

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 13, 2026 7pm

1. **Call to Order.**
Supervisor John Yonker called the meeting to order; Elaine Mokma 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. **Public Comment – Agenda.**
None.
5. **Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.**
Officer Wei Chen submitted the following report;
a. There were 100 calls for December 2025, 64 calls for Fillmore Township and 36 calls for Overisel Township. With a total of 1077 calls for 2025, 660 calls for Fillmore Township and 417 calls for Overisel Township.
6. **Graafschap Fire Department.**
Fire Chief Doug DenBleyer submitted the following report;
a. A total of 61 calls for December 2025. There were 13 medical/rescue calls and 1 fire call for Fillmore Township. 5 fire calls and 2 medical/rescue to other agencies also 3 assists from another agencies. With a total of 899 calls for 2025, an increase of 87 calls from 2024. 229 calls for Fillmore Township.
b. Graafschap Fire Board.
Bob Yonker, Fire Board member, reported they will meet on January 22, 2026.
7. **Hamilton Fire Department.**
The December 2025 report which was prepared by Chief David Haverdink prior to his death was presented by Fire Board member Bob Yonker.
a. The 2025 Annual Report showed a total of 565 calls for 2025 compared to 471 calls for 2024.
b. The 2026-2027 Budget was also presented of which is Fillmore's share is \$89,126.00 – 13%.
A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Leah Folkert to approve the proposed budget for Hamilton Fire Department.
PASSED 5-0.
c. Deputy Chief Mike Capel will serve in a *de facto* "Acting Chief" capacity until the Fire Department can appoint a new permanent chief. A draft letter with "Exhibit A" attached was sent to Fillmore, Heath and Manlius Township Clerks from Bloom Sluggett, PC.
d. An engine of the fire department will be retired with it possibly being donated to the Career Line Tech Center to be used in their emergency services programs.
Bob Yonker ended his report by quoting from the late Chief Haverdink's report;
Hamilton Fire is blessed with a great group of people who are willing to serve our community. In a moments notice, they willingly step forward in the darkest night and in the furious storm to answer a call for help. Their dedication and commitment is unmeasurable.
8. **Overisel Fire Department.**
The December 2025 report was taken for information.
9. **Allegan County Commissioner.**
Commissioner Craig VanBeek, being absent with notice, submitted a written report.
10. **Allegan County Road Commission.**
John Yonker and Chuck Schaap attended the annual primary road millage meeting on January 7, 2026. That report was taken for information.

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11. Public Comment.

a. Emma Styff VanOss questioned a well replacement that is used by the Hamilton Fire Department for filling trucks. This had been discussed at the Heath Township Board meeting on January 12, 2026

12. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – December 9, 2025.

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

A Motion was made by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve these minutes as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

13. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.

No report.

14. Fillmore Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

No report.

15. Supervisor Update.

a. Gates Electric has completed work in the Township basement.

b. Supervisor Yonker feeling it should be a Board decision to close the Township office for holidays;

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to close the Township Office on May 25, July 3, September 7, November 27, December 25 and January 1, 2027.

PASSED 5-0.

16. Treasurer's Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand December 1, 2025 \$133,462.63

Receipts \$651,877.20

Disbursements \$141,482.28

Balance on Hand December 31, 2025 \$643,857.55

Outstanding Checks of \$ 959.18

Bank Statement Balance \$644,816.73

CD's

General Fund \$1,690,785.47

Total General Fund \$2,334,643.02

Utility Fund

Balance on December 1, 2025 \$ 120,975.27

Receipts \$ 756.05

Disbursements \$ 2,518.17

Balance on Hand December 31, 2025 \$119,213.15

Outstanding Checks of \$ 2,269.17

Bank Statement Balance \$121,482.32

17. Monthly Bills

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A Motion was received from Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve the bills as presented, those bills being Payroll, General Fund, Utility Fund.

18. Adjournment.

There being no other business brought to the Fillmore Township Board of Trustees;

A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted

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

Signed _____ Date _____