



**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  
Amy Havasy, 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**

Robert Hawley Ofc: 517-462-8416 517-238-5999  
Fax: 517-238-9631  
Email: localzoning@outlook.com

Robert is available on **Tuesday & Thursday**, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm 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 setbacks, 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.

All township ordinances are available on the township web page at [www.ovidtownship.org](http://www.ovidtownship.org). Please refer to these before building, attempting land-splits, or any other questionable activity within the township. Fines for failure to secure proper permits are 3 times the permit cost (including the permit).

**Planning Commission Meetings.....**

The Planning Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Meetings are held at the Ovid Township Hall, at 381 S. Angola Road.

**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. 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.

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

Email: [smassessing@frontier.com](mailto: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.

**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 or AG 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.

**Township Cemetery Sexton**

Sexton, Lucas Cronkhite, can be reached at:  
**(269) 352-8114**

Please contact Mr. Cronkhite or Township Clerk, Amy Havasy 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> each Spring, and November 1<sup>st</sup>, each Fall. Any seasonal decorations not removed by these deadlines may be removed and discarded by the township sexton.

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## Lakeland Fire Department

### State regulations concerning burning:

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.

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.

### Community Recycling Center

Located at the Warehouse at the end of Darling Drive in Coldwater. Phone – 517-227-4901 - [www.bizaidllc.com](http://www.bizaidllc.com)

Costs: \$2 per visit or annual membership Reg. \$45 or Super \$65.

Please call for guidelines regarding materials and sorting. This service is important for both our community as well as the environment in general and will help keep Branch County clean & healthy!

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### 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) 462-8416

Assessing – (517) 279-0014

Branch County Building Inspector – (517) 279-4303

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

Michigan DEQ – (269) 568-2693

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

Ovid Township welcomes all residents to attend any of our meetings and encourage you to do so. It is our intention to keep the community informed of all business within the township. We hope that between our website, newsletters, the showcases located at the Township Hall, and the regular publications in the Daily Reporter regarding special meetings, public hearings, and other items of interest, that you can be assured that we are working in your best interest.

Greg Gemmill

Supervisor – (517) 227-3857

### A Special Warning to users of Sanitary Wipes!!!

No matter what the package states; these products do not break down in a septic system or sanitary sewer system! With the COVID-19 virus upon us; the use of these products has increased significantly, and will cause serious problems, and may cost property owners if they damage your septic system, or the public sewer system pumps.

Remember... “Disposable does NOT mean flushable!!”

### A Big Welcome and a Sad Goodbye!

First, we would like to say goodbye and thank you to our outgoing Clerk, Robbi Omo for her several years of service to the township. Her diligence and hard work through some very troubling times have been nothing short of magnificent, and she will be missed as she moves on to spend more time with her family. Her replacement, Amy Havasy, brings several years of accounting and management experience to Ovid Township. She has been serving as the deputy clerk since the beginning of this year and will transition nicely into her new role as clerk. Amy lives on Little Rose Lake with her husband and her dog. We welcome Amy and wish her a long career as an Ovid Township board member

**Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!!! From the Ovid Township Board...**