

OVERISEL TOWNSHIP NEWS

APRIL 2023

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HAMILTON & ZEELAND SCHOOLS

MAY 2, 2023, 7AM-8PM

Vote at the Overisel Township Hall

(4307 144th Ave)

Michigan.gov/vote

Remember to bring photo ID.

Absentee Ballots-No reason Absentee voting. An absentee voter must fill out and sign an absentee voter application. Call the Twp. Office to get an application. An absentee ballot will be mailed after the application has been received and verified by the Clerk.

72% of eligible twp. voters voted in the November 2022 election.

Note regarding Recycling—

We have been warned not to contaminate recycling with household or hazardous trash. One contaminated item can make the entire load unfit for recycling. Do not leave garbage or junk outside of bins. If this continues, this privilege will be terminated. The recycle bins are located in the Township Hall parking lot. The “single stream” allows glass, paper, metal cans, plastic, **flattened cardboard** to be recycled together. (Recycle paper using the Paper Gators at Oakland CRC, Overisel RC., or Bentheim Elementary School.)



Eloisa Arendson casts her first vote as US citizen. Pictured with brother-in-law Noah.

WHO TO CALL.....

Burn Permits-269-686-5222

Cemetery Lots-

Bentheim-Steve Arendsen

616-836-4101

Overisel-Ken Kleinheksel

616-566-6417

Property Taxes-Pat Reuschel

269-751-7030-(leave a message)

Voter Registration-Renee Hop

269-751-7030-(leave a message)

Community Hall Rental-Schedule with the Overisel RC-269-751-8744

Overisel Township Hall is not available to rent.

Overisel Township Financial Reports can be seen at overiseltownship.org or at the Township Hall.

From Assessor-*Lisa Freeman*

Overisel Township's website has an assessing section. It contains my contact information. You can also see the sales that were used to determine land values and economic conditions factors (ECF) for this year. The ECF adjusts the Michigan Assessor's Manual square foot costs for building construction to the local market. There are also common forms to download as well as information about a variety of assessing topics.

You can search for property information online by going to the Allegan County Equalization Dept.'s website. Select "Property Records and Maps" and then click on "Property Record Search." You can search by address, name, or parcel number. If the property transferred recently, the new owner names may not be updated yet.

During March Board of Review, I was often asked how to calculate a property tax bill. The formula: Taxable Value/1000 x the millage rate. The 2022 millage rate for Hamilton Schools was 28.6929 and Zeeland was 35.3350 if you had a Principal Resident Exemption (Homestead Exemption) on your property. The millage rates for 2023 have not been finalized because voters could adjust them during this year's elections.

When you have new construction on your property, Professional Code Inspectors (PCI) will visit to check on

compliance to building codes. I will also inspect to verify the size, quality and percent of completion of the project. If your new construction is only partially complete on Tax Day, December 31, that percentage will be added to the assessment roll for the following year.

I will be conducting routine field inspections this year to comply with the State's guidelines for assessors to review 20% of their units. A "Residential Review" form will be mailed to all the homes included in the review. Please look over the form for accuracy. If something is incorrect, please make the correction on the form before returning it to the office. You may email me if you have questions. After the forms are mailed, I drive around to take pictures to update my information. Photos are taken from the road unless you have a long driveway or landscaping that prohibits a photo from the road.

Thank you for your cooperation in returning the Residential Review form. The feedback I receive ensures that the assessed value of your property is accurate. If you have questions about your property, please email me at lisa@heathtownship.net or stop by the office on Tuesday afternoons.

Permits (Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical) are **required** for **all** construction (new building, remodeling, furnaces, water heaters, etc.) **New homes on agricultural property** need a **Special Use Permit** from the Twp. Planning Comm. **All AG buildings need a Zoning Compliance Permit.** Permit applications/questions are directed to Professional Code Inspections- 616-877-2000

FIRE DEPT NEWS

NEEDED/WANTED

The Overisel Fire Dept. is looking for people willing to join OFD. Applications are available at the Twp. Hall or by emailing the Fire Chief.

An Invite to the Community for a Corn Hole & Ice Cream Event on August 19, at the Overisel Community Hall starting at 1:00pm.

Email: firechief@overiseltownship.org

Fire Chief Kooienga reports:

For 2022:

14 Fire calls

112 EMS calls

16 Hazardous Conditions

17 Service calls

19 Good Intent Call

7 False Alarm & False Calls

182 Total calls

A special thanks to Tim Scholten (36 years) and Frank Cronin (18 years) for service on the Overisel Fire Department. Your time and work are appreciated!

The OFD Welcomes Keanan Weestra and Ethan TerHorst!

The Township has ordered a Pumper to replace our 1998 Pumper with the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds we received from the Federal Gov't. Hopefully arriving August 2023.

Burn Permit Reminder-The permit is only good for burning piles of brush, shrubs, and leaves (Any other materials that you wish to burn will require a special permit from the Fire Chief) Permits are valid for the day that you call it in. You must have a water source nearby and attend the fire at all times. If the burn gets out of control, call 911.

Illegal Burn fines will be based on the time and material it takes to put out the fire.

There are State regulations that must be obeyed for anyone using an "Open Burn" permit.
www.michigan.gov/openburning.

Junk Ordinance. The Township is getting many complaints about properties that are in violation of this ordinance. **Vehicles need to be licensed and drivable to be parked on your property.** If they are not licensed or drivable they need to be inside a building or removed. We take pride in our Township being attractive and well-kept. This newsletter has information on how to dispose properly of things that need to be gotten rid of. Let's cleanup for health, safety and the negative effects it has on our properties.

MOWER DRIVER NEEDED: A driver is needed to mow the weeds on the edges of our roads in Overisel Township. This position pays hourly with approximately 100 hours per mowing. Three separate mowings are required during the summer/fall with the township tractor mower. If interested. Call the township at 269-751-7030 for more details.

Scrap Tire event on August 5, 2023 for 9am to noon at Salem Twp Transfer Station. First come, first served. Bring driver's license for residential ID.

THANK YOU TO BRUCE HOMKES WHO HAS SERVED OVERISEL TOWNSHIP FOR OVER 25 YEARS AS TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT. THANK YOU TO MYKE ANDRINGA FOR TAKING ON THAT JOB. ALSO THANKS TO JOHN TIMMER FOR HIS WORK WITH THE BOARD OF APPEALS. WE APPRECIATE JASON KOEMAN'S WILLINGNESS TO FILLING THAT VACANCY.

Thank you to **Deputy Joe Knapp** for his work in our township. As of December 1, he has been working as a School Resource Officer with Hamilton Community Schools.

We welcome **Deputy Dillon Schmitt** as our new shared deputy with Fillmore Township. He has served us for the last 4 months and comes with 3 year's experience, some spent in township contract positions and some time spent with the Bangor Police Dept. He is a Defensive Tactics Instructor for the Allegan Sheriff's Dept. and looking to continue learning with the purpose of being a better law enforcement officer. On a personal note, he is married with 6 children, ages 18-1 year old. He and his wife have been foster parents to 14 children. They have adopted 3 of those children out of foster care and have 3 of their own. He is active on his churches Security Team. Deputy Schmitt reports 376 incidents in our township in 2022.

CEMETERY NOTES:--

****Spring clean-up has begun at both cemeteries. Green flower pots left last year will be setting next to the building.**

**** Memory items left at grave sites need to be picked up in a timely manner or the cemetery caretakers will dispose of them.**

Paper Gators accept newsprint, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, phone books, office/school paper, hard and soft cover books. (NO plastic, metal, trash, glass, cardboard, or paperboard—grocery item boxes.) By supporting these area Paper Gators you are saving taxpayer money. The township—(i.e. you the taxpayer)—pays to recycle the paper in our Recycling Bins.

Township Meetings- A monthly meeting is held at the Overisel Twp. Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. All are welcome!

Summer tax Bills are sent out July 1 and payable July 1-September 14. If you or your mortgage company didn't get one, please call the Twp. Hall and leave a message. It is the taxpayer's responsibility to see that their taxes are paid.

2023 Road Projects

New Construction:

47th St North of 146th .15 mi

139th (45th-47th) -crush, shape, repave 1 mi

Resurface:

43rd (142nd South to137th) 2.5 mi

140th (43rd E to 38th) 2.5 mi

Chip/ Seal 45th 142nd South 1.5 mi

2 Culverts on 43rd

Road Mowing and Dust Control

Allegan Co will be repaving 38th St From 142nd Ave to 134th.

REMINDER: OPEN HOURS OF THE *TRANSFER STATION* ARE FROM 8:00AM TO 1:00PM. IT IS OPEN ON THE FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS OF EACH MONTH. (CLOSED HOLIDAYS, JANUARY & FEBRUARY) (THE TRANSFER STATION IS ¼ MILE NORTH OF SANDYVIEW SCHOOL ON 46TH ST.) RESIDENTS MUST PURCHASE A \$20.00 “CARD” WITH 10 “PUNCHES”. THE CHARGES ARE BASED ON VOLUME TO BE DUMPED. **WE HAVE ADDED A CONTAINER THAT, FREE OF CHARGE, CAN BE USED FOR METAL RECYCLING. WE CANNOT ACCEPT YARD WASTE, ASPHALT SHINGLES, TIRES OR OIL BASE PAINTS.**

**Overisel Township
A 4307 144th Ave.
Holland, MI 49423**

RESOURCE RECOVERY RECYCLING EVENT
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS & E-WASTE

May 6, 2023, at Hardings Market in Wayland (300 Reno Dr.) OR
June 10, 2023 at the Allegan County Health Dept. (3255 122nd Ave.)
Open hours are from 9am to 12pm and bring your driver's license to show residence in Overisel Township.

What you can bring:

Household Electronics: Radio, CD players, Answering machine, calculators, copiers, scanners, fax, printers, DVD players, VCRs, Gaming units, iPOD's, MP3 players, telephones, cell phones, TV's (2 per vehicle), microwave.

Hazardous Household Waste: Oil-based paint, wood stain, cleaning products, paint thinner, adhesives, glues, weed killer, fertilizer, pest poisons, pool chemicals, antifreeze, deck sealer, auto fluids, florescent light bulbs and cfl's, mercury thermometers, batteries (not auto), aerosol cans.

Computer & Accessories: APC Battery Backups, circuit boards, docking stations, power cords /cables, keyboards & mice, laptops, MAC's, PC's, modems, monitors, speaker towers, internal/external disk drives, servers, server racks.

Leave these items home:

NO latex paint, appliances, Freon, comingled/single stream recycling, trash, furniture, construction materials or yard waste, vacuums, NO barrels or drums, VHS/cassettes, hair dryer, curling irons, toaster/ovens, coffee makers, hot plates kitchen devices, blenders, can openers.

A scrap tire collection will take place on Saturday, August 5 from 9am-12pm at the Salem Township Transfer station. First come first served, limited space.