

Overisel Township
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

5/12/2026

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

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

Guests: Heidi Wolf presented her qualifications to run for the 57th District Court Judge.

Minutes: The April 14, 2026 Board meeting minutes were presented for approval. Motion made by Hoeve and supported by Groenheide to approve, Motion carried. The April 14, 2026 Election Commission Meeting minutes were presented for approval. Motion made by Groenheide and supported by Hoeve to approve. Motion carried.

Financial Statement was presented for information.

Overisel Fire Department: Chief Josh Kooinga reported 12 calls for the month of April. He reported the Overisel siren is replaced. He reported the Fire Board is recommending to pay Ken Kleinheksel \$500 per year to serve as Chaplain. Ken has been doing this role for several years without additional pay. He checks on fire department personnel after tough calls, etc. Josh has received quotes to repaint office areas in both stations, \$3650 for station 2 and \$2230 for Station 1. He reported burn permits will be transitioning from phone calls, to the Overisel Township website. The Fire department will be having a Corn Hole fundraiser on August 13.

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

Zoning report: Groenheide reported the Planning Commission held a special meeting on April 13, their next meeting is May 26, 2026.

Treasurer Report: Hoeve presented the treasurer report. The next newsletter will go out with the summer tax bills.

Supervisor Report: Russcher reported she has been working with Fillmore township on fire contract and pay. She has been working on the future road projects with Allegan County Road Commission. Completed grant application for siren, but did not receive grant.

Clerk Report: Scholten reported the May 5, 2026 Special School Election went well. Next election is the primary in August; this will have early voting with Salem Township.

Public Comment: Linda Teeter from Allegan County Legal Assistant Center presented.

Motions :

1. Motion made by Scholten and supported by Koopman to approve \$500 per year for Ken Klienheksel to be the Chaplain for the fire department. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Hoeve and supported by Groenheide to approve painting of the offices of the Fire department. Motion carried.
3. Motion was made by Groenheide and supported by Hoeve to place ACLAC pamphlets in with the summer tax bill mailings. Motion carried.
4. Motion was made by Groenheide and supported by Koopman to approve road reconstruction projects for 20247 on 47th between 136th and 142nd and 140th between 48th and 43rd. Motion carried.
5. Motion was made by Groenheide and supported by Hoeve to approve Revised Zoning Ordinance book. A roll call vote was taken and it was passed unanimously.
6. Motion was made by Groenheide and supported by Hoeve to approve replacement of culvert on 38th at 147th. Motion carried.
7. Motion was made by Hoeve and supported by Groenheide to approve replacement of culvert on 144th east of 40th. Motion carried
8. Motion was made by Hoeve and supported by Koopman to approve paying the bills as presented. Motion carried.
9. Motion was made by Hoeve and supported by Groenheide to have the meeting stand adjourned. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: June 9, 2026, at 7:30pm at the Overisel Township Hall.

Paula Scholten, clerk