

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

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FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 9, 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 89 calls for August 2025. There were 20 medical/rescue calls and 5 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 4 medical/rescue calls and 7 assist from other agencies.
- b. Chief DenBleyker stated the new engine is expected to be delivered by the end of the week.

5. Hamilton Fire Department.

Fire Board member Bob Yonker stated the law firm of Bloom Sluggett has been chosen to provide legal counsel to Hamilton Fire Department.

The 3rd Quarter 2026 payment will include the remainder of the truck payment.

The August 2025 report was taken for information.

6. Overisel Fire Department.

The August 2025 report was taken for information.

7. Allegan County Commissioner.

County Commissioner submitted the following report;

- a. Allegan County is again hosting a booth at the Allegan County Fair.
- b. Allegan County will launch an initiative to showcase local dining in the county.
- c. A recent survey shows there is an increased interest in county parks.
- d. Allegan County Courthouse renovations are nearing completion.

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e, 123 Net will be completed in Allegan County in 2025.

8. Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.

Officer Wei Chen submitted the following report;

a. There were 70 calls for August 2025, 41 calls for Fillmore Township and 29 for Overisel Township.

9. November 4 2025 Special Election.

a. Herrick District Library has their flyer ready to go out.

b. Fillmore Township 's flyer has a few more changes and then will be ready to go out.

10. Fillmore Township Website.

Work is completed on the automatic notification system.

11. Public Participation.

a. Chris Kleinjans Allegan County Community Foundation Impact Officer gave an update of activities.

b. Duane Zuverink had questions regarding AI storage or battery storage facilities being sought in Fillmore Township. He wondered if the Township had any restrictions or zoning ordinances regarding these.

c. John VanVuren being unable to attend the September 8, 2025 Planning Commission meeting, had questions. Mr. VanVuren was given a copy of the minutes in addition to answering his questions.

12. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes August 12, 2025.

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

Chuck Schaap stated that #17B should read zoning map not master plan, Clerk to make this correction.

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

PASSED 5-0.

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

These minutes were taken for information.

14. Supervisor Updates.

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- a. PCI will be doing Blight Ordinance Enforcement on a property on 142nd Ave.
- b. The Township will be looking at escrow accounts for commercial projects. Amount to be requested yet to be determined. PCI will write a resolution.
- c. Blye Star water – a smaller district ending at Embo Dr. is being considered. Supervisor to clarify this with HBPW and Holland City for pipe size to enable expansion to the south if requested in the future
- d. Windemuller Builders LLC presented a bid of \$62,609.76 to replace the boardwalk at Cottonwood Park.

A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Bob Yonker to accept this bid. Funds to pay for this project will be coming from LG Agreement funds with signage to acknowledge using those funds.

PASSED 5-0.

15 Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Balance on Hand August 1, 2025	\$180,862.38
Receipts	\$ 73,161.93
Disbursements	\$ 91,791.73
Balance on Hand August 31, 2025	\$180,862.38

CD's

General Fund	\$2,040,981.63
Total General Fund	\$2,203,214.21

Balance on Bank Stmt (includes outstanding checks)

\$167,302.78

Utility Fund

Balance on August 1, 2025	\$ 73,168.47
Receipts	\$ 14,512.73
Disbursements	\$ 3,663.62
Balance on Hand August 31, 2025	\$ 84,0017.58

CD's

Utility Fund	\$ 0.00
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Total Utility Fund

\$ 85,248.903 (includes outstanding checks)

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.

This is a change from the original minutes per the October 14, 2025 Board meeting,

16. 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.

17. Fillmore Township Planning Commission – September 8, 2025.

a. Planning Commission member Chuck Schaap read Ordinance # 090925-A; rezone from A-2 to R-1 for property located at 5838 141st Ave., parcel # 0306-019-038-00, approximately 2.9 acres.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve this recommendation from the Planning Commission.

PASSED 5-0.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote: Bob Yonker – YES, John Yonker – YES, Leah Folkert – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES.

PASSED 5-0.

b. Planning Commission member Chuck Schaap read Ordinance # 090925-B; rezone from A-2 to R-1 for property located at 4283 56th St., parcel # 0306-06-033-00, approximately 24.54 acres.

A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve this recommendation from the Planning Commission.

PASSED 5-0.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote: Bob Yonker – YES, John Yonker – YES, Leah Folkert – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES.

PASSED 5-0.

September 8, 2025 minutes of the Planning Commission meeting were received for information.

18. Meeting Adjourned.

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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.

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 September 9, 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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