

OVERISEL TOWNSHIP  
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting  
8/13/2024

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Russ Van Dam called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and opened with prayer.

**Members Present:** Russ Van Dam, Carl Meyer, Rachel Hoeve, Lori Scholten, Josh Groenheide.

**Al Co Commissioner:** Jim Storey gave an update on county activities: After the sudden passing of Commissioner Dean Kapenga the day before the election, the Allegan County Board must now appoint a successor within 30 days, by 9-14-24. The ballot issues both passed. The Bd. Of Commissioners are looking at a possible bicycle trails in the State Game area.

**Salem Township Library** Assistant Director, Naomi Younglove reported the library's success. Library Board is reviewing a Planning package for future growth.

**Emily Jipp** reported that she and Elizabeth Peterson will be on the November ballot running for 48<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Judge.

**Minutes:** The July 9, 2024 Board meeting minutes were read and presented for approval. Motion made by Groenheide and supported by Hoeve for approval. Motion Carried.

**Overisel Fire Department:** Fire Chief Kooienga reported 19 incidents for July. Have not had any success in finding a good used truck. Looking for a 3000 gal. pumper. We'd sell the older 1541. Fire board recommended looking until the end of the year, then look into purchasing new. Township Board agreed. Had some issues with 1512 not pumping. Has been fixed.

Will get quotes to replace steel at Bentheim Station. Newly hired Tieg Burns is doing well. Corn hole raised \$900. Looking to have rescue training in the empty house on the corner of 142<sup>nd</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup>.

**Overisel/Fillmore Deputy:** Deputy Dillon Schmitt reported a total of 66 calls for July, 37 for Fillmore Twp and 29 for Overisel Twp. He also announced that he will be moving to a new service area on the east side of the county.

**Zoning Report:** New ordinance book may be ready by November. Possible public hearing in January regarding zoning change request for lot where the old funeral home used to be on M-40 in Hamilton.

**Supervisor:** VanDam reported Township Clean-up Day, Free Dump Day–Sept. 21, 2024 at the Transfer Station. VanDam also gave information on 2026 road reconstruction and information on adding a wall and flatwork at Refuse site on 46<sup>th</sup>. Will get quotes

**Clerk:** Scholten gave an election report. 38% of registered voters voted in the State Primary.

**Motions:**

1. A motion was made by Groenheide and supported by Meyer to approve the offer to purchase the old Police Cruiser from Fillmore Township for \$3465. Motion Carried.
2. A motion was made by Hoeve and supported by Groenheide to approve the leaf disposal agreement with Ned Van Farrow for \$550 to dispose of leaves. Motion Carried.
3. A motion was made by Hoeve and supported by Scholten to hire Wei Chen with a 2 year contract as the Overisel/Fillmore Deputy to replace Schmitt. Motion Carried.
4. A motion was made by Meyer and supported by Groenheide to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.
5. A motion was made by Hoeve and supported by Scholten that the meeting stand adjourned. Motion Carried.

**Next Meeting:** of the Overisel Township Board of trustees will be held Tuesday, Sept 10, 2024 at 7:30 pm in the Overisel Township hall.

Lori Scholten, Clerk