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# OVERISEL TOWNSHIP NEWS

April 2020

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## Elected Officials:

Supervisor: Russ VanDam  
Clerk: Renee Hop  
Treasurer: Pat Reuschel  
Trustees: Harv Jipping & Tom Flokstra

To leave a message for a Township Official, call the office: Phone 269-751-7030, Fax 269-751-5405.

Office Hours: Tuesday, 9AM – 5PM

Website: [www.overiseltownship.org](http://www.overiseltownship.org)

## ELECTION INFORMATION

Vote at the Overisel Township Hall, 4307 144<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Polls open: 7AM – 8PM

**Remember to bring your photo ID**

**MAY ELECTION IS POSTPONED.** Zeeland and Hamilton Schools ballot proposals will be on the August ballot.

### UPCOMING ELECTIONS:

August 4 – Primary Election

November 3 – General Election

**Absentee Ballots:** “No Reason” absentee voting is now allowed. 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.

**Voter registration and Nominating Petition Information is available** at [Michigan.gov/vote](http://Michigan.gov/vote). Filing to have your name on the ballot must be turned into the Twp. Clerk by 4PM on April 21.

## FOR BURN PERMIT CALL 269-686-5222

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

**Thanks to Scott Deweerdt** for his services to the township by mowing the roadsides for two years. **Alan Kiekover** will be mowing year.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

**Thanks to Michelle Green** for her past service on the Overisel Fire Department.

**Chief Ron Horsting’s 2019 Report** included 135 calls:

8 structure fires	1 car fire
1 brush fire	2 unauthorized burns
90 medical emergency calls	1 traffic control
2 hazard conditions	9 service calls
6 lines down	11 cancelled in route
10 investigations	1 standby

## FEDERAL FLOOD INSURANCE NOW AVAILABLE IN OVERISEL TOWNSHIP

Overisel Township is now a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) effective January 29, 2020. Residents will be able to purchase flood insurance up to the limits under the Emergency Phase of the program. There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance goes into effect. For single-family dwellings, the building coverage limit is \$35,000 and content coverage limit is \$10,000. Renters can also protect their belongings by purchasing contents coverage. For commercial properties, the building and contents coverage limits are both \$100,000. Higher limits of coverage will be available after the initial Emergency Phase. Lenders must require borrowers whose properties are located in a designated flood hazard area to purchase flood insurance as a condition of receiving a federally backed mortgage loan in accordance with the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973. The NFIP is implemented through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. There are over 5 million flood insurance policies in more than 22,000 participating communities nationwide.



## 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 – Overisel Ref. Church

269-751-8744 [www.orcministries.org/the-hall](http://www.orcministries.org/the-hall)

## PROPOSED 2020 ROAD PROJECTS

**Pave 141<sup>st</sup> Ave** - 43<sup>rd</sup> to 45<sup>th</sup> (1 mi.)

**Resurface 36<sup>th</sup> Street** – 136<sup>th</sup> to 139<sup>th</sup> (1 ½ mi.)

Project cost shared with Salem Twp.

**Resurface 137<sup>th</sup> Ave** – 47<sup>th</sup> to 43<sup>rd</sup> (2 mi.)

**Resurface 138<sup>th</sup> Ave** – 43<sup>rd</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup> (1 ½ mi.)

**New Culvert 138<sup>th</sup> Ave**

**New Culvert Ottogan**

**Road Mowing and Dust Control**

## CEMETERY NOTES

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

If you bring mementos to you grave sites, please come back and pick them up in a timely manner of the cemetery caretakers will dispose of them.

## TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held at the Overisel Twp. Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM. All are welcome!

Financial information is available on our website.

Note: the township hall cannot be rented out. See Community Hall for rental information.

## 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 Township Planning Commission. All AG buildings need a Zoning Compliance Permit. Please contact Professional Code Inspections (PCI) for all permit applications and questions – 1-616-877-2000.

## OVERISEL TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE

### NO. 2008-2 RESTRICTS THE

### ACCUMULATION OF JUNK

Because Township officials are getting more complaints from residents regarding unsightliness of some township properties, it me be helpful to remind all Township residents of our “Junk Ordinance.”

One purpose of the Ordinance is to restrict outdoor storage, parking or unreasonable accumulation of junk, unused, partially dismantled or non-operational motor vehicles, trailers, boats, household goods, machinery and equipment on premises not zoned for industrial use.

Another purpose is to avoid injury or hazards to children or others that are attracted to junk.

A third purpose is to avoid devaluation of property and the negative effects such junk has on adjoining properties and the neighborhood.

The ordinance, in part, defines “junk” as garbage, refuse, trash, scrap metals, rubber debris, rags, dismantled or wrecked vehicles or parts of vehicles, used building material, unused or abandoned motor vehicles, trailers, boas, refrigerators, household goods, machinery, building or construction materials for which no building permit has been applied or obtained, or any debris that presents a potential hazard to persons or property. Be reminded that if there is an unlicensed vehicle on your property, it is supposed to be inside a building.

Household goods are further listed as all furniture, furnishings and household items that are designed for use inside the residence.

The ordinance states that it is unlawful for “junk” to remain outside of a dwelling or building.

It is the duty of the Township Supervisor or designated person to enforce this ordinance. It usually starts with sending a letter (may be certified or registered) to notify the owner or occupant of the violation. 30 days are allowed to correct the situation unless there is immediate danger. In that case, the property owner may be assessed for all removal costs.

If the owner or occupant refuses to correct the situation, Overisel Township Board may take legal action to enforce the ordinance.

Anyone interested in reading the ordinance in its entirety may call the Township Hall to request a copy.

## FROM ASSESSOR – LISA FREEMAN

Home sales continued to be strong during 2019 resulting in an increase in values for the 2020 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 Professional Code Inspectors for all permit information (1-616-877-2000.)

The State of Michigan requires assessors to perform a physical inspection of 20% of the township each year. Due to Covid-19, I will be taking pictures from the road and sending a letter requesting verification of assessing information. Thank you for your cooperation; it's been enjoyable meeting Overisel Township residents.

## NOTE REGARDING RECYCLING

We have been warned not to contaminate recycling with household or hazardous trash. If something is determined as contaminated, the entire truck load becomes unfit for recycling. Also, please 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 material. 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.

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.

## 2020 CENSUS

Every 10 years the U.S. government conducts a census. This is important for determining distribution of Federal funds and also determines redistricting of Federal and State offices. When the 2020 Census comes to you in your mailbox, please be sure to complete and return it as instructed.

## TRANSFER STATION INFORMATION

To use the transfer station, (1/4-mile North of Sandyview School on 46<sup>th</sup> 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 8AM – 5PM. (Closed holidays, January and February.) Please be reminded that we cannot accept yard waste, asphalt shingles, major appliances, tires or oil-based paints.

**RENEWAL MILLAGES for Township Roads, Fire and Police Protection will be on the ballots this year.**

**SUMMER TAX BILLS** are sent out July 1 and may be paid July 1 – September 14. If you or your mortgage company didn't get one, please call the Township Hall and leave a message. It is the taxpayer's responsibility see that tier taxes are paid.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION INFORMATION

June 20, 2020

9AM - Noon

Recycling Depot Site, 3310 M-40 Hamilton MI  
(for more information, click the link under  
"Announcements" on the home page.)