

Summer Tax Collection

Due Date: Sept. 16, 2019

Make Checks Payable to:
Ovid Township Treasurer
Shelly AcMoody – Treasurer
381 S. Angola Road, Coldwater, MI 49036

Phone: 517-238-4435
Fax: 517-238-9631
Email: ovidtax@hotmail.com

Ways to Pay:

- 1) Mail your Check
- 2) Use Drop Box – Next to the dusk to dawn light in the Township Hall parking lot.
- 3) Pay in Person
- 4) Credit & Debit cards are **Not Accepted**.

Dates Treasurer is Open to Collect Taxes...
Sept. 9 (Mon) 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Sept. 13 (Fri) 9:00 am – noon
Sept. 16 (Mon) 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Important:
Postmarks are not Accepted!**

Your payment must be received, and in the Treasurer’s hands by 5:00 pm, **Monday, September 16th, 2019** or it is considered past due.

There are NO exceptions.....

If you want a receipt: Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

Your tax information is available at: www.ovidtownship.org and click on “Property Tax Search”.

Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes....

The application, along with requirements, are available Online at www.ovidtownship.org, Go to: Forms, and click on, **Deferment Form**.

If you meet one of the requirements, and want to defer your summer taxes until February 14, 2020, you must file the required form before September 16, 2019

Township Board Meetings

Township Board Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held at the Ovid Township Hall, 381 S. Angola Road. All meetings are open to the public, and we encourage you to attend.

Township Board Members

Greg Gemmill, Supervisor	517-227-3857
Robbi Omo, Clerk	517-238-5099
Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer	517-238-4435
Jim Snivley, Trustee	419-630-6497
Larry Omo, Trustee	517-238-4322

Township Zoning Administrator

Russ Jennings Ofc: 517-238-5999
Fax: 517-238-9631
Email: zoning@ovidtownship.org

Russ is available on **Tuesday & Thursday**, from 8:00 am to Noon at the Ovid Township Office, located at 381 S. Angola Road. **Zoning Permits Are Required on ALL Construction**, including accessory buildings, whether permanent or portable, decks, and fences (except in the Ag District). For sheds under 100 sq. feet, please call our zoning administrator.

New Amendments to our zoning Ordinance...

Several changes have been made to our zoning ordinance. Some have relaxed certain set-backs, and overall lot coverage, whereas others have now required a permit where one was not needed in the past. All decks, patios, sidewalks, and driveways now need a permit. Commercial and Residential Solar & Wind energy are also addressed. The complete zoning ordinance can be viewed on our website.

Planning Commission Meetings

The Planning Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held at the Ovid Township Hall, at 381 S. Angola Road.

**Township Assessor
SM Assessing Service
Melissa Lane – Assessor**

Email: smassessing@frontier.com
Ofc.: 517-279-0014
Fax: 517-279-1272

ATTENTION OVID TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERS:

Our Assessor, Melissa Lane, and her crew will be conducting updates on all the parcels in the township. The updates are exterior only, all buildings will be measured, including concrete, pools, etc., and pictures will be taken that will be attached to the property record card. This WILL NOT increase your yearly property taxes, unless there is something found that is not on the tax roll. If you have any questions or would like to be present for the update, please call the assessor’s office.

Ordinance #23

Junk Storage & Accumulation

Ovid Township has a stand-alone Junk Ordinance that restricts the outdoor storage of un-plated vehicles, auto parts, appliances, trailers, household goods, construction materials, and garbage. This ordinance was enacted to avoid the devaluation of adjoining properties, and to avoid health hazards, and injury or hazard to children and others attracted to such junk. A fine of \$50.00 to \$250.00, along with all costs associated with the citation, court costs, and possible clean-up of the property are the responsibility of the property owner. If you have questions regarding this ordinance; please call the Township Supervisor, 517-227-3857.

Township Ordinances!

All township ordinances (zoning, as well as stand-alone) are available on the township web page at www.ovidtownship.org. Please refer to these before building, attempting land-splits, or any other questionable activity within the township.

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Township Cemetery Sexton

Sexton Lucas Cronkhite, can be reached at:

(269) 352-8114

Please contact Mr. Cronkhite or Township Clerk, Robbi Omo for information regarding cemetery plots.

Cemetery plots are available for purchase in **Lockwood, Sorter, and Wilson Cemetery**. Cost is \$100.00 for each burial space.

Ovid Township cemeteries are governed by Cemetery Ordinance #24, available on the Township website;

www.ovidtownship.org

No flowers, shrubs, trees, or vegetation shall be planted without approval of the township board, and all seasonal grave decorations must be removed on or before April 1st each Spring, and November 1st, each Fall. Any seasonal decorations not removed by these deadlines may be removed and discarded by the township sexton.

Lakeland Fire Department

State regulations concerning burning:

- 1: Household trash may be burned from a 1 or 2 family dwelling if air pollution rules are not violated or **does not disturb or cause a nuisance to neighbors!** Trash must be burned in an approved container.
- 2: No burning of any material which produces black or toxic smoke.
- 3: Structures may not be burned for any reason.
- 4: Persons are required to obtain a burning permit when the ground is not snow covered.
- 5: Open burning of brush & leaves is permitted with a permit.
- 6: State law prohibits burning of any construction or demolition materials.
- 7: Open burning is not allowed when winds exceed 3 miles an hour and must be kept under control and be attended to by an adult until the fire is out.
- 8: State law allows for the burning of logs, brush, charcoal, and other similar materials for the purpose of food preparation or recreation.
- 9: Burning permits for Ovid Township may be obtained by calling the fire station at 517-238-4345.

Lakeland Fire Dept. considers fire prevention an important part of its duties as well as the protection of people and property.

Michigan Marihuana Laws...

The state of Michigan has passed legislation to include both Medical as well as Recreational use of Marihuana in the state. Ovid Township however has passed an ordinance to exclude all marijuana establishments within the township limits. If you have questions as to the use, manufacture, sale, or transportation of marihuana within the state of Michigan; we suggest you contact your local law enforcement agency.

Campers & RVs

All campers and RVs are intended to be used in campgrounds within Ovid Township. Since much of our township includes lakes and deer hunting ground; the township has relaxed restrictions to use for 2 weeks on a dwelling lot, before the camper or RV must be removed from the property for 30 days to allow for overflow sleeping over the 3 main holiday weekends.

Land Splits...

All Land Splits must be filed with the Zoning

Administrator & Assessor prior to recording the deed!!!

When splitting any property in Ovid Township; there are steps that you must follow. If you are engaged in a land split, you must file proper paperwork with the zoning Administrator prior to recording your deed. There are penalties for not following this procedure. In Addition; any land split within a platted sub-division must also be approved by the township board. An affidavit for land split form, from the zoning administrator will be necessary. This, along with your survey, must be presented to the township board for approval before registering any new deed with Branch County. Failure to follow these steps will result in a \$100.00 fine.

You are responsible!!

If you are planning to purchase property, build a structure, move earth for a driveway, or sink a new well or install or repair a septic system; YOU, the property owner are the responsible party, and are required to make sure that all permits are obtained, and that the property or project in question, meets all state, county, and township standards.

Some handy phone numbers before starting a project are:

Zoning – (517) 238-5999

Assessing – (517) 279-0014

Branch County Drain Commissioner – (517) 279-4310

Branch County Building Inspector – (517) 279-4303

Branch- Hillsdale-St. Joe Health Dept. – (517) 279-9561

Michigan DEQ – (269) 568-2693

DEQ Assistance Center – 1-800-662-9278

DNR – Lansing, Dist. 8 – (517) 284-4720

Our new Township Hall!!!

After a long period filled with problems, and delays; we are finally in our new Township Hall! We are very pleased with the results, and welcome residents to share in our excitement. During elections, or prior to a monthly board meeting; please look around and give us your opinion. We've decorated both the office area, as well as the hallways, and meeting rooms with several old photos of life in Ovid Township in days gone by. We are still looking for some pictures of old businesses, and old farm homesteads to fill in the blanks. If you happen to have any photos, of the marinas, restaurants, stores, or old farm pictures; please let me know. We'll take care of them as we scan and copy them to take a place of honor in the hall and return them unscathed to you.

Greg Gemmill

Supervisor – (517) 227-3857

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!!!

From Your Ovid Township Board