

OVERISEL TOWNSHIP
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
11/12/2024

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

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

Al Co Commissioner: Jim Storey gave an update on county activities: County Clerk and Register of Deeds will remain located at the County Courthouse. The Treasurer and Drain Commissioner will move to the county services building at 3255 122nd Ave. Talked about the possibility of using remaining ARPA funds to create an emergency alert system that would go to residents cell phones, since not everyone hears the sirens.

Minutes: The Oct 8, 2024 Board meeting minutes were read and presented for approval. Motion made by Groenheide and supported by Meyer for approval. Motion Carried.

Overisel Fire Department: Fire Chief Kooienga reported 16 calls for Oct. The department has gotten several calls of concerns about the flare-offs by Consumers. Have not yet found a good used pumper to buy to replace the 2007 Pumper tanker.

Overisel/Fillmore Deputy: Deputy Chen reported a total of 86 calls for September (51 Fillmore and 35 Overisel), and 77 calls for October, (44 for Fillmore and 33 for Overisel). Discussion about recent crashes in the area.

Zoning Report: Groenheide reported a Board of Appeals approved a variance of a pole barn on 142nd near the Black Creek. On Nov. Planning Commission Agenda: consider a request from Dan Heasley to build a house on Ag. land.

Clerk: Scholten reported on a successful election. 83% of our township's registered voters voted. Return of Absent Voter ballots was 98%.

Supervisor: Van Dam reported: the Township needs to get bids to clean up blight on Slager property. The water monitoring well that was drilled behind the Overisel Fire Department building this month, was abandoned because they didn't hit water. Handed out Road Work plans for 2025-26.

Treasurer Hoeve handed out Revenue Sharing updates for information.

Thank you to Russ Van Dam and Carl Meyer for their service to the township. Russ is retiring after 16 years as Supervisor, and served on various boards before that. Welcome to Lisa Russcher as Supervisor, and Ben Koopman as Trustee, starting November 20.

Motions:

1. A motion was made by Meyer and supported by Hoeve to approve hiring Douglas Essenburg as a fireman on probation until he passes training. Motion Carried.
2. A motion was made by Scholten and supported by Meyer to approve a *Resolution to address the Collection of Payments or refunds on taxes under/over \$5.00*. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Hoeve and supported by Groenheide to approve a street light to be placed at County Ridge Court and Ottogan. Motion Carried.
4. A motion was made by Hoeve and supported by Groenheide to approve repaving 139th ave, from 45th to 43rd, 1 mile, in 2025 for an estimated cost of \$187,000. Motion Carried.
5. A motion was made by Meyer and supported by Groenheide to approve paying the bills as presented. Motion Carried.
6. A motion was made by Scholten and supported by Groenheide that the meeting stand adjourned. Motion Carried.

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

Lori Schoten, Clerk