

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 12, 2025, 7PM

1. **Call to Order.**  
Supervisor John Yonker called the meeting to order, Leah Folkert 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 94 calls for July 2025. There were 21 medical/rescue calls and 7 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 6 medical/rescue calls and 7 assist from other agencies.
  - b. Chief DenBleyker presented the Fire Cadet/Explorer Program resolution, this program will help to assure the availability of competent well-trained individuals to consider for future fire department vacancies.  
A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Mokma to adopt the resolution for the Cadet/Explorer Program to be maintained by the Graafschap Fire Department.  
PASSED 5-0.
5. **Hamilton Fire Department.**  
The July 2025 report was taken for information.
6. **Overisel Fire Department.**  
The July 2025 report was taken for information.
7. **Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.**  
Officer Wei Chen being absent with notice, submitted the following report;
  - a. There were 68 calls for July 2025, 40 calls for Fillmore Township and 28 for Overisel Township.
8. **Allegan County Commissioner.**  
The July 2025 report was taken for information.
9. **Fillmore Township Board of Review.**  
Supervisor Yonker reported that the Board of Review met July 22, 2025. 40 changes were made to different Township parcels. There were no minutes available.
10. **Fillmore Township Website.**  
Work continues on the automatic notification system with the goal of obtaining only the email address of those signing up for this system.
11. **Electrical Inspector Resignation.**  
A letter of resignation was received from Broom Tree Inspections effective December 31, 2025. Dennis Kroeze will be taking the position with assistance as needed from Jeff Nyboer (current Inspector).  
A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Yonker to accept this change.  
PASSED 5-0.
12. **Public Participation.**
  - a. Duane Zuverink was present at the August 11, 2025 and asked what the role of Lori Castello is and how many meetings does she attend.
  - b. Andrew Geurink had questions regarding the updated Fillmore Township Master Plan, he also wondered when a draft of the Fillmore Township Zoning Map will be available.
13. **Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes June 10, 2025.**  
Upon review of the June 10, 2025 minutes as presented;  
A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Schaap to approve these minutes as presented.  
PASSED 5-0.

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**14. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes July 8, 2025.**

Upon review of the July 8, 2025 as presented;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Schaap to approve the minutes as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

**15. Fillmore Township Zoning Board of Appeals August 11, 2025 meeting.**

No minutes were available of this meeting.

Supervisor Yonker stated there are 2 alternates needed to serve on the ZBA and this Board should be meeting yearly per the Fillmore Township Zoning Ordinance.

**16. Fillmore Township Planning Commission Minutes August 4, 2025.**

a. This was a quarterly meeting. The public in attendance had questions on Land Use.

b. An updated Zoning Map for the Township was presented by Lori Castello with a tentative public hearing to be held on September 8 2025 at 7pm.

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Yonker to accept these minutes as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

**17. Supervisor Updates.**

a. New landscape is complete.

b. PCI continues to work on the Master Plan.

c. Tax Incentive Financing (TIF) Meetings with Laketown Township could be a possibility.

d. There is approximately \$40,000 left to be used for area roads with a possibility of chip sealing on 54<sup>th</sup> St.

e. The boardwalk at Cottonwood Park needs to be replaced, Windemuller Builders to be consulted on the project.

**18. Treasurer's Report**

**General Fund**

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| Balance on Hand July 1, 2025 | \$159,383.36 |
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| Receipts | \$264,511.31 |
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| Disbursements | \$243,039.29 |
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| Balance on Hand July 31, 2025 | \$180,862.38 |
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**CD's**

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| General Fund | \$2,034,569.79 |
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| Total General Fund | \$2,215,432.17 |
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Balance on Bank Stmt (includes outstanding checks

\$185,630.61

**Utility Fund**

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| Balance on July 1, 2025 | \$ 80,672.78 |
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| Receipts | \$ 391.65 |
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| Disbursements | \$ 7,895.96 |
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| Balance on Hand July 31, 2025 | \$ 73,168.47 |
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**CD's**

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| Utility Fund | \$ 0.00 |
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| Total Utility Fund | \$ 74,245.53 (includes outstanding checks) |
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**18. Monthly Bills**

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A Motion was received from Leah Folkert and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Mokma to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

PASSED 5-0.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Mokma, Clerk  
Fillmore Township

I, Elaine Mokma, Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the meeting action as passed by the Fillmore Township Board of Trustees on August 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm, which was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

Signed Elaine Mokma

Date August 15, 2025