

End of 2017 Newsletter

ROADS: Many road improvement projects were completed in 2017. Oliver Township spent \$500,000 this year on these projects. The old blacktop on Farver Road between Geiger Road & M142 was pulverized and replaced with new asphalt. The existing blacktop on Haist Road between Hartsell Road and Moore Road was pulverized and replaced with new asphalt. Moore Road between Stein Road & Kilmanagh Road was our newest blacktop road. In order to keep our asphalt roads we must resurface them in a timely manner. The roads are inspected each year and rated on a 1-10 scale. Tubes under the roads are also inspected and replaced as needed. This year tubes were replaced on 5 miles. Our plan is to resurface 2 to 3 miles a year. The cost to grind up the old asphalt and replace with new is approximately \$150,000 per mile. We also crack sealed various roads to increase the life of the asphalt. Stein Road between Moore Road and Grassmere Road was widened on the south side. One mile of Grassmere Road was resurfaced with gravel. This is a 50/50 cost share project with Colfax Township. The gravel roads are brined twice a year. The company doing the brining is the Wilkinson Corporation out of Mayville, Michigan. If you have a dust problem on your road call the Oliver Township supervisor at 989-550-4319. In 2018 plans are to pulverize and apply new asphalt on Farver Road between M142 and Richardson and Haist Road between Elkton and Farver roads.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: A 2011 Ferrara Rescue truck has been purchased to replace the 1991 Spartan rescue truck that was involved in an accident. The purchase price of \$296,000 was totally covered by insurance. Oliver Township also provides, on a contractual basis, fire protection to parts of Grant and Chandler Townships.

ASSESSING: Our assessor is Anthony Rutkowski. Tony handles all assessing duties except the wind parks. Wade Mazure assesses the wind parks. The board of review meets in March. If, however, you notice an error on a tax bill or assessment after that meeting, a special board of review can meet in July or December to correct the situation. Call 989-550-4319 for the time and date of the meetings.

Feel free to call any board member if you have any questions or concerns about any township related matters. Also, thank you taxpayers in the township and village of Elkton for your support. The township is working with the village of Elkton on road projects that can show a mutual benefit. This year the township paid \$25,000 towards the improvement of York Street.

An often asked question is how much tax money do the wind projects pay to Oliver Township. In 2017 the taxes paid by the wind companies and the ITC transmission line were:

General Fund:	\$80,986
Road Fund:	\$190,868
Fire Fund:	<u>\$31,811</u>
Total:	\$303,665