

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP
ESTABLISHED 1849
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 9, 2025 7pm

1. **Call to Order.**
Supervisor John Yonker called the meeting to order, 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.**
 - a. Township Office holiday hours – Supervisor Yonker.
 - b. Review motion ACH – Treasurer Folkert.
4. **Allegan County Legal Assistance Center.**
Linda Teeter, Director of Finance and Fundraising was present, giving an update on the mission of the Assistance Center.
5. **Public Comment – Agenda.**
None.
6. **Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.**
Officer Wei Chen submitted the following report;
 - a. There were 102 calls for November 2025, 68 calls for Fillmore Township and 34 calls for Overisel Township.
7. **Graafschap Fire Department.**
Fire Chief Doug DenBleyer submitted the following report;
 - a. A total of 70 calls for November 2025. There were 12 medical/rescue calls and 4 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 4 fire calls and 3 medical/rescue to other agencies also 5 assists from another agencies.
8. **Hamilton Fire Department.**
The November 2025 report was taken for information.
As per the Interlocal Fire Department Agreement #3 Fire Board: Terms of Office: Meetings, reappointment of representatives from Fillmore Township;
A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to reappoint Bob Yonker for a 1-year term and Mark Geurink to a 2-year term to serve on the Interlocal Hamilton Fire Department agreement.
PASSED 5-0.
The Interlocal Fire Department will meet on December 18, 2025 at 7pm.
9. **Overisel Fire Department.**
The November 2025 report was taken for information.
10. **Allegan County Commissioner.**
Commissioner Craig VanBeek submitted a written report of activity
11. **Public Comment.**
 - a. Brian Sikma of Highpoint Reality inquired on the possibility of purchasing Fillmore Township property located on 64th St. just east of the CSX train tracks on the north side of the road.
 - b. Randy TenBrink stated he's memorizing The United States Constitution.
12. **Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – November 11, 2025.**
Upon review of the November 11, 2025 minutes as presented;
Leah Folkert stated that #20 should reflect the Board of Trustees adjournment.
A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve these minutes with the above correction.
PASSED 5-0.

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13. Fillmore Township 2025 Paving Projects.

- a. 52nd St. - 146th St. to Ottogan Rd., resurfaced with paved shoulders.
- b. 54th St. – 141st Ave. to 138th Ave., chip seal.
- c. 138th Ave. – 60th St. to Blue Star Hwy., resurface.
- d. 59th St. – 141st Ave. to dead end approximately 1800 feet., resurface.
- e. 142nd Ave. – M-40 to end., resurface.
- f. 147th Ave. – 52nd St. to City limit, resurface.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to accept these paving projects for 2026 for an approximate cost of \$451,000.00.

PASSED 5-0.

These will be sent to the Allegan County Road Commission.

The annual meeting for the Primary Road Millage program for Fillmore Township will be held on January 7, 2026, 7pm.

14. Fillmore Township Planning Commission December 1, 2025.

Planning Commission member Chuck Schaap reported on the December 1, 2025 meeting.

The Planning Commission held 2 public hearings;

- a. A request from Jeff Genzink to amend the official Fillmore Township Zoning Map and Ordinance in relation to the below described property.
Amend the Official Zoning Map and rezone from the C-2 Commercial Zoning District to the MIC Mixed Industrial Commercial Zoning District for property located at 5831 141st Ave., Parcel # 0306-019-001-025, comprised of approximately 3.99 acres.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning as presented.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote:

Bob Yonker – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, John Yonker – YES, Leah Folkert – YES and Elaine Mokma – YES. PASSED 5-0.

- b. A request from Calvin Lubbers to consider amending Section 16.35 Of the Fillmore Township Zoning Ordinance which allows for alternative methods to divide existing farmsteads from larger farm parcels in A-1 zone.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the amendment change to the Fillmore Township Zoning Ordinance Chapter 16.35 to read as follows;

All lots, yards, parking areas or other spaces created after the effective date of this Ordinance shall comply with the minimum requirements of the District in which they are located, with an alternate option within the A-1 Zoning District only:

A farmstead that was in existence as of (1991 ordinance date) may be divided from a larger actively farmed parcel in the following circumstances:

1. *The newly created farmstead parcel shall have not less than 200 feet of road frontage and not exceed three acres in size.*

2. *The Zoning Administrator may approve a separation of a farmstead from a larger farm parcel not to exceed 5 acres in size if, in his or her opinion, one or more of the following*

conditions exist.

- a. *A larger parcel size is necessary to incorporate all of the farmstead's accessory buildings, or;*
- b. *to follow natural topography and/or barriers that would make farming impracticable upon the remainder parcel.*

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3. *Where a division is made per subsection 1 or 2 above, the remaining parent parcel shall retain not less than the minimum lot area required within the A-1 Zoning District per Section 15.01.*

PASSED by Roll Call Vote:

Bob Yonker – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, John Yonker – YES, Leah Folkert – YES and Elaine Mokma – YES. PASSED 5-0.

c. P.C.I. will be sending out an online survey to area residents looking at the next 10 years for maps and rezoning for Fillmore Township.

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

16. Supervisor updates.

a. Gates Electric was contacted to update the basement of the Township Hall with more outlets and better lighting in the SW Corner with a cost of \$540.00 which would cover only the outlets. A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to accept the bid and ask for additional lighting at an addition cost.

PASSED 5-0.

17. Treasurer's Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand November 1, 2025	\$179,836.55
Receipts	\$120,691.87
Disbursements	\$167,065.79
Balance on Hand November 30, 2025	\$133,462.63
Outstanding Checks of	\$ 3,114.52

CD's

General Fund	\$1,636,448.02
Total General Fund	\$1,769,910.65

Utility Fund

Balance on November 1, 2025	\$ 89,251.83
Receipts	\$ 35,886.49
Disbursements	\$ 4,163.05
Balance on Hand November 30, 2025	\$120,975.27
Outstanding Checks of	\$ 2,350.47
Bank Statement Balance	\$123,325.74

Following receiving more information regarding A.C.H. being offered to Fillmore Township Taxpayers (17.C) of the November 2025 Fillmore Township Board of Trustee minutes, and the cost being more than thought as well as Direct deposit of payroll for Fillmore Township payroll (17.D) of the November 2025 Fillmore Township Board of Trustee minutes.

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

PASSED 4-1.

18. Adjournment.

There being no other business brought to the Fillmore Township Board of Trustees;
A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township

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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 December 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm, which was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

Signed _____

Date
