Overisel Township News

June 2026

Township Office

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Holland, MI 49423

Hours: Tuesday 9a-5p

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www.overiseltownship.org

Supervisor: Lisa Russcher
supervisor@overiseltownship.org

Clerk: Paula Scholten
clerk@overiseltownship.org

Treasurer: Rachel Hoeve
treasurer@overiseltownship.org

Assessor: Lisa Freeman
assessor@overiseltownship.org

Trustees:
Josh Groenheide
Ben Koopman

Burn Permits 269-686-5222

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

Zoning questions
supervisor@overiseltownship.org

Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing Permits
PCI – 1-616-877-2000

Property Assessment
Lisa Freeman
assessor@overiseltownship.org
Tuesdays 1-4pm
269-751-7030

From the Treasurer

If you are receiving just the newsletter, that means that your tax bill has been sent to a mortgage company. If that is incorrect, please email me asap (treasurer@overiseltownship.org) and I will send you your bill.

Taxpayers in the Zeeland Public School District will notice their tax bill looks quite different this time. ZPS has decided to do a trial 100% winter collection for the 26-27 tax season. This means instead of splitting their millage 50/50 summer/winter, it will now be fully on the winter bill. Ottawa Area Intermediate School District (OAISD) follows the public school, so their millage moved to the winter as well, for Zeeland school district residents only.

Lastly, a reminder that tax information, including my office hours, is now on the back of the tax bill.

From the Clerk

We had a special school election on May 5, 2026 for Zeeland Schools. Overall, the millage passed 2,872 yes - 1,875 no. Overisel township had 33 yes - 37 no.

Our next election will be August 4, 2026. We will have early voting available at Salem Township Hall again this year, July 24-August 2. Voting will be at Overisel Township Hall on August 4. To see a complete list of results: www.michigan.gov/sos/elections.

If you are interested in working as an election inspector in future elections, contact the clerk by email: clerk@overiseltownship.org

We welcome Paula Scholten as our new clerk! Paula was sworn in on April 1, 2026 and will be on the ballot this coming fall. She has lived in Overisel Township for 34 years. She moved here when she married her husband, Brian. They raised their two sons here and love the area. She worked full time in manufacturing before becoming clerk. She is involved with her church, loves to spend time with her grand kids and time in the UP in the winter. She looks forward to serving the Overisel Community as the Township clerk.

We thank Lori Scholten for her work as clerk the last two years! Lori has stepped into the deputy clerk position for the time being.

We regret to inform the community that Renee Hop passed away unexpectedly February 15, 2026. Renee served the Overisel Community for 22 years. First as deputy treasurer, then deputy clerk, then clerk for 16 years, then back to deputy clerk and secretary. To say she loved serving Overisel is an understatement. We thank Renee for her dedication to our township, and we thank the Hop family for sharing her with us for so many years. She has been, and will continue to be, deeply missed.

From the Supervisor

First, I would like to thank the residents of our township for their engagement. I appreciate those who have participated in our township by asking questions, attending meetings, or contacting me with input. It helps us as township officials to hear from the residents so we can meet the needs of as many residents as possible. We know we have made some changes and change can be difficult, but we seek to do what is best for the residents and what is fiscally responsible. Some of these changes are a free dump ticket instead of a September free dump day, having the mowing done by the county rather than by our own equipment, we are also reducing the number of mills we will be collecting for our road mileages. We have worked hard to listen to our residents and their desires in regards to alternative energy in our township and respond to that with appropriate ordinances and preparations if a project is brought before the township. Please feel free to call, email or stop in to discuss with me any township related topics.

Misc Township News

Assessor

Last year Overisel had 37 building permits; 8 for new homes, 13 for accessory buildings.

If you have questions about your assessment or are looking for a form, most of the information can be found on Overisel Township's website. You are also welcome to email me, assessor@overiseltownship.org, or stop in on Tuesday afternoons.

Roads

The approved road work scheduled in 2026 is:
38th St (146th to County Line)
146th Ave (43rd to 40th St.)
Diamond Dr (M40 to Diamond Dr)
Reimink St. (48th St. to M-40)
Pleasant Rd. (48th St. to M-40)
Maple Ave, Volkers St., Sunrise Dr. and Holiday Dr (off 48th St.)

Several culverts were also replaced.

Former township mowing equipment for sale: 6230 2wd John Deere tractor with 3,814 hours. Woods S106 Ditch Bank Mower. Please submit offers to the township office in written form if interested in either piece of equipment. Offers are due by July 31, 2026.

Police

Deputy Chen reported 417 calls in Overisel township for 2025 and 126 calls so far in 2026.

Fire

Corn Hole Fundraiser – Corn hole, ice cream, and raffle prizes
August 13, 7:00pm at The Overisel Reformed Hall (south of Overisel Ref. Church)

Come meet and greet the men and women of Overisel Fire Department. Enjoy some ice cream while you cheer on the scheduled corn hole teams. Prizes for the winning teams (adult and youth) and raffle prizes!

Think you can win? Email FireChief@overiseltownship.org to enter, or message the Overisel Township Fire Department Facebook page. There will be both an adult and youth divisions, if there are enough applicants.

We would like to thank Doug Essenburg for his time on the OFD.

Congratulations to our cadet Katelyn Snyder who recently earned her state fire 1 certification through Careerline Tech Center! If you would like to learn more about Katelyn, check out the video on the Overisel Fire Department Facebook page!

Interested in joining Overisel Fire Department? Please email FireChief@overiseltownship.org for an application.

Chief Kooienga reported 245 calls for 2025 and 76 calls so far in 2026.

Transfer Station

The transfer station is open from 8am – 1pm on the first and third Saturday of each month (closed January and February). You must buy a punch card which can be bought at the transfer station for $20. It is located ¼ mile north of Sandyview school on 46th.
* As a reminder there will not be a free dump day as everyone was given a free dump ticket with their November newsletter. *
When bringing trash from burn barrels to the transfer station be sure there are no hot or burning embers still in the trash.

Fall Leaf Disposal

From October 19 – November 23, an easy to load trailer will be parked at 47th and 142nd for leaf disposal, NO TRASH. A local resident will be checking and emptying the leaf trailer. Please support this composting project and get rid of your leaves.

Cemetery Reminders

**Handled pails need to be picked up by October 11. Any pails left will be put in the building at the cemetery. In the spring they will be put outside.
**We would like to standardize the flower pot holders, please use only the metal ones with a handle.
**The caretakers are asking, if you leave a memory item on the grave, that you please come back in a timely manner and remove the item(s). Caretakers are not responsible for items left and have the authority to remove items in a timely manner.

Allegan Recycling

Household Waste and Tire recycling information can be found on our website
overiseltownship.org > Allegan County Resources > Recycling

2026 Elections

PRIMARY ELECTION: August 4th
GENERAL ELECTION: November 3rd

Voting Method #1	Voting Method #2	Voting Method #3
ABSENTEE **Absentee Application Options:** • Online at mvic.sos.state.mi.us • Request from the Clerk's office • Visit the Clerk's office Any registered voter can vote with an absentee ballot.	**IN-PERSON EARLY** **Polls are open** **8:30 am – 4:30 pm** Any voter can vote during the 9-day early voting period for all State and Federal elections. Overisel residents vote at the **Salem Township Hall**.	★ **IN-PERSON ON ELECTION DAY** **Polls are open 7 am – 8 pm on Election Day** Vote at the **Overisel Township Hall** as noted on your Voter Information Card or check for precinct location at: **mvic.sos.state.mi.us**

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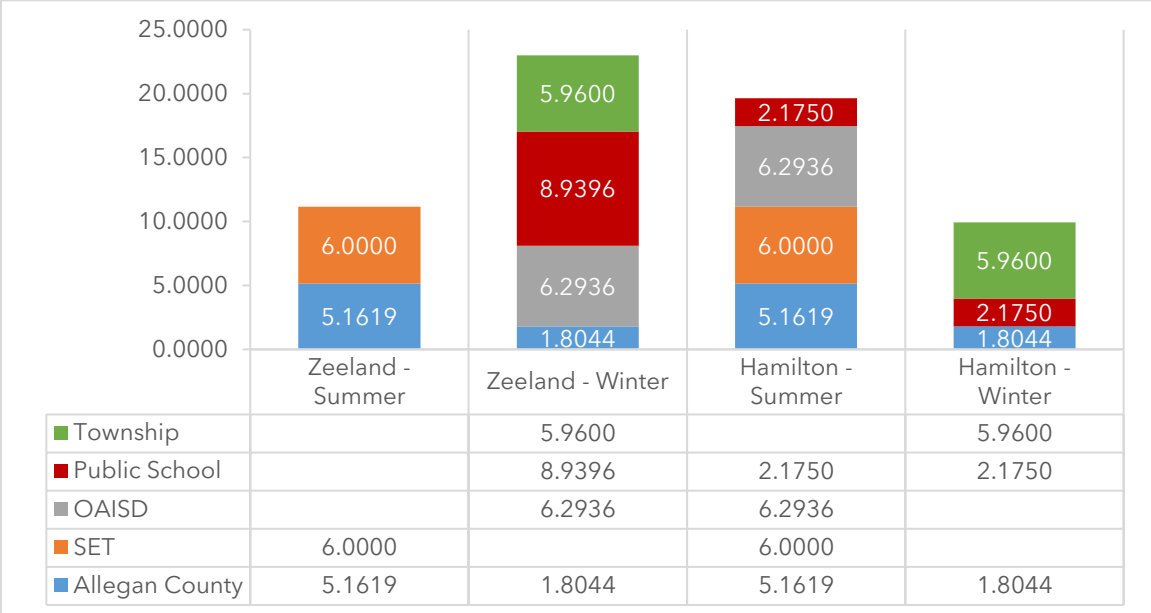
Clerk will be available Tuesdays 9:00-5:00 and Saturday, August 1 from 8:00-4:00pm for voter registration.
Salem Township Hall address is 3003 142nd Ave, Dorr MI 49323
Overisel Township will be processing Absent Voter Ballots on August 3, 2026 at the Overisel Township Hall.
Please remember to bring photo identification with you when voting in person!

TAX MILLAGE BREAKDOWN

Millage numbers based on 25-26 tax year, I will not have accurate winter numbers until November.



	Zeeland - Summer	Zeeland - Winter	Hamilton - Summer	Hamilton - Winter
Township		5.9600		5.9600
Public School		8.9396	2.1750	2.1750
OAISD		6.2936	6.2936	
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Allegan County	5.1619	1.8044	5.1619	1.8044

APPROX. GRAND TOTAL **Zeeland 34.1595** **Hamilton 29.5699**