

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP
ESTABLISHED 1849
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 12, 2026, 7pm

1. **Call to Order.**
Supervisor John Yonker called the meeting to order, 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 69 calls for April 2026, 47 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 58 calls for April 2026. There were 5 medical/rescue calls and 1 fire call for Fillmore Township. 4 fire calls and 2 assists from other agencies and 1 dispatch error.
7. **Hamilton Fire Department.**
 - a. The April 2026 report was taken for information.
 - b. A Motion was brought by Bob Yonker and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to appoint Mark Groenheide to serve as Fire Chief of the Hamilton Fire Department for the remainder of the current term of office, through December 31, 2027. Further move that the Secretary of the Fire Board be hereby directed to give formal notice of this recommendation to the Clerk of each member unit's Township Board and request action by the member units of the same.

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 April 2026 report was taken for information.
9. **Allegan County Commissioner.**
Commissioner Craig VanBeek submitted a written report. Commissioner VanBeek also updated the Board on the Senior Meal program. There are 319 Allegan County residents participating in the program. Drivers will heat up the meals upon request; participating residents can choose to have 5 meals delivered per week and have menu choices.
10. **May 5, 2026, Special Election results.**
Clerk Mokma reported 2 in-person voters and 26 AV ballots from Fillmore Township residents. The precinct tabulated 28 votes total, with the voting machine having no issues in tabulation.
11. **64th St./144th Ave. Township property.**
A letter of intent to purchase land owned by Fillmore Township, known as 377 E. 64th St., Holland, MI 49423 from Highpoint Real Estate & Development, Inc. as buyer and Fillmore Township as seller.
An earnest deposit will be sent to the Seller upon agreement and signature of the terms and conditions.
A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to accept & sign the terms and conditions.
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.

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12. Public Comment.

- a. Mark Groenheide stated he appreciates the support he's received and thanked Mike Capel for all he's done on behalf of the Hamilton Fire Department.
- b. Josh Driscoll shared an existing ORV Resolution.
- c. Emma Styf-VanOss stated damage has occurred on 52nd St. and 142nd Ave. during recent repaving. Supervisor Yonker to contact the Allegan County Road Commission regarding the damage.

13. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees Minutes - April 14, 2026.

Upon review of the April 14, 2026, minutes as presented;
A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve these minutes as presented.
PASSED 5-0.

14. Fillmore Township Special Board Meeting – April 16, 2026.

Upon review of the April 16, 2026, minutes as presented;
A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to approve these minutes as presented.
PASSED 5-0.

15. Fillmore Township Planning Commission – May 4, 2026.

The Planning Commission met to consider a rezoning request from Jeff & Laura Geurink for property located at 5861 142nd Ave., Parcel # 0306-018-013-01, to rezone from A-2 to R-1.
The Planning Commission has recommended to the Board of Trustees to approve this rezoning;
A Motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve this rezoning as recommend by the Planning Commission.
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.

16. Fillmore Township Board of Appeals.

No report.

17. Supervisor Report.

- a. Supervisor Yonker had a parking lot expansion for information.
- b. Chuck Schaap requested Josh Driscoll to supply a plan for frisbee disc golf at Cottonwood Park.
- c. Supervisor Yonker stated that the removal of the garbage cans has gone well. Due to the abuse of the outhouses, he questions closing these and looking into portable restroom services.

18. Treasurer's Report.

General Fund

Balance on Hand April 1, 2026	\$616,539.48
Receipts	\$ 92,852.79
Disbursements	\$386,813.54
Balance on Hand April 30, 2026	\$322,578.73
Outstanding Checks	\$ 14,922.40
Bank Statement Balance April 30, 2026	\$337,501.13

CD's

General Fund	\$2,365,552.57
Total General Fund	\$2,688,131.30

Utility Fund

Balance Hand April 1, 2026	\$212,756.57
Receipts	\$106,328.54
Disbursements	\$181,187.95
Balance on Hand April 30, 2026	\$137,897.16
Outstanding Checks	\$ 476.01
Bank Statement Balance April 30, 2026	\$138,373.17

CD's

Utility Fund	\$150,000.00
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A report of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 was submitted.

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19. Monthly Bills.

Upon review of the bills as presented;

A motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2nd by Bob Yonker to approve the bills as presented, those bills being Payroll, General Fund and Utility Fund.

PASSED 5-0.

20. Adjournment.

Prior to the motion to adjourn, Chuck Schaap on behalf of the Board thanked Mike Capel for all he did for the Hamilton Fire Department following the death of Chief David Haverdink.

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

A Motion was brought by Leah Folkert and 2nd by Elaine Mokma to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

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 May 12, 2026 at 7:00 pm, which was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

Signed _____ Date _____