PASSED 5-0.

17. 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. Due to the Solar & Communication Ordinance not being published in the Holland Sentinel;

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Bob Yonker to allow P.C.I. to publish the Solar & Communications Ordinance that the Fillmore Township Planning Commission during a Public Hearing held October 28, 2024 recommended be added to the Fillmore Township Zoning Ordinance.

PASSED 5-0.

18. Fillmore Township Hall flooring bids.

Upon review of bids for flooring of the Township Hall received from Floors N More and Carpet Bonanza;

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Bob Yonker to accept the bid from Carpet Bonanza.

PASSED 5-0.

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19. Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Balance on Hand February 1, 2025	\$235,148.61
Receipts	\$539,989.75
Disbursements	\$357,390.12
Balance on Hand February 28, 2025	\$417,748.24

CD's

General Fund	\$2,229,359.05
Total General Fund	\$2,647,107.29

Utility Fund

Balance on February 1, 2025	\$114,540.78
Receipts	\$ 7,903.92
Disbursements	\$ 2,849.24
Balance on Hand February 28, 2025	\$119,595.46

CD's

Utility Fund	\$100,000.00
Total Utility Fund	\$219,595.46

20. 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.

21. 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 9:00 pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Mokma, Clerk

Fillmore Township