

## Township Office

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Holland, MI 49423

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**Burn Permits** 269-686-5222

**Cemetery Lots**  
**Bentheim** - Steve Arendsen  
616-836-4101  
**Overisel** - Ken Kleinheksel  
616-566-6417

**Zoning questions / Building,  
Electrical, Mechanical,  
Plumbing Permits**  
PCI - 1-616-877-2000

**Property Assessment**  
Lisa Freeman  
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Tuesdays 1-4pm  
269-751-7030

## From the Treasurer

If you are receiving just a newsletter, that means your tax bill has been sent to a mortgage company. If this is incorrect, please contact the treasurer ASAP and I will mail you your tax bill.

If you mail your taxes, please mail them to **PO BOX 10, BURNIPS, MI 49314.**

It is the taxpayer's responsibility to ensure the taxes are paid with the correct amount and by the due date. Even one day late, the parcel(s) will accrue interest (summer) or penalty (winter).

Information on the tax collection schedule, tax levy, and other tax information is now located on the back of your tax bill.

## From the Clerk

### **Election Report**

On Nov. 4, 2025 Overisel Township Residents who live in the Zeeland School District voted on a \$186 million bond proposal. 16% of our township residents are located in Zeeland Public Schools District with the remaining reside in Hamilton Public School District.

Zeeland Public Schools serve students in 8 Townships; 5 in Ottawa County, 3 in Allegan.

Overisel voters voted the proposal down (32% yes, 68% no) but it passed overall (52.52% yes, 47.48% no).

Zeeland voters in Overisel Township turn-out was 23%

More information may be found by visiting [Michigan.gov/vote](http://Michigan.gov/vote), and Zeeland Public Schools website.

## From the Supervisor

I have now completed my first year as supervisor of Overisel Township. The role is not without its challenges, but I continue to seek to serve each resident to the best of my ability. As I look forward to 2026 my primary goals are to be responsive to the needs and concerns of the residents and to find places we can trim our budget and be fiscally responsible with our township funds. Currently the township is allowed to collect 1.07 for township operating, 6.0 for roads, 1.0 for fire, and .2 for police. But we currently only collect .76 for township operating, 5.45 for roads, 1.0 for fire, and .2 for police.

Our goal as a board is to find ways to reduce what we collect even further. We also seek to find ways to serve our residents better. For example, as we looked at the transfer station, we found that many couldn't attend our 1 free dump day a year. As you will see later in this newsletter you will now have a choose your own 1 time dump coupon to be used on a day that works for you anytime the transfer station is open. We hope with this change more residents will have the ability to utilize this service. I appreciate hearing from our residents on their needs and desired improvements. Please feel free to contact me or come to our monthly meeting to share what you would like to see in our township.

## **Misc Township News**

### **Assessor**

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs requires building permits for new construction as well as when a portion of a structure is changed. Overisel Township partners with Professional Code Inspectors (PCI) to comply with these requirements.

Michigan's building codes ensure that new structures are built safely and do not encroach on neighboring properties.

Buildings on farms are included in this requirement. If the structure is to be used only for farm equipment, crop storage, or livestock and is only entered by the farm workers, you can submit an Ag Permit through PCI. These permits do not require building code compliance inspections and have a minimal cost.

Ag Permits are not intended for structures that will store recreational vehicles or other non-agricultural uses.

A permit is not required for ordinary repairs. If you are unsure whether your project requires a permit, please contact PCI by calling 616.877.2000.

During the construction project, I conduct field inspections to verify measurements and photo the structure to assist with making a determination of value. Sometimes this requires more than one inspection. I wear a photo ID and provide an informational door hanger so that you know who I am and why I am there.

If your project is not complete by Tax Day, Dec. 31, a percentage of completion will be added to your assessment for the following year.

For the residents who received a Residential Review this fall - thank you for taking the time to review the information. Accurate assessments are to the benefit of property owners.

### **Police**

Deputy Chen reported 347 calls so far in 2025.

### **Fire**

If you are looking for a burn permit, [please call the burn permit number 269-686-5222](tel:269-686-5222), not the fire station.

We would like to welcome Bretton Prins and Katelyn Snyder to the OFD!

Interested in joining Overisel Fire Department? Please email [FireChief@overiseltownship.org](mailto:FireChief@overiseltownship.org) for an application.

Chief Kooienga reported 202 calls so far in 2025.

### **Website**

Our new website is up and running! Please take a few minutes to check it out.

### **Transfer Station**

**NEW THIS YEAR.** You will have a ticket in this envelope for one free trip to the transfer station. We will not be having a free dump day next year, instead use this one time ticket anytime the transfer station is open. DO NOT lose this card as you will not receive another one.

The transfer station is open from 8am - 1pm on the first and third Saturday of each month (closed January and February).

You may also buy a card with ten punches at the transfer station for \$20. 1 punch = 2 trash bags or a 50 gallon barrel.

The transfer station is located ¼ mile north of Sandyview school on 46<sup>th</sup>.

When bringing trash from burn barrels to the transfer station be sure there are no hot or burning embers still in the trash.

### **New Zoning Book**

The Planning Commission has been hard at work updating the Overisel Township Zoning Ordinance Book. The book is nearing its completion and we will be having a public meeting on December 29, 2025 at 7:30pm at the township hall (A4307 144th Ave).

The public hearing will include consideration of adopting a new township zoning ordinance, including a zoning map, to replace the current zoning ordinance.

The draft book will be available to be viewed at the Overisel Township Hall on Tuesdays from 9am-5pm. The draft will also be published on our website for viewing. Please contact the township if other arrangements need to be made to view the materials.

Written comments will be accepted at the township Clerk's office until noon the day of the public hearing and will also be accepted at the public hearing.

Please watch for further updates on meetings regarding the ordinance book on the township website, the newspaper, and on the bulletin board outside the township office.