

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

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FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 14, 2025, 7PM

1. Call to Order.

Trustee Chuck Schaap called the meeting to order, opened with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Schaap explained he'd be chairing the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Yonker.

2. Roll Call.

Members Present: Elaine Mokma, Bob Yonker, Leah Folkert and Chuck Schaap.

Members Absent: John Yonker absent with notice.

3. Late Agenda Items.

- a. Camera purchase for Assessor.
- b. Hamilton Fire Board – Bob Yonker

4. Graafschap Fire Department.

Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker submitted the following report;

- a. A total of 68 calls for September 2025. There were 1 medical/rescue calls and 2 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 6 medical/rescue calls ,1 assist from other agencies and 1 dispatch error.
- b. Chief DenBleyker had the new Engine available to the Board prior to the Board meeting.

5. Hamilton Fire Department.

Fire Chief Dave Haverdink submitted the following report;

- a. A total of 62 runs for September 2025. There being 4 medical/rescue calls 1 fire call and 7 Other Calls (NC) for Fillmore Township.
- b. Hamilton Fire Board member Bob Yonker stated that Ron Jones, Supervisor of Heath Township has requested proof of payment from 1994 & 1995 for Hamilton Fire Department and a statement from Ron Bultje, lawyer for Fillmore Township regarding the Interlocal Agreement and Fillmore Townships portion of ownership of Hamilton Fire Department.

Mr. Yonker stated there will be a public meeting of Fillmore, Heath and Manlius Township Boards and the Hamilton Interlocal Fire Board on October 28, 2025 at 7PM at the Hamilton Reformed Church 3554 Lincoln Rd. Hamilton, MI 49419 to discuss the Interlocal Fire Agreement.

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Attorneys from all of the above Boards will be in attendance.

This is a public meeting and open to all interested parties.

6. **Overisel Fire Department.**

The September 2025 report was taken for information.

7. **Allegan County Commissioner.**

The September 2025 report was taken for information.

8. **Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.**

Officer Wei Chen being absent with notice submitted the following report;

- a. There were 86 calls for September 2025, 48 calls for Fillmore Township and 38 for Overisel Township.

9. **Public Participation.**

- a. Emma VanOss stated she had attended the Heath Township Board meeting on October 13, 2025 and had questions regarding the ownership ratio of Fillmore and Manlius Township for Hamilton Fire Department.
- b. Barbara VanGelderens Supervisor of Manlius Township, stated that items have been provided to Heath Township showing the percentages of ownership for Fillmore and Manlius Township. She also clarified wording.

10. **Fillmore Township Properties Snowplowing 2025-2026**

A Snow Removal Quote has been received from Haverdink Enterprises, Inc for the 2025-2026 winter season. This covers the Township Office, Water Tower and Pump House.

An increase of \$3/hr for the pick-up w/plow, \$5/hr for loader and \$2/hr for loader w/back blade.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to accept these quotes, signing the contract as presented.

PASSED 4-0.

11. **Cottonwood Park.**

- a. Due to abuse of usage, the trash containers will be removed. They will be reinstalled if the need arises.
- b. Work has begun on the demolition and reconstruction of the walkway.
- c. With the retirement of Phil Mulder,

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A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Bob Yonker to hire Jonathan Lubbers to do brush hog mowing at the park.

PASSED 4-0.

12. Escrow Account.

An escrow account will be established in the general ledger to track monies received and that conditions of agreements are met.

13. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes September 9, 2025.

Upon review of the September 9, 2025 minutes as presented;

Leah Folkert stated that # 5 should read;

Treasurer stated that the 2025 Summer Taxes are due September 16, 2025. She also provided a State Revenue Sharing spreadsheet showing the possibility that Statutory Revenue Sharing will be eliminated pending the passage of the proposed State budget. The proposed budget maintains Constitutional Revenue Sharing at its current rate.

Clerk to make this correction.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve these minutes with the above correction.

PASSED 4-0.

14. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes September 12, 2025.

Upon review of the September 12, 2025 minutes as presented;

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

PASSED 4-0.

15. Fillmore Township Election Commission.

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the Fillmore Township Election Commission Minutes of September 26, 2025 with the following individuals appointed as election workers;

Appointed for the upcoming November 4, 2025 Special Election;

Chairperson:

Cindi Lampen – Democrat

Michelle Herman - Republican

Poll Workers:

Lyn Becksford – Republican

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Nancy Snay – Democrat

Lynette Bosch - Democrat

Joyce Blauwkamp – Republican

Mary Nienhuis – Democrat

Diane Kempkers – Republican

PASSED 4-0.

16. Fillmore Township Planning Commission – no report.

17. Fillmore Township Zoning Board of Appeals – no report.

18. Supervisor Updates.

In the absence of Supervisor Yonker, Trustee Schaap presented the following items;

- a. Alternates are needed for Zoning Board of Appeals with the following individuals Melvin Haverdink and Dennis Nagelkirk being suggested;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to accept these individuals as alternates for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Supervisor to notify.

PASSED 4-0.

19. Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Balance on Hand September 1, 2025 \$162,232.58

Receipts \$202,264.54

Disbursements \$ 92,476.42

Balance on Hand September 30, 2025 \$272,020.70

CD's

General Fund \$1,892,030.25

Total General Fund \$2,164,051.06

Balance on Bank Stmt (includes outstanding checks)

\$285,412.83

Utility Fund

Balance on September 1, 2025 \$ 84,017.58

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Receipts \$ 13,042.96

Disbursements \$ 2,843.77

Balance on Hand August 31, 2025 \$ 94,216.77

CD's

Utility Fund \$ 0.00

Total Utility Fund \$ 94,216.77

Treasurer Folkert stated that following the 2024-2025 audit the Township needed a Water Fund Deficit Elimination Plan.

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to accept the Water Fund Deficit Elimination Plan as presented.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote:

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

.PASSED 4-0.

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 4-0.

21. Late Agenda Items.

A digital camera will be needed for field work for the Assessor and Deputy Assessor;

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve the purchase of a KODAK digital camera and a sem card from Amazon for the approximate cost of \$125.00.

PASSED 4-0.

18. 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 8:20 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 October 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm, which was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

Signed _____

Date

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