

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 11, 2026 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.**
 - a. MTA Principles of Governance – Elaine Mokma
4. **Public Comment – Agenda.**
None.
5. **Overisel Township Supervisor – Lisa Russcher.**
Updated the Board on 2025 Overisel Fire Department activity and costs.
6. **Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.**
Officer Wei Chen submitted the following report;
 - a. There were 116 calls for January 2026, 82 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 57 calls for January 2026. There were 10 medical/rescue calls and 2 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 2 medical/rescue to other agencies also 4 assists from another agencies.
 - b. Fire Board member Bob Yonker presented the 2026-2027 Budget;
A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to approve the proposed amount of \$1,244,005.00 for the Graafschap Fire Department. Fillmore Township's share is \$312,120.85 of that Budget, this being a combination of calls and S.E.V. from Fillmore Township.
At an undetermined date another FT firefighter will be hired.
PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Bob Yonker – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, John Yonker – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES and Leah Folkert – YES.
PASSED 5-0
8. **Hamilton Fire Department.**
The January 2026 report was taken for information.
7. **Overisel Fire Department.**
The January 2026 report was taken for information.
8. **Allegan County Commissioner.**
Commissioner Craig VanBeek, being absent with notice, submitted a written report.
9. **Fillmore Township Resolution Moratorium Data Centers.**
A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Leah Folkert to impose a moratorium on the issuance of permits for the erection or operation of data centers with the Township until the Fillmore Township Zoning Ordinance is amended in a manner consistent with the Township's Master Plan and with best interests of the public health, safety and general welfare. That process is anticipated to take approximately 12 months. PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Bob Yonker – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, John Yonker – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES and Leah Folkert – YES.
PASSED 5-0.
10. **2026-2027 Fillmore Township Preliminary Budget**
A preliminary 2025-2026 Budget for Fillmore Township was available.
A Motion was brought by John Yonker and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to hold a Public Hearing for the adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget on March 10, 2025, 7:30pm Board meeting.
PASSED 5-0.

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Clerk Mokma to send notice to the Allegan County News.

The Board will meet for a budget study session. Date to be determined.

11. Public Comment.

- a. Thomas Siver will be on the November 2026 ballot running for 57th District Court Judge.
 - b. Duane Zuverink inquired about the number of people that had taken the survey sent out by the Planning Commission. To date that number is 170.
- Public Comment Closed.

12. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – January 13, 2026.

Upon review of the January 13, 2026, minutes as presented;
A Motion was made by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve these minutes with the above correction.
PASSED 5-0.

13. Fillmore Township Planning Commission – February 2, 2026.

The Fillmore Township Planning Commission met on February 2, 2026, to consider the following request;

- a. A rezoning request from Harald Kronemeyer for parcel #0306-019-042-00 to rezone the approximately 6.34 acres from the current A-2 to R-1.
Based on the recommendation from the Planning Commission;
A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve this rezoning request for parcel #0306-019-042-00 from A-2 to R-1.
Ordinance 2026-1.
PASSED 5-0.

- b. To date there have been 170 responses to the survey sent out by the Planning Commission.

14. Fillmore Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

No report.

15. Supervisor Updates.

- a. Upon a common consent from the Planning Commission;
A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to begin using the Allegan County News for publishing all notices from Fillmore Township.
PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Bob Yonker – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, John Yonker – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES and Leah Folkert – YES.
PASSED 5-0

- b. The Planning Commission is planning on holding a community workshop on April 13, 2026, at 7pm. to give opportunity for in-person questions and comments regarding the Fillmore Township Master Plan and Zoning Map.

16. Treasurer's Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand January 1, 2026	\$643,857.55	
Receipts	\$119,294.61	,
Disbursements	\$595,286.21	
Balance on Hand January 30, 2026	\$167,865.95	
Outstanding Checks of	\$ 281,178.84	
Bank Statement Balance	\$449,044.79	

CD's

General Fund	\$1,992,472.89
Total General Fund	\$2,160,338.84

Utility Fund

Balance on January 1, 2026	\$119,213.15
Receipts	\$ 124.60

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Disbursements	\$	2,561.85
Balance on Hand January 30, 2026		\$116,775.90
Outstanding Checks of	\$	0.00
Bank Statement Balance		\$116,775.90

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.

PASSED 5-0.

18. Late Agenda.

Principles of Governance as received from M.T.A. was read by Clerk Mokma;

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to adopt and sign these Principles.

PASSED 5-0.

A signed copy to be posted.

19. 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 8:35pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Elaine Mokma, Clerk

Fillmore Township Board of Trustees

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 February 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm, which was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

Signed _____ Date _____
