

# **OVERISEL TOWNSHIP NEWS**

**APRIL 2022**

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**ZEELAND SCHOOLS ONLY**  
**MAY 3, 2022, 7AM-8PM**  
**Vote at the Overisel Township Hall**  
**(4307 144<sup>th</sup> Ave)**  
**Michigan.gov/vote**

**Remember to bring photo ID.**

**Absentee Ballots**-No reason Absentee voting. An absentee voter must fill out and sign an absentee voter application **for each election.** Call the Twp. Office to get an application. An absentee ballot will be mailed after the application has been received and verified by the Clerk.

**Note regarding Recycling—**  
**We have been warned** not to contaminate recycling with household or hazardous trash. One contaminated item can make the entire load unfit for recycling. Do not leave garbage or junk outside of bins. If this continues, this privilege can be terminated. The recycle bins are located in the Township Hall parking lot. The “single stream” does not require residents to separate materials. Glass, paper, metal cans,

plastic, ***flattened*** cardboard can be recycled. (Recycle paper using the Paper Gators at Oakland CRC, Overisel RC., or Bentheim Elementary School.)

## ***WHO TO CALL.....***

**Burn Permits-269-686-5222**

**Cemetery Lots-**

**Bentheim-Steve Arendsen**

616-836-4101

**Overisel-Ken Kleinheksel**

269-566-6417

**Property Taxes-Pat Reuschel**

269-751-7030-(leave a message)

**Voter Registration-Renee Hop**

269-751-7030-(leave a message)

**The Hall Rental**-Schedule with the

Overisel RC-269-751-8744

(Twp Hall NOT allowed to rent out.)

**Overisel Township Financial Reports can be seen at [overiseltownship.org](http://overiseltownship.org) or at the Township Hall.**

**Summer Tax Bills** are sent out July 1 and may be paid July 1 through September 14. If you or your mortgage company didn't get one, please call the Twp. Hall and leave a message. It is the taxpayer's responsibility to see that their taxes are paid.

### From Assessor- Lisa Freeman

Home sales were strong during 2021 resulting in an increase in values for the 2022 assessment year. Land values for all classes (Agriculture, Commercial, Industrial and Residential) increased as well. Building permits are required for new construction including decks, accessory buildings, and additions. Please apply for a demolition permit before you tear down a building. Farmers need to file a use permit for construction of barns. Contact PCI for permit information. 1-616-877-2000.

Michigan requires assessors to perform a physical inspection of 20% of the township each year. I will be taking pictures from the road. If more information is required, I will send a letter requesting the missing information. Thank you for your cooperation. Field inspections help us determine the assessed value of your home by listing all the components and determining the amount of depreciation of those improvements. Sales studies also influence the value of property. Assessed value should represent 50% of fair market value.

Taxable value is the value your tax bill is based on. Assessors cannot change taxable value unless there has been a transfer of ownership, new construction, or an addition of property that was not previously

listed. Taxable value, by law, may never be higher than assessed value.

If you ever have questions about your property assessment, taxable value, or homestead exemption please call the township office. Lisa is in the office on most Tuesday afternoons.

**Permits** (Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical) are **required** for **all** construction (new building, remodeling, furnaces, water heaters, etc.) **New homes on agricultural property** need a **Special Use Permit** from the Twp. Planning Comm. **All AG buildings need a Zoning Compliance Permit.** Permit applications and questions directed to Professional Code Inspections- 616-877-2000

**Township Meetings- A monthly meeting is held at the Overisel Twp. Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. All are welcome!**

### 2022 Road Projects

#### First Paving:

37<sup>th</sup> (140<sup>th</sup> to 139<sup>th</sup>)

141<sup>st</sup> (East of 40<sup>th</sup> St)

#### Resurface:

139<sup>th</sup> (38<sup>th</sup> East to 36<sup>th</sup>)

138<sup>th</sup> (West of 40<sup>th</sup> to 38<sup>th</sup>)

43<sup>rd</sup> (Ottogan south to 142<sup>nd</sup>)

**Crack seal** 36<sup>th</sup> Ottogan to 144<sup>th</sup> -  
(Share cost with Salem Township)

**Culvert** on 43<sup>rd</sup> (N of 142<sup>th</sup>)

Road Mowing and Dust Control

## **FIRE DEPT NEWS**

### **NEEDED/WANTED**

The Overisel Fire Dept. is looking for people willing to join OFD. Applications are available at the Twp. Hall or by emailing the Fire Chief. **An INVITATION to anyone thinking of joining OFD—an OPEN HOUSE will be held from 6:30-8:00 on April 25 at the Overisel Fire Station. Come and look around and get your questions answered.**

Email:  
[firechief@overiseltownship.org](mailto:firechief@overiseltownship.org)

The Township is planning on *replacing* a pumper with the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds we receive from the Federal Gov't.

**Burn Permit Reminder**-The permit is only good for burning piles of brush, shrubs, and leaves (Any other materials that you wish to burn will require a special permit from the Fire Chief) The permit will be valid for the day that you call it in. You must have a water source nearby and attend the fire at all times. If the burn gets out of control, call 911.

**Illegal Burn fines** will be based on the time and material it takes to put out the fire.

**There are State regulations that must be obeyed for anyone using an "Open Burn" permit.** [www.michigan.gov/openburning](http://www.michigan.gov/openburning).

**THANK YOU TO PAUL VAN ECK WHO HAS SERVED OVERISEL TOWNSHIP FOR OVER 30 YEARS AS CHAIRMAN ON THE FOLLOWING BOARDS: PLANNING COMMISSION, APPEAL BOARD AND THE BOARD OF REVIEW! YOUR SERVICE TO THE TOWNSHIP IS APPRECIATED! HAPPY RETIREMENT!**

**Deputy Joe Knapp reports 279 incidents in our township in 2021.**

### **Fire Chief Kooienga reports:**

**For 2021:**

**19 Fire calls**

**94 EMS calls**

**16 Hazardous Conditions**

**15 Service calls**

**15 Cancelled en route**

**4 Severe Weather**

**163 Total calls**

**A special thanks to Eldon Schans for his 28 years of service on the Overisel Fire Department. He will be missed!**

**Thank you to Ross and Lisa Brink and Scott Lezman for their service.**

**The OFD Welcomes Brandon Haverdink.**

**Junk Ordinance.** The Township is getting many complaints about properties that are in violation of this ordinance. **Vehicles need to be licensed and drivable to be parked on your property.** If they are not licensed or drivable they need to be inside a building or removed. We take pride in our Township being attractive and well-kept. This newsletter has information on how to dispose properly of things that need to be gotten rid of. Let's cleanup for health, safety and the negative effects it has on our properties.

**CEMETERY NOTES:--**

\*\*Spring clean-up has begun at both cemeteries. Green flower pots left last year will be setting next to the building.

\*\* Memory items left at grave sites need to be picked up in a timely manner or the cemetery caretakers will dispose of them.

**Paper Gators** accept newsprint, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, phone books, office/school paper, hard and soft cover books. (NO plastic, metal, trash, glass, cardboard, or paperboard—grocery item boxes.) By supporting these area Paper Gators you are saving taxpayer money. The township—(i.e. you the taxpayer)—pays to recycle the paper in our Recycling Bins.

**Broadband Survey Opportunity**—The Allegan County Broadband Committee is asking for input from you. By May 1, a survey will be available at [www.allegancounty.org/broadband](http://www.allegancounty.org/broadband). The survey will identify the underserved areas and try to get broadband to those areas. The page will also have links to available service providers and information on discount programs for residents. It is preferred to complete the survey online, but paper copies will be available at libraries, township halls and schools.

**Where do my taxes go? Depending on your school district--**

<b>Hamilton School District</b>		<b>Zeeland School District</b>	
Hamilton School	\$ .14	Zeeland School	\$ .25
State Ed. Tax	\$ .20	State Ed. Tax	\$ .18
Ottawa Area Int Sch	\$ .21	Ottawa Area Int Sch	\$ .18
Allegan County	\$ .21	Allegan County	\$ .18
Overisel Township	\$ .24	Overisel Township	\$ .21

**Every dollar collected for Overisel Twp break down:**

Roads	\$ .73
Fire	\$ .14
Deputy	\$ .03
Operating	\$ .10

**NOTE THIS CHANGE! THE OPEN HOURS OF THE *TRANSFER STATION* STARTING MAY 7, 2022, WILL BE FROM 8:00AM TO 1:00PM. IT IS OPEN ON THE FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS OF EACH MONTH. (CLOSED HOLIDAYS, JANUARY & FEBRUARY) (THE TRANSFER STATION IS ¼ MILE NORTH OF SANDYVIEW SCHOOL ON 46<sup>TH</sup> ST.) RESIDENTS MUST PURCHASE A \$20.00 “CARD” WITH 10 “PUNCHES”. THE CHARGES ARE BASED ON VOLUME TO BE DUMPED. WE CANNOT ACCEPT YARD WASTE, ASPHALT SHINGLES, MAJOR APPLIANCES, TIRES OR OIL BASE PAINTS.**

**FUTURE ELECTION DATES:**

**AUGUST 2-PRIMARY**

\*\*To choose which party's candidates will run in Federal, State and Local races.

\*\*2 mil **renewal** for Road Construction

**NOVEMBER 8-GENERAL**

\*\*To choose who will hold office at the Federal, State and Local levels

**Overisel Township  
A 4307 144<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Holland, MI 49423**

**June 18, 2022**, the Regional Recycling Depot in Hamilton will host a **Hazardous Waste Event (3310 M-40)**. This will be the **last year** at this site as it is for sale. **Open hours are from 9am to 12pm and bring your driver's license to show residence in Overisel Township.**

**What you can bring:**

**Household Electronics:** Radio, CD players, Answering machine, calculators, copiers, scanners, fax, printers, DVD players, VCRs, Gaming units, iPOD's, MP3 players, telephones, cell phones, TV's (2 per vehicle), microwave.

**Hazardous Household Waste:** Oil-based paint, wood stain, cleaning products, paint thinner, adhesives, glues, weed killer, fertilizer, pest poisons, pool chemicals, antifreeze, deck sealer, auto fluids, florescent light bulbs and cfl's, mercury thermometers, batteries (not auto), aerosol cans.

**Computer & Accessories:** APC Battery Backups, circuit boards, docking stations, power cords /cables, keyboards & mice, laptops, MAC's, PC's, modems, monitors, speakers towers, internal/external disk drives, servers, server racks.

**Leave these items home:**

NO latex paint, appliances, Freon, comingled/single stream recycling, trash, furniture, construction materials or yard waste, vacuums, NO barrels or drums, VHS/cassettes, hair dryer, curling irons, toaster/ovens, coffee makers, hot plates kitchen devices, blenders, can openers.

**A scrap tire collection will take place on Saturday, August 6 from 9am-12pm at the Salem Township Transfer station. First come first served, limited space.**