

OVERISEL TOWNSHIP
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
2/10/26

Call to Order: Supervisor Russcher called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and Groenheide opened with prayer.

Members Present: Supervisor Lisa Russcher, Treasurer Rachel Hoeve, Clerk Lori Scholten, Trustees Josh Groenheide and Ben Koopman.

Guests: **Judge Baker** gave an update and Linda Teeter asked for our support for the **Legal Assistance Center** and the Overisel residents it has served. **Judge Bernette** will be running in the fall and told us about himself and his work. **Tim Slais** who will run for **District Judge** in the fall introduced himself. **Tom Siver** is running for **District Judge** and presented. **Mandy Cooper** presented about **Lakeshore Advantage** which serves Allegan and Ottawa Counties to bring employers and employees together.

Minutes: The Jan 13, 2026 Board meeting minutes were presented for approval. Motion made by Hoeve and supported by Koopman for approval. Motion Carried.

Financial Statement was presented for information

Overisel Fire Department: Fire Chief Kooienga reported 7 calls for January, 4 of which were Mutual Aid with Hamilton. Fire Board requesting a fence by Bentheim station, and painting at both stations. Will report back with quotes. Replacing Overisel's Emergency siren was recommended. The Fire Chief will be getting a review as part of a regular review schedule. The employee that is on probation will re-take the test.

Overisel/Fillmore Deputy: Deputy Wei Chen gave a report. Gun Lake tribe donated headsets for the SWAT team. A total of calls for December, 34 for Overisel Twp and 82 for Fillmore Twp.

Zoning Report: Groenheide reported, and gave updates. Board of Appeals mtg in Jan. The Board approved a variance for building of a barn. Special BofAppeals March 2 for a variance request. Planning Commission meeting will meet Feb. 24 at 7:30 pm at the Township Hall to discuss/approve new ordinance book.

Supervisor: Russcher reported. Monitoring well has been installed at the Township Hall. Waiting on equipment before it can be operational. Animal control complaint. Annual Budget Hearing will be March 10, 2026 following the regular meeting.

Treasurer: Hoeve reported tax payments. Zeeland Public Schools will be moving to 100% winter tax collection, instead of summer and winter.

Clerk: An Operating Millage Renewal Proposal election for Zeeland Public School residents will be held Tuesday, May 5, at the Overisel Township Hall. No early voting for this election. Absentee ballots will be processed on Election Day.

Motions:

1. Motion made by Russcher, to approve the Fire Department wish list at \$5,800. Hoeve supported. Motion passed.
2. Motion made by Groenheide and supported by Koopman to replace the siren in Overisel with a new one at a cost of \$33,590. Motion passed.
3. Motion made by Hoeve and supported by Koopman to approve the 2026 Salary Resolution for Township Board members as presented. Resolution passed unanimously by roll call vote.
4. Motion made by Scholten and supported by Groenheide to approve the Resolution to Allow

Local Residents to Protest the Board of Review in Writing as presented. Resolution passed unanimously by roll call vote.

5. A motion was made by Scholten and supported by Koopman to approve the Resolution on Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test as presented, using the HHS Poverty Guidelines for 2026. Resolution passed unanimously by roll call vote.
6. Motion was made by Hoeve and supported by Koopman to approve paying the bills as presented. Motion carried.
7. Motion made by Koopman and supported by Hoeve that the meeting stand adjourned. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: of the Overisel Township Board of trustees will be held Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:30 pm at the Overisel Township Hall.

Lori Scholten, Clerk