2023 Oliver Township Newsletter

ROADS: The road projects for 2023 are as follows: pulverize the old asphalt and apply new asphalt on Maxwell Road from Haist Road to Stein ($219,000) and on Richardson Road from Moore Road to Grassmere Road ($210,500). Grassmere Road from M142 to Richardson Road will have a pipe replaced and 2500 ton of gravel applied. This is a 50/50 project with Colfax Township. Our share of this project is $20,000. In order to keep our asphalt roads in good repair we must resurface them in a timely manner. The roads are inspected each year and rated on a scale of 1-10. Tubes under the roads are also inspected and replaced as needed.   Crack sealing various roads is done each year to increase the life of the existing asphalt. The total costs of all of these projects for 2023 will be around $500,000.

Oliver Township has 6 miles of state highway (M142) and 9 miles of county primary roads. The rest of the roads in the township are maintained with township funds generated by a 3 mill road millage. Approximately 90% of the roads in the township are asphalt roads.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The cost to run the Fire Department for a year runs approximately $100,000. Grants are being applied for to help secure new equipment. It is a volunteer fire department and we thank them for all they do for the community. Jim Seley is our fire chief. Oliver Township also provides, on a contractual basis, fire protection to parts of Grant and Chandler Townships.

ASSESSING: Our assessor is Angie Guza. The board of review meets in March. The members are: Bill Herford, Lonna Fisher and Colleen Krohn. 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.

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 the township's website. Also, thank you taxpayers in the township and village of Elkton for your support.