

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 9, 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.**
 - a. East Holland Cemetery Driveways & storm damage.
4. **Public Comment – Agenda.**
None.
5. **Fillmore/Overisel Deputy.**
Officer Wei Chen submitted the following report;
 - a. There were 79 calls for May 2026, 51 calls for Fillmore Township and 28 calls for Overisel Township.
6. **Graafschap Fire Department.**
Fire Chief Doug DenBleyer submitted the following report;
 - a. A total of 75 calls for May 2026. There were 9 medical/rescue calls and 4 fire calls for Fillmore Township. 5 fire calls, 3 medical/rescue calls and 5 assists from another agencies.
 - b. Laketown Township Manager has made benefit changes for FT employees of Laketown Township, enabling the addition of more benefits to be available for employees. This will be presented at the Laketown Township Board of Trustees at their June 10, 2026 meeting.
7. **Hamilton Fire Department.**
 - a. The May 2026 report was taken for information.
 - b. The following Budget amendments were received for consideration and action to the 2025-2026 Hamilton Fire Department Budget.
2025-2026 Capital Equipment Request for \$96,725.00
-\$50,000.00 Funding for new engine (CD set aside)
-\$22,550.00 Tanker pump upgrade
-\$14,650.00 SCBA air tank replacements
-\$7,750.00 Fire hose replacement for new engine
-\$2,225.00 Tech rescue equipment
-Estimated as of 06/23/2025 cash on hand \$192,983.00
-Operational Fund Balance: \$110,000.00 less \$82,983.00
-Fire Department CD:
 #1 Huntington Bank cashed out: \$107,982.00
 #2 United Bank cashed out: \$155,763.00
 #3 United Bank NOT cashed out: \$50,000.00 (Interest of \$998.39)
This totals \$320,231.46 to go toward new engine
-New Engine total build cost: \$853,878.00
-Engine chassis payment: \$350,000.00 (money set aside from CDs)
-Balance Remaining: \$503,878.00
-Breakdown per Township:
 Heath Twp: \$292,249.24 58%
 Manlius Twp: \$146,124.62 29%
 Fillmore Twp: \$65,504.14 13%
-2025-2026 Revenue and Expenditures Report Adjustments
-206 336 726 000 Office Supplies over by \$95.40
-206 336 808 000 Audit over by \$1,025.00
-206 336 818 000 Contract Serv over by \$241.00

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- 206 336 826 000 Legal Fees over by \$20,741.00
- 206 336 828 000 Membership Dues over by \$273.00
- 206 336 860 000 Transportation over by \$28.60
- 206 336 956 000 Miscellaneous over by \$367.25
- 206 336 970 00 Capital Outlay over by \$260,598.00

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Leah Folkert to approve the above budget amendments for the 2025-2026 Hamilton Fire Department budget;

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

PASSED by Roll Call Vote 5-0.

8. **Overisel Fire Department.**

The May 2026 report was taken for information.

Supervisor Yonker stated a contract or interlocal agreement is needed between Fillmore & Overisel Township for fire protection.

9. **Allegan County Commissioner.**

Commissioner Craig VanBeek, being absent with notice, submitted a written report.

10. **November 6, 2026 Election.**

- a. A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to place a Police Protection Millage Renewal Proposition on the November 6, 2026, ballot.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Bob Yonker – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, John Yonker – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES and Leah Folkert – YES

PASSED 5-0.

- b. A Motion was brought by Elaine Mokma and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to place a Road Repair and Maintenance Millage Renewal Proposition on the November 6, 2026, ballot.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Bob Yonker – YES, Chuck Schaap – YES, John Yonker – YES, Elaine Mokma – YES and Leah Folkert – YES

PASSED 5-0.

Fillmore Township Ron Bultje to be contacted to prepare the ballot language for the July 2026 Board meeting.

11. **Cottonwood Park.**

- a. Shine of Holland.

A proposal was received from Shine of Holland of \$2,390.00 for the following services;

1. Pressure washing all playground equipment/structures – soft wash and pressure where needed. Pressure washing the 2 benches by playground. Pressure washing the pavilion. Pressure washing cement.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve this proposal of Shine of Holland.

PASSED 5-0.

- b. Excell Lawn and Landscape, Inc.

A proposal was received from Excell Lawn and Landscape, Inc. for the following services;

1. Spraying weeds, light sub-grade of existing mulch in play area, blow off existing mulch off rubber play pads and edges and provide +/- 60 cubic feet of Playground mulch which meets all ASTM and IPEMA standards for playgrounds for a total cost of \$4,500.00.

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve this proposal of Shine of Holland.

PASSED 5-0.

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- c. Portable Toilets.

Due to abuse of the existing outhouses at the Park;

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to board up the existing outhouses and place portable handicap toilets at the park from April 1-October 31 at a cost of \$200.00/month, which will include weekly cleaning.

PASSED 5-0.

12. Public Comment.

- a. Brian Talsma of the Allegan County Conservation gave an update.

- b. Josh Driscoll had no update on a disc golf idea for Cottonwood Park.

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

Upon review of the May 12, 2026, minutes as presented;

Leah Folkert stated her last name needs to be corrected in several areas from Yonker to Folkert.

A Motion was made by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve these minutes with the above correction.

PASSED 5-0.

14. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.

No report. Next meeting on June 15, 2026 at 9am looking at the Land Use Plan.

15. Fillmore Township Board of Appeals.

No report.

16. Supervisor Update.

- a. Fillmore Township water tower.

Supervisor Yonker has received several names of companies for this service, he'll be contacting these companies for quotes.

- b. Fillmore Township Hall parking lot.

A proposal was received from Bourdo Engineering to prepare a topographic survey for a possible parking lot addition at a cost of \$2,500.00 and a rough sketch of possible parking layout concepts at a cost of \$800.00.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to accept the above cost proposals as presented.

PASSED 5-0.

17. Treasurer's Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand May 1, 2026 \$322,578.73

Receipts \$294,050.87

Disbursements \$173,631.87

Balance on Hand May 31, 2026 \$442,997.73

Outstanding Checks \$ 6,539.53

Bank Statement Balance May 31, 2026 \$449,437.26

CD's

General Fund \$2,097,914.29

Total General Fund \$2,540,912.02

Utility Fund

Balance Hand May 1, 2026 \$137,897.16

Receipts \$ 1,568.09

Disbursements \$ 2,749.07

Balance on Hand May 31, 2026 \$136,716.18

Outstanding Checks \$ 428.72

Bank Statement Balance May 31, 2026 \$137,144.90

CD's

Utility Fund \$150,000.00

Treasurer Folkert reported the 2025-2026 audit is scheduled for the week of July 27, 2026.

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18. Monthly Bills.

Upon review of the bills as presented;

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

PASSED 5-0.

19. Late Agenda Items.

- a. A \$4,875.00 bid was received from Brink Enterprise, LLC to construct 3 driveways in the East Holland Cemetery on the east side of the main driveway 155 foot, and 2-80 foot driveways, with work to be done late summer 2026.

A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to accept this bid and the time frame from Brink Enterprise, LLC.

PASSED 5-0.

- b. A large limb cracked off from a cherry tree on the north side of East Holland Cemetery, coming down on several plots. It was discovered on Monday June 8, 2026. Axman Enterprises Inc was contacted to remove the limb, work was done on June 9, 2026.

20. Adjournment.

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

A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Leah Folkert to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

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 June 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm, which was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

Signed _____ Date _____