

“Spring of 2019 Oliver Township Newsletter

ROADS: Many road improvement projects are planned for 2019. Oliver Township will spend approximately \$550,000 this year on these projects. 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 will be replaced on 3 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 \$180,000 per mile. **This is an increase of \$20,000 per mile from last year!** We will also be crack sealing various roads to increase the life of the existing asphalt. Stein Road between Moore Road and Grassmere Road will be blacktopped and Krohn Road between M142 and Richardson Road will be ground up and re blacktopped.. One half mile of Grassmere Road will be resurfaced with gravel. This is a 50/50 cost share project with Colfax Township. Also one mile of Kilmanagh Road will be resurfaced with gravel on a 50/50 cost share with Grant Township. Geiger Road from Gagetown to Maxwell and Haist road from Gagetown to Maxwell will be resurfaced with gravel. 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Plans are in the making to improve the fire hall. New eaves and downspouts have been installed and new fascia on the front will be done this summer. Painting of the exterior is also planned. Oliver Township also provides, on a contractual basis, fire protection to parts of Grant and Chandler Townships. The rest of our new coats and pants are ordered and now all our firemen will have new turn out gear. 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.