

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 14, 2026, 7pm

1. **Call to Order.**
Supervisor John Yonker called the meeting to order, Chuck Schaap 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. Election Official Raises – Elaine Mokma
 - b. Cemetery Grounds Keepers – Elaine Mokma
 - c. Hamilton Fire Board – Bob Yonker
 - d. Graafschap Fire Department – Bob Yonker
4. **Public Comment – Agenda.**
None.
5. **Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.**
Officer Wei Chen submitted the following report;
 - a. There were 71 calls for March 2026, 49 calls for Fillmore Township and 22 calls for Overisel Township.
6. **Graafschap Fire Department.**
Fire Chief Doug DenBleyer submitted the following report;
 - a. A total of 56 calls for March 2026. There were 5 medical/rescue calls and 5 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 4 fire calls and 5 assists from another agencies.
 - b. Bob Yonker, Fire Board member of the Graafschap Fire Department, stated the department has added several items to the new engine currently being built bringing the total cost of the engine from \$650,000.00 to \$665,859.00.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Leah Foilkert to amend the 2026-2027 budget to meet the additional cost of the engine.
PASSED 5-0.
7. **Hamilton Fire Department.**
The March 2026 report was taken for information.
8. **Overisel Fire Department.**
No report was submitted.
9. **Allegan County Commissioner.**
Commissioner Craig VanBeek, being absent with notice, submitted a written report.
10. **Elected Officials Salaries.**
Elected Officials Salaries.
A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to increase the salaries of 2 Board members for the 2026-2027 Budget.
Supervisor - \$31,384.00 – remain the same.
Clerk - \$22,880.00 – increase of 9.6%.
Treasurer - \$22,880.00 – increase of 9.6%.
Trustees - \$4,500.00 - remain the same, not \$4,650.00 per the form as presented.
PASSED 5-0

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11. Public Comment.

- a. Mark Groenheide, Hamilton Fire Department member, stated members of the department will accompany the family of the late Hamilton Fire Chief, David Haverdink, to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland May 2 & 3, 2026, to honor the late Chief Haverdink who died in service to his community on December 25, 2025.
He also encouraged the community to Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters April 26 – May 3, 2026 by lighting their homes in red lights to honor the fallen and their families.
- b. Duane Zuverink had questions regarding the Planning Commission Community Workshop on April 13, 2026, stating the residents were not notified.
- b. Josh Driscoll stated he hopes to be able to present to the Board of Trustees at the May 2026 meeting
- a resolution requesting expanded area for O.R.V.
He also wonders about the possibility of having an 18-hole disc golf area created at Cottonwood Park.

12. Fillmore Township Poverty Exemption Resolution.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Leah Folkert to remove from the table the Poverty Resolution.
PASSED 5-0.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the Resolution as presented to allow Fillmore Township to accept written appeals for the Fillmore Township Board of Review.
PASSED 5-0.

13. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes – March 10, 2026.

Upon review of the March 10, 2026, as presented;
A Motion was made by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Leah Folkert to approve these minutes as presented.
PASSED 5-0.

14. Fillmore Township Election Commission.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Leah Folkert to approve the Fillmore Township Election Commission Minutes of April 10, 2026, with the following individuals appointed as election workers;
Appointed for the upcoming May 5, 2026, Special Election;

Chairperson:

Michelle Herman - Republican

Poll Workers:

Lyn Becksford – Republican

Nancy Snay – Democrat

Lynette Bosch - Democrat

Joyce Blauwkamp – Republican

Mary Nienhuis – Democrat

Diane Kempkers – Republican

Cindi Lampen - Democrat

PASSED 5-0.

15. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.

No report.

16. Fillmore Township Board of Appeals.

No report.

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17. Supervisor Updates.

- a. 142nd Ave. Culvert.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Leah Folkert to accept a bid of \$17,700.00 from the Allegan County Road Commission for replacement of the culvert on 142nd Ave, M-40 to end.

PASSED 5-0

- b. East Saugatuck Cemetery.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Elaine Mokima to accept a bid of \$2,500.00 from Eldon Brink to remove 4 pine trees in the East Saugatuck Cemetery.

PASSED 5-0.

- c. East Holland Cemetery.

Markers have been placed on the east side of the cul-de-sac driveway to begin the process of establishing partial drives.

- d. Cottonwood Park.

Re-striping the parking lot – bids to be obtained.

- e. Fillmore Township Hall parking lot.

Expand the parking lot – bids to be obtained.

18. Election Officials Salaries.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to increase the hourly wage of the election officials from \$17/hr. to \$21/hr., and the election chair from \$21/hr. to \$25/hr.

PASSED 5-0.

19. Fillmore Township Cemetery Caretakers.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Leah Folkert to increase the hourly wage of the cemetery caretakers from \$21/hr. to \$22/hr. for labor and from \$21/hr. to \$30/hr. for equipment.

PASSED 5-0.

20. Hamilton Fire Board Ownership Proposal.

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to accept this proposal to pursue avenue(s) with legal staff to resolve the ownership question.

ROLL CALL VOTE; Bob Yonker – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, John Yonker – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES, Leah Folkert – YES.

PASSED 5-0.

21. Treasurers Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand March 1, 2026	\$,658,706.42
Receipts	\$226,981.04
Disbursements	\$269,147.98
Positive Pay Bank Fee	\$ 50.00
Outstanding Checks	\$ 2,376.46
Bank Statement Balance March 31, 2026	\$618,915.94

CD's

General Fund	\$2,111,179.77
Total General Fund	\$2,727,719.25

Utility Fund

Balance on Hand March 1, 2026	\$114,076.70
Receipts	\$ 99,641.50
Disbursements	\$ 961.63
Outstanding Check	\$ 443.47
Bank Statement Balance March 31, 2026	\$213,200.04

22. Monthly Bills

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve the bills as presented, those bills being Payroll, General Fund and Utility Fund.

PASSED 5-0.

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23. 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 8:05pm.

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 April 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm, which was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

Signed _____ Date _____