

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 13, 2025, 7PM

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, Elaine Mokma and Leah Folkert, Chuck Schaap and Bob Yonker

Members Absent: None.

3. Late Agenda Items.

a. Treasurer Folkert requesting clarification on monies received from sale of 143rd Ave. property.

4. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker submitted the following report;

a. A total of 70 calls for April 2025. There were 14 medical/rescue calls and 2 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 0 medical/rescue calls, 10 fire calls to other agencies and 5 assists from another agency.

5. Hamilton Fire Department.

a. The April 2025 report was taken for information.

6. Overisel Fire Department.

a. The April 2025 report was taken for information.

7. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.

Officer Wei Chen submitted the following report;

a. There were 80 calls for April 2025, 46 calls for Fillmore Township and 34 for Overisel Township.

8. Allegan County Commissioner.

Commissioner Craig VanBeek was absent with notice, submitted a report which was taken for information.

9. Public Participation.

a. Jeremy Hassevoort representing Rabbit River being unable to attend the May 5, 2025 Planning Commission meeting, was requesting reasons for zoning changes to his property located on 138th Ave.

10. Fillmore Township Board of Review.

There being an opening on the Board of Review;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to appoint Melvin Haverdink to fill the opening.

PASSED 5-0.

11. Elected Official Salaries.

Whereas, during the first salary of the new budget year, the Clerk discovered a discrepancy in the salary for the office of the Clerk and Treasurer,

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the updated salary resolution as presented, that being the salary for Clerk and Treasurer being \$20,880.00 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

PASSED 5-0.

12. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – April 15, 2025.

Upon review of the April 15, 2025, minutes as presented;

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

PASSED 3-0.

13. Fillmore Township Landscaping.

A landscape plan was received from Luke Beelen representing Excell Lawn and Landscaping, Inc for a landscape renovation and also lawn repair on the north and east side of the Township Hall.

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Bob Yonker to accept this plan. Work to be done in late July 2025.

PASSED 5-0.

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14. Fillmore Township Planning Commission meeting May 5, 2025.

The Fillmore Township Planning Commission met on May 5, 2025 to consider the following items;

- a. Special Use Request and corresponding site plan of Aaron Kamphuis. A postponement is necessary since the zoning request needs to be acted on prior to the Fillmore Township Board of Trustees.

Based on information received from the Planning Commission;

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve rezoning 0306-017-014-37; 0306-017-014-38 and 0306-017-014-39 a total of 7 acres from C-2 to MIC (Mixed Use Industrial/Commercial) as recommended by the Fillmore Township Planning Commission.

PASSED 5-0.

- b. Jeff Genzink was present requesting to change the current C-1 zoning to MIC (Mixed Use Industrial/Commercial) for parcel #0306-029-003-41 located at 5717 138th Ave., approximately 10 acres.

Based on information received from the Planning Commission along with Jeremy Hassevoort requesting clarification on a decision of the Planning Commission;

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to table a decision until June 9, 2025 when the Planning Commission meets again.

PASSED 5-0.

15. May 5, 2025 Special Election.

Clerk Mokma reported approximately 18% turnout from Fillmore Township residents. The AVCB tabulated 342 ballots and the Precinct tabulated 68 votes, all machines having no issues in tabulation.

16. Supervisor Updates.

- a. The Allegan County Road Commission has indicated the culvert on 140th Ave between 48th St. and M-40 needs replacement, a bid was sent to the Township to have this down during repaving, With the repaving bids coming in lower than anticipated, the cost of this culvert will still allow all work to be done with the road budget.
- b. A petition is being circulated for water from the City of Holland for a portion of Blue Star Hwy, 143rd Ave. south to 142nd Ave.
- c. Holland Board of Public Works is requesting a better pumping schedule to the 143rd Ave. lift station to better accommodate an increased volume.

17. Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Balance on Hand April 1, 2025	\$381,667.50
Receipts	\$ 84,500.94
Disbursements	\$295,432.76
Balance on Hand April 30, 2025	\$170,735.68

CD's

General Fund	\$2,245,040.51
Total General Fund	\$2,415,776.19

Utility Fund

Balance on April 1, 2025	\$-113,214.26
Receipts	\$196,136.89
Disbursements	\$ 2,467.70
Balance on Hand April 30, 2025	\$ 80,454.93

CD's

Utility Fund	\$0.00
Total Utility Fund	\$ 80,454.93

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Treasurer Folkert requested clarification for the Township Audit on monies spent and received for the well house property on 143rd Ave.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to move those funds from the General Fund to the Unity Fund.

PASSED 5-0.

18. 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.

19. Meeting Adjourned.

There being no other business presented to the Board;

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.

PASSED 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Mokma, Clerk

Fillmore Township