



FILLMORE TOWNSHIP, ESTABLISHED 1849

Spring 2026

FROM THE SUPERVISOR, *JOHN YONKER*

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Monday, Wednesday and
Friday
8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

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Greetings to our fellow township residents. After a cold winter, spring will be welcome. I've appreciated your visits and phone calls to our office. It's the people who make Fillmore Township a great place to live, along with the natural beauty of the area.

The tragic loss of Chief Dave Haverdink will always be with us. We mourn with the Hamilton Fire Department and especially with the Haverdink family. Dave served very well for over four decades. It was heartwarming to see so many fire departments pitch in and help in those difficult weeks.

Fillmore and Laketown Townships share ownership of Graafschap Fire Department. Fillmore, Heath, and Manlius Townships share ownership of Hamilton Fire Department. Fillmore Township contracts with Overisel Fire Department for fire and rescue protection of the eastern side of the township.

Fire Department calls for 2025 per Department:

Graafschap: 229 calls; Hamilton: 76 calls; Overisel: 54 calls.

Fillmore and Overisel Townships are continuing to be served well by Deputy Wei Chan.

In 2025, we have been actively updating our ordinances and zoning map. You will now find both of them on our website. These two activities kept the Planning Commission very busy. Our Zoning Administrator, Lori Castello, who works for Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), has been very instrumental in working with the Planning Commission to complete these tasks.

We have taken on the task of designing our Master Plan and Future Land Use Map. Thank you to those of you who participated in the survey sent out in January of this year. On April 13, 2026, from 7-9pm, you are welcome to come to the Fillmore Township Office and give your thoughts on the future of our township. Light refreshments will be served.

These are the road improvement projects for 2026:

Resurface 138th Avenue—Blue Star to 60th St. 0.24 miles

Resurface 59th Street—141st Avenue to end 0.25 miles

Resurface 147th Avenue—52nd Street to Holland City limits 0.26 miles

Resurface 142nd Avenue—M-40 to end 0.38 miles

Resurface 52nd Street—146th Avenue to Ottogan Street plus paved shoulders 1.05 miles

Chip Seal 54th Street—138th Avenue to 141st Avenue 1.5 miles

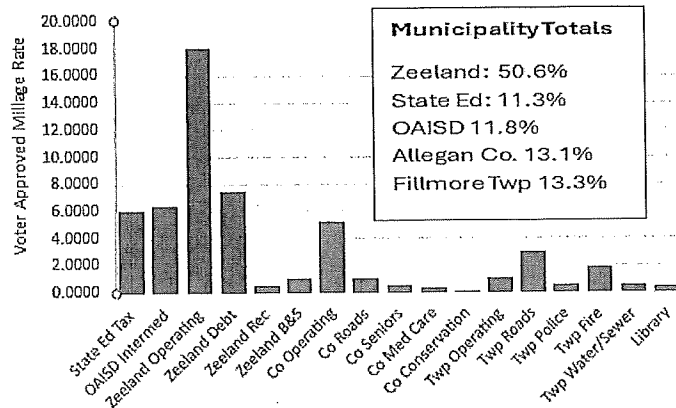
We base the road improvement needs on Phaser ratings performed by the Allegan County Road Commission.

Ag property Owners: Construction of ag buildings require an Ag Building Permit. Examples include livestock, commodity or farm machinery buildings. Please contact our office to see if your project requires an ag permit. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

FROM THE TREASURER, LEAH FOLKERT

2025 Tax	Millage Rate	% of Tax
State Ed Tax	6.0000	11.25%
OAISD Intermed	6.3164	11.85%
Zeeland Operating	18.0000	33.76%
Zeeland Debt	7.4500	13.97%
Zeeland Rec	0.4965	0.93%
Zeeland B&S	0.9931	1.86%
Co Operating	5.1619	9.68%
Co Roads	0.9870	1.85%
Co Seniors	0.4823	0.90%
Co Med Care	0.2394	0.45%
Co Conservation	0.0957	0.18%
Twp Operating	1.0231	1.92%
Twp Roads	2.9464	5.53%
Twp Police	0.4826	0.91%
Twp Fire	1.7984	3.37%
Twp Water/Sewer	0.5000	0.94%
Library	0.3500	0.66%
TOTAL	53.3228	100.00

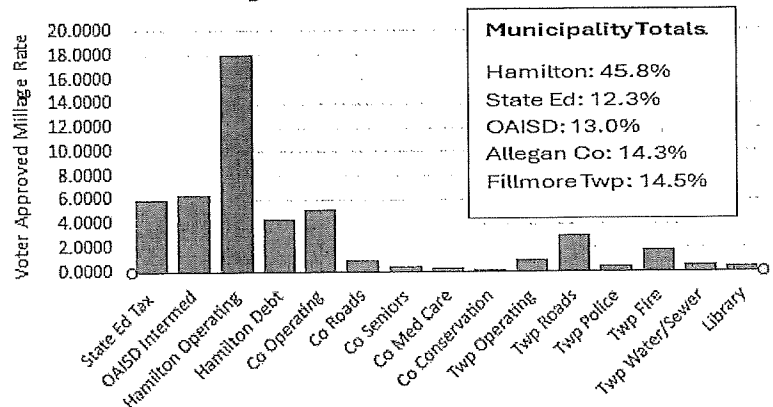
2025 Millages for Zeeland School Residents



- Beginning in 2026, Zeeland Public School will be placing 100% of their millages on the winter tax bill. This is a change from collecting 50% on the summer bill and 50% on the winter bill. The OAISD will also be collecting their millage on the winter bill. Please plan your budgets accordingly!
- Summer tax bills will be mailed by July 1, 2026 and may be paid July 1 through Sept. 14. Winter tax bills will mailed by Dec. 1, 2026 and may be paid Dec. 1 through Feb. 14, 2027.

2025 Tax	Millage Rate	% of Tax
State Ed Tax	6.0000	12.31%
OAISD Intermed	6.3164	12.96%
Hamilton Operating	18.0000	36.94%
Hamilton Debt	4.3500	8.93%
Co Operating	5.1619	10.59%
Co Roads	0.9870	2.03%
Co Seniors	0.4823	0.99%
Co Med Care	0.2394	0.49%
Co Conservation	0.0957	0.20%
Twp Operating	1.0231	2.10%
Twp Roads	2.9464	6.05%
Twp Police	0.4826	0.99%
Twp Fire	1.7984	3.69%
Twp Water/Sewer	0.5000	1.03%
Library	0.3500	0.72%
TOTAL	48.7332	100.00

2025 Millages for Hamilton School Residents



- I've seen an increase in tax bills being returned via the USPS for unknown reasons. If you don't receive a tax bill soon after July 1 or Dec. 1, please contact the office.
- Tax information can be found at www.AlleganCounty.org.
- PRE and summer / winter deferment forms can be found at www.fillmoretownship.org
- Please notify the office if your mailing address has changed.

FROM THE CLERK, ELAINE MOKMA**2026 VOTING DAYS****MAY 5 ZEELAND SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL****AUGUST 4 PRIMARY ELECTION****9 days of Early Voting July 25 - August 2****NOVEMBER 3 GENERAL ELECTION****9 days of Early Voting October 24 - November 1****POLLS ARE OPEN 7AM TO 8PM ON ELECTION DAY****VOTER INFORMATION**

You must be registered to vote in order to participate in any election. You can verify your registration or view your ballot or any election information pertaining to absentee voting or military and overseas voting online at <https://vote.michigan.gov/>. This website will answer any questions you might have regarding registration and absentee voting. If you are registered, it will give you your voting location address as well as show a sample ballot.

Every Michigan voter who offers to vote in the polls must comply with the requirement by showing picture identification or signing an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification. (See MCL 168.523 for voter identification requirement.) Voters can satisfy the ID requirement by showing a Michigan driver's license or a Michigan personal identification card. Voters who do not possess either document may show any of the following forms of picture ID as long as it is current:

- A current or expired Michigan driver's license or Michigan state ID card.
- A current driver's license or personal ID card issued by another state.
- Federal, state or local government-issued photo ID.
- A current U.S. passport.
- Military identification card with photo.
- Current photo ID issued by an educational institution
- Tribal identification card with photo.
- Concealed Pistol license

Michigan election law anticipates that not all voters will have picture ID. Voters who do not have acceptable picture ID or forgot to bring acceptable picture ID to the polls can vote like any other voter by signing an affidavit.

Prior to every election, tabulators are accuracy tested. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast in **ALL PRECINCTS AND COUNTING BOARDS** at the election, meet the requirements of the law. This testing is open to everyone. Information regarding time and date of this test is published in the Allegan County News and also on the Township Website.

The Fillmore Township Board of Trustees meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7p.m. at the Fillmore Township Hall.

Recycling is available for Township residents at the Township Hall. Materials for recycling include: paper, plastic containers, glass and cardboard that is flattened.

NO TRASH

The Fillmore Township Planning Commission will hold their quarterly meetings for 2026 at 7 p.m. on

*February 2**May 4**August 3 and**November 2.*

All other meetings are by special request.

Fillmore Township Hall
4219 52nd Street
Holland, MI 49423

RECYCLING

Recycling is also a service provided to Township residents with the placement of bins at the Township Office. Household items including glass, tin and plastic are placed in the large container. Please make sure all items are clean and flattened if possible. Cardboard and paper products are placed in the small container. Please flatten all boxes. **No waste of any kind is accepted, in fact, the placement of such items contaminate the entire container making everything else not recyclable requiring it to be brought to the landfill.** Please use this service with good recycle practices as it could be discontinued if it is misused. The Township plans on holding a spring clean-up at the Township Office on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 9am—3pm. This will be the only clean-up held for 2026. Tires and appliances will be taken, however there will be an additional charge for those items. An attendant will be on duty and will collect a fee depending on the volume amount. **No hazardous items are accepted**

BURNING PERMITS

A burning permit is required **before you start a fire.** There is no charge for the permit. The fire must be attended at all times by a responsible adult and only burn during daytime hours. Please have a water hose or means of extinguishment on site while the fire is burning. Be aware of wind conditions at all times. Remember, if your fire gets out of control, you are responsible, even if you have obtained a burning permit. If possible, burn so smoke or ash from your fire doesn't create a nuisance for your neighbors.

To view the Burn Ordinance visit
www.fillmore@fillmoretownship.org.

For Fillmore Township residents receiving fire department services from:

Graafschap Fire Department, please call 616.396.4060

Overisel Fire Department, please call 269.751.8314

Hamilton Fire Department, please call 269.686.5222 Menu 352 Options, Fillmore Township is #2 (ext. 4065).

This process became effective May 1, 2015.