

End of 2018 Newsletter

ROADS: Many road improvement projects were completed in 2018. Oliver Township spent \$545,000 this year on these projects. The old blacktop on Farver Road between Richardson Road & M142 was pulverized and replaced with new asphalt. The existing blacktop on Haist Road between Farver Road and Elkton Road was pulverized and replaced with new asphalt. 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. The building of Stein Road between Moore Road and Grassmere Road for blacktop was completed. It will be blacktopped in 2019. One mile of Grassmere Road was resurfaced with gravel. This is a 50/50 cost share project with Colfax Township. Also one mile of Kilmanagh Road was resurfaced with gravel on a 50/50 cost share with Grant 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 2019 plans are to pulverize and apply new asphalt on Richardson Road between Gagetown Road and Maxwell Road and Krohn Road between M142 and Richardson.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Plans are in the making to improve the fire hall. New eaves and downspouts will be installed along with new fascia on the front. Painting of the exterior is also planned. Oliver Township also provides, on a contractual basis, fire protection to parts of Grant and Chandler Townships. It is a volunteer fire department and we thank them for all they do for the community. Jim Seley is our fire chief.

ASSESSING: Our new assessor is David McArthur. The board of review meets in March. The members are: Bob Ross, Adam Herford, Sid Hurlburt and alternate Lonna Fisher. 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. Their names and phone numbers can be found on this website. 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 in the village that can show a mutual benefit.