

OVERISEL TOWNSHIP
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
5/14/2024

Call to Order: Supervisor Russ Van Dam called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and Carl Meyer opened with prayer.

Members Present: Russ Van Dam, Rachel Hoeve, Lori Scholten, Carl Meyer and Josh Groenheide.

Al Co Commissioner: Jim Storey gave updates including courthouse construction, Lakeshore Drive washout

Al Co Prosecuting Attorney: Myrene Koch is running for re-election and gave a report, and presented her motivation to seek another term.

Al Co. Sheriff: Frank Baker shared why he is seeking another term. Over 34 years experience.

Minutes: The April 9, 2024 Board meeting minutes were read and presented for approval. Motion made by Groenheide and supported by Meyer for approval. Motion Carried.

Overisel Fire Department: Fire Chief Kooinga reported 15 incidences for April. Discussed painting the B.Fire station. Josh will get quotes.

Overisel/Fillmore Deputy: Deputy Dillon Schmitt reported a total of 53 calls for April, 38 for Fillmore Twp and 15 for Overisel Twp.

Zoning Report: May 15 closed meeting to discuss DS private road case. May 21mtg. review new ordinance book. June 3 special Bd of Ap. Mtg, re: MB variance request for elk farm on 38th and 142nd.

Supervisor: Van Dam reported: Slager property is looking some better. We'll check in next month.

Clerk: August 6 Primary- The 9 days of Early Voting, July 27-Aug. 4 we will combine with the Salem Township, and voting will be held there. We are splitting the costs to save money. **Election Day**, August 6, will still be at the Overisel Township Hall. The Township has a RENEWAL of the 4 mills Road Improvements which expires this year. We missed the deadline by hours to have on the August ballot. It will appear on the November ballot.

Motions:

1. A motion was made by Groenheide and supported by Hoeve to reject the low bid to apply gravel. The lowest bid was much higher than the 11 surrounding comparisons. It was also much higher than what has been budgeted. Motion to reject the bid carried.
Chief Kooinga reported that an applicant had been interviewed. Motion made by Hoeve to hire Benjamin Burns to work with the Fire Department. Supported by Scholten. Motion carried.
2. The Township has a RENEWAL of the 4 mills Road Improvements which expires this year. It will appear on the November ballot. Motion made by Meyer to approve the wording, supported by Hoeve. Motion carried.
3. A Public Safety class is going to be taught at Zeeland Public Schools. Fire Dept. would like to support it by donating unused, older extraction equipment. Motion made by Groenheide and supported by Scholten. Motion carried.
4. Request to replace Pumper truck #1541 (24years old) with a newer, used (4-6 yr. old) truck. Cost approx. \$250-400K. Motion made by Groenheide and supported by Meyer to approve a purchase. Carried.
3. A motion was made by Groenheide and supported by Meyer to approve the issuance of Huntington Commercial Bank Card for the positions of Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer to have permission to sign for purchases. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Hoeve and supported by Groenheide to approve the Fraud Protection Bank Program with Huntington Bank, Business Security Suite and Positive Pay. Monthly fee of \$45.00.Carried.
5. Motion made by Meyer, and supported by Hoeve to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.
6. Motion made by Hoeve and supported by Scholten to adjourn. Motion carried

Next Meeting: of the Overisel Township Board of trustees will be held Tuesday, June 11, at 7:30 pm in the Overisel Township hall.

Lori Scholten, Clerk