

OVERISEL TOWNSHIP NEWS

APRIL 2021

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ZEELAND SCHOOLS ONLY
MAY 4, 2021, 7AM-8PM
Vote at the Overisel Township Hall
(4307 144th 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

269-751-5785

Property Taxes-Pat Reuschel

269-751-7030-(leave a message)

Voter Registration-Renee Hop

269-751-7030-(leave a message)

Community Hall Rental-Schedule with

the ORC-269-751-8744

(Note: Twp Hall does NOT rent out our building or Community Hall)

Overisel Township Financial Reports can be seen at 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 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 2020 resulting in an increase in values for the 2021 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 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. All are welcome!

2021 Road Projects

Resurface 4 miles
Depending on bids:
Reconstruct 141st (E of 40th)
Reconstruct 37th (140-139)
Culvert on 43rd (N of 147th)
Road Mowing and Dust Control

FIRE DEPT NEWS

NEEDED/WANTED

The Overisel Fire Dept. is looking for people willing to join. Applications are available at the Twp. Hall or by emailing the Fire Chief.

**Email:
firechief@overiseltownship.org**

Thanks to Mike Nagel for his 13 years of service on the Overisel Fire Department.

Thanks to Ron Horsting for his 20 years of serving as Fire Chief. He reports that after 480 fire meetings, 2700 fire runs, 120 fire chief meetings, 40 911 policy and procedure meetings, 240 township board meetings, and 80 fire board meetings, he is retiring! Thank you again, for your work on behalf of Overisel Township.

Thank you to Josh Kooienga for stepping into the Fire Chief spot. Josh graduated from GVSU with a Criminal Justice degree. He joined the Fire Dept. in 2014. He has the support of Ashleigh, his wife, who is also on the OFD. They have a daughter, Braelynn.

Burn Permits –269-686-5222

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

Burn Permit Reminder-The permit is only good for burning piles of brush, scrubs, 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.



Our "like new" 2007 Spartan RESCUE FIRE TRUCK was purchased last spring from Coal Valley, Illinois for \$179,000. Thanks to Mike Nagel and Kyle Eding for the time spent researching, dealing and picking it up. This Rescue Truck is in use and serving us well. Thanks also, to the community for supporting the Overisel Fire Dept.

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.

TRANSFER STATION INFO

To use the transfer station, (1/4th mile North of Sandyview School on 46th St) you must buy a "card". **The card cost is \$20.00.** Township residents can purchase a card at the Transfer Station. The charges are based on the volume being dumped. It is open on the **first and third Saturday** of each month from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. (Closed holidays, Jan. and Feb.) Please be reminded that we cannot accept yard waste, asphalt shingles, major appliances, tires or oil base paints.

CEMETERY NOTES:--

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

**** Momentoes** 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 for the paper in the Recycling Bins.

Thanks to Deputy Tyler Langerak for serving as our deputy. He has moved to Kent County. We **welcome Joe Knapp** as our new deputy. Joe is the father of 5 grown children (all Hamilton graduates), grandfather of 1, soon to be 2. Joe has coached Hamilton Football and is excited to be a Community Policing Officer for Fillmore and Overisel. He has worked for the Allegan County Sheriff's Dept. for 22 years in many different capacities. Joe reported 311 incidents in our township for 2020.

Reminders—

****Report suspicious vehicles or subjects in your area by calling 911.**

****If you are going to be gone for a period of time, fill out a Property Check Form. They are available from the Twp. Office or the Sheriff's Office. Your place will be visited periodically by a Deputy to make sure it stays just as you left it.**

****Make sure your house numbers are visible from the road to help emergency vehicles find you if necessary.**

****There are State regulations that must be obeyed for anyone using an "Open Burn" permit. www.michigan.gov/openburning.**

****According to a study by Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eye's off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent of driving blind at 55-mph for the length of an entire football field.**

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