

OVERISEL TOWNSHIP NEWS

April 2024

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ELECTION INFORMATION

May 7- School Election – Renewal

Operating Millage Proposals – Vote **at the Overisel Township Hall** 4307 144th Ave. Polls open 7am - 8pm

NOTE: NO Early Voting for the May 7 Election.

***The clerk's office will be open Saturday, May 4, from 7:00am – 3:00pm to register to vote.

August 6 – Primary Election.

In-person voting **on** Election Day will be at the Overisel Township Hall. Polls open 7am-8pm

PLEASE NOTE: Early Voting for the August election (July 27 – August 4) will be **at the Salem Township Hall, 3003 142nd Ave. Dorr, MI 49323** (in Burnips, across from Bunker Hill) for all **Overisel Township and Salem Township** residents. Polls will be open from 8:30am-4:30pm.

November 5 – General Election.

Election Day In-person voting will be at Overisel Township Hall. Early voting days for Nov. election are October 26 – Nov. 3. **Hours and location for Early voting for the General Election to be determined.**

Always remember to bring Photo ID when voting in-person

For more Election Information, please visit Michigan.gov/vote

Voter Registration and Nominating Petition Information is available at Michigan.gov/vote.

Filing to have your name on the ballot must be turned into the Twp. Clerk by April 23, 4PM

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 will be terminated. The recycle bins are located in the Township Hall parking lot. The “single stream” allows glass, paper, metal cans, plastic, ***flattened* cardboard** to be recycled together. (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, paperboard (cereal type boxes), cardboard smaller than 12”x12”, wrapping paper (no foil/sparkles) and shredded paper. (NO plastic, metal, trash, glass, or cardboard larger than 12”x12”). 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.

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.

Township changes:

Thank you to **Pat Reuschel** for your 41 years of service to Overisel township as treasurer. As of December 1, 2023 Pat stepped down to deputy treasurer.

We welcome **Rachel Hoeve** as our new treasurer. Rachel has served as deputy treasurer for the last 3 years, and is continuing to work with Pat to learn the many job duties. Rachel is married to her husband Matt and enjoys being home with their three young children. She teaches Childrens Worship and Sunday School at her church, and enjoys sewing any chance she gets. She is looking forward to serving as Overisel's treasurer for many years to come.

Thank you to **Renee Hop** for your 22 years of service to Overisel township first as deputy treasurer, then deputy clerk, and then as clerk the last 12 years. As of April 1, 2024 Renee stepped down to Deputy Clerk.

We welcome **Lori Scholten** as our new clerk. Lori is recently retired from the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District. She worked for many years directly with students at Ottawa Area Center, then with the Infant Program (Early On) with children (0-3) with special concerns, and their families. Most recently she was Administrative Assistant for the OAISD Early Childhood Department. Lori and her husband, Gary, have lived in Overisel for over 35 years. They have 3 adult sons with families and 5 grandchildren. She is excited to serve the community as township clerk as best she can.

We thank **Tom Flokstra** for his years of service as township board trustee, and welcome **Carl Meyer** who took his place.

Board of Appeal Changes: We thank **Carl Meyer** for his time serving on the Board of Appeals. **Greg Windemuller** took over the role of chairman in his place. Josh Groenheide took over the role of secretary. **Brent Scholten** joined the board.

PLEASE NOTE, the **Planning Commission** is working on updating our zoning book, and will be holding a public hearing early fall. More info will be in the August newsletter.

NOTICE—Rezone and Special Use Permits MUST be in 6 (six) weeks prior to requested meeting. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

The Planning Commission meets the third Tuesday of February, May, August, & November. (To build a house on an Agricultural lot, you **MUST** have prior approval from the Planning Commission.)

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 Planning Commission. **All AG buildings need a Zoning Compliance Permit.** Permit applications and questions contact Professional Code Inspections (PCI) at 1-616-877-2000. **If you remove a structure, notify the assessor.**

Tax Bills are mailed July 1, due September 14, and mailed December 1 and due February 14. If you or your mortgage company didn't get a bill, contact the township at 269-751-7030 and leave a message or email: treasurer@overiseltownship.org. **It is the owner's responsibility to make sure their taxes are paid.**

****Please notify the township if there are any changes to your mailing address.**

****If you have not already, please leave a phone number or email with your payment. This way if any issues arise, we will be able to contact you.**

2024 Road Projects

Overisel Township

47th St North of 146th .14 mile – Pave top coat of asphalt
44th St 142nd to 144th 1 mile – Crush, shape, and pave.
139th Ave 40th to 43rd St 1.5 mile – Repave
147th 40th to 44th St 2.25 mile – Repave
Culvert slope protection on 147th 2100 ft west of 40th Harris Drive .25 mile – Repave
41st St 142nd to 140th 1 mile – Resurface gravel

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Primary road millage funds

142nd Ave 48th East to 46th South to 142nd East
1.18 miles - Repave
142nd 46th to 39th 3.47 miles – Repave
142nd 39th to 26th St – Crack Seal
40th St County Line to 146th – Chip and Fog Seal
146th Ave 40th to 30th – Chip and Fog Seal

Fire Dept News

Overisel Fire Dept will be hosting a corn hole tournament again this year. Date and time are TBD. Please follow “Overisel Township Fire Department” on Facebook. More details will be posted there once determined.

NEEDED/WANTED - The Overisel Fire Department is looking for people willing to join OFD. Applications are available at the township hall or by emailing the fire chief at firechief@overiseltownship.org

THANK YOU from the OFD for the support in purchasing a new pumper truck (See below). Last year the township ordered a new pumper to replace our 1998 Pumper with the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds we received from the federal government. We have received the new pumper and sold the old one.

Thank you to **Brandon Haverdink** for your time serving on the Overisel Fire Department. The OFD welcomes **Brian Scholten!**



Police / Fire calls for 2023:

Deputy Schmitt reports a total of 371 calls.
Fire Chief Kooinga reports a total of 175 calls.

From Assessor – Lisa Freeman

First off, I'd like to express my gratitude and appreciation for the excellent people that the residents of the township have elected to the Township Board. They are frugal with the money received from taxes and make wise decisions on how best to apply those funds. In part, due to their diligence, Overisel is a highly desirable area in which to live.

Secondly, I'd like to thank the Board of Review. Larry Timmer, Nate Genzink, and Bryan Krommendyk bring experience and knowledge of building trades and property in the township. When an appeal is made, they deliberate thoroughly to arrive at a just conclusion.

If you have a question about your assessment or new construction, please email me overiselasessor@gmail.com or call the office 269-751-7030 (I'm there on Tuesday afternoons.) There is also information on the township website including forms and F.A.Q.s about a variety of assessment issues.

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A 4307 144th Ave.
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FUTURE ELECTION DATES:

MAY 7 – SCHOOL

** Millage Proposals

****NO early voting**

In person voting May 7 at **Overisel Township 7am – 8pm

AUGUST 6 – PRIMARY

** Choose which party's candidates will run in Federal, State, and Local races

****Early voting at SALEM Township** July 27 – August 4 from 8:30am – 4:30pm

****In person voting August 6 at Overisel Township 7am – 8pm**

NOVEMBER 5 – GENERAL

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

** **Early voting Location TBD** October 26 – November 3

****In person voting November 5 at Overisel Township 7am – 8pm**

Burn Permit reminder-The permit is only good for burning brush, shrubs, and leaves. It is valid for the day you call it in. You must have a water source nearby. 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.

Transfer Station is open from 8 AM-1 PM on the first and third Saturday of each month (closed January and February). You must buy a card which can be bought at the Transfer Station for \$20.00. It is located 1/4th mile north of Sandyview School on 46th.

Twp. Hall is open every Tuesday from 9-5.

Township Meetings – A monthly meeting is held at the Overisel Township Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. All are welcome!

WHO TO CALL FOR. . . .

Burn Permits-269-686-5222

Cemetery Lots-

Bentheim-

Steve Arendsen-616-836-4101

Overisel-

Ken Kleinheksel-616-566-6417

Property Taxes-

Rachel Hoeve-269-751-7030 (leave a message)

Property Assessment-

Lisa Freeman will be available on Tues. from 1-4 PM. 269-751-7030.

Voter Registration-

Lori Scholten 269-751-7030-(leave a message)

Zoning questions / Building, Electrical,

Mechanical & Plumbing Permits-

PCI-1-616-877-2000

Community Hall Rental

Schedule with Overisel RC 269-751-8744

Overisel Township Hall is not available to rent