

Overisel Township
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

4/14/2026

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

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

Guests: Naomi Younglove gave an update on Salem Library. Craig Van Beek County Commissioner gave an update. He gave statistics on the new Meals on Wheels program for the Allegan County Seniors.

Minutes: The March 10, 2026 Board meeting minutes were presented for approval. Motion made by Groenheide and supported by Koopman to approve, Motion carried. The March 23, 2026 Annual Budget hearing minutes were presented for approval. Motion made by Koopman and supported by Groenheide to approve. Motion carried.

Financial Statement was presented for information.

Overisel Fire Department: Chief Josh Kooinga reported 13 calls for the month of March. He has received 2 quotes for the fence at Bentheim Station. Motion was made by Koopman to approve and supported by Hoeve to have Fence Consultants install a fence at Bentheim Station, including a new survey. Motion carried. The warning siren in Overisel is scheduled to be repaired in a few weeks.

Police Report: Deputy Wei Chen reported 22 calls for the month of March.

Zoning report: Groenheide reported the Revision of the Planning Book is completed and approved by the Zoning Board. Board of Appeals met April 13, 2026. Planning Commission will meet April 27, 2026.

Supervisor Report: Russcher reported she has been doing a lot of work with the Zoning and working on renewable energy concerns. Russcher informed road commission of issue with culvert on 144th. Road commission agreed it needed to be replaced. Russcher is awaiting work order to replace the culvert

Treasurer Report: Hoeve presented the treasurer report

Presentation of the Annual Financial Statement by Russcher. Motion was made by Hoeve and supported by Groenheide to approve. Motion carried.

Motions:

1. Motion made by Russcher and supported by Hoeve to approve the 6 mils to finance the operating, roads, fire and police budget. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Groenheide and supported by Hoeve to approve the Revised Zoning Ordinance Book. A roll call vote was taken and it was passed unanimously.
3. Motion was made by Koopman and supported by Groenheide to repeal the Moratoriums on solar energy and battery storage. Motion carried.
4. Motion was made by Scholten and supported by Hoeve to approve the leaf disposal contract with Ned Van Farrow, Motion carried.
5. Motion was made by Koopman and supported by Hoeve to engage Foster & Swift for legal counsel for renewable energy and data center issues. Motion carried.
6. Motion was made by Hoeve and supported by Groenheide to approve Road Reconstruction Mileage Renewal Resolution. Motion carried.
7. Motion was made by Hoeve and supported by Groenheide to approve paying the bills as presented. Motion carried.
8. Motion was made by Scholten and supported by Groenheide to raise the sexton pay to \$60 per burial. Motion carried.
9. Motion was made by Groenheide and supported by Koopman to have the meeting stand adjourned. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: May 12, 2026, at 7:30pm at the Overisel Township Hall.

Paula Scholten, clerk