

# Ovid Township

Winter 2019

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Issue #35

Winter taxes Due:

**March 2, 2020**

(Feb. 29 is a weekend)

Make Checks Payable to:

**OVID TOWNSHIP**

Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer

381 S. Angola Road, Coldwater, MI 49036

Phone 517-238-4435

Email: [Ovidtax@hotmail.com](mailto:Ovidtax@hotmail.com)

**Important:**

**Postmarks are not accepted!**

Your payment must be received by 5:00 pm on **March 2, 2020** or it is considered past due and will be turned over to the County Treasurer.

**Need a Receipt:**

Include a self-addressed / stamped envelope with your payment.

**Lost Your Tax Bill or Need Proof of Payment:**

Go to our website at [www.ovidtownship.org](http://www.ovidtownship.org) and click "How to Print a Tax Bill"

And click "Property Tax Search"

**Ways to Pay:**

- 1) Mail your check
- 2) Use the Drop Box at Ovid Township Hall
- 3) Pay in Person
- 4) Credit / Debit cards are **Not Accepted!**

**Deferred Summer 2019 Taxes**

Payments must be received by

5:00 pm, **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Office Hours 9:00 – 11:00 am

**Forgot to Pay Your 2019 Summer Tax?**

You may pay summer tax at Ovid Township through 3-2-20. Call Shelly at 517-238-4435 for payoff amount.

**Delinquent Taxes:**

On March 3rd, 2020 unpaid 2019 summer & winter taxes are turned in to the Branch County Treasurer for collection. Please Call 517-279-4321 for penalty and interest amount and send late payments to:

Branch County Courthouse

Treasurer's Office

31 Division St. Coldwater, MI 49036

**Dates Treasurer is Open to Collect Taxes**

Thursday, December 19	9:00 am – 11:00 am
Monday, December 30	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, February 14	9:00 am – 11:00 am
Thursday, February 27	9:00 am – 11:00 am
Monday, March 2	9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**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 Board Meetings**

Township Board meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, at the Ovid Township Hall located at 381 S. Angola Road.

All meetings are open to the public, and we encourage your attendance.

**Township Zoning Administrator**

Russ Jennings - Ofc: 517-238-5999

Fax: 517-238-9631

Email: [zoning@ovidtownship.org](mailto:zoning@ovidtownship.org)

Russ is available on Tuesday & Thursday, from 8:00 am – Noon at the Ovid Township Hall.

**Zoning Permits Are Required on All**

**Construction**, including accessory structures, whether permanent or portable, decks, and fences (except in the AG District). Also... With the newly added amendments; paved driveways, sidewalks, and decks under 9" will also require permits. Sheds under 100 square feet do not require a permit, but must meet all setbacks, and lot coverage standards. A zoning permit will never trump DEQ, DNR, or Health Department requirements. Make sure you are not planning to build on or alter Michigan State wetlands before disturbing the land!!!

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## Fees and Fines:

Fees for all permits, Zoning Board actions, Land Splits, and Planning Commission hearings are available through the Zoning Administrator. Fines for not securing a permit are 3 times the permit cost including the permit fee. Plan accordingly when considering a project!!

## Private Road Blockage:

A new policy & procedure for the blockage of private roadways has been put into effect as of 8/12/19. It is suggested that if you live or have property on a private roadway in Ovid Township; you familiarize yourself with this policy and prepare accordingly.

## Planning Commission Meetings:

The Planning Commission meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, if there is business to attend to, at the **Ovid Township Hall, 381 S. Angola Road.**

## New Land Splits must be filed with the Zoning Administrator:

Per HB-4055, All land splits must first be certified by the County Treasurer, then by application with the Township Zoning Administrator. Additionally; Splits within a platted sub-division must also be approved by the township board. Make sure all steps are taken before attempting to register your deed.

## Township Assessor

SM Assessing Service  
Melissa lane, Assessor  
20 W. Chicago St.  
Coldwater, MI 49036

Email: [smassessing@frontier.com](mailto:smassessing@frontier.com)  
Ofc: 517-279-0014  
Fax: 517-279-1272

## Township Ordinances!

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

## Township Cemetery Sexton

Lucas Cronkhite, Sexton 269-352-8114

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

No flowers, shrubs, trees or vegetation shall be planted without approval from 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 remaining by these deadlines may be removed and discarded by the township sexton.

## JUNK, JUNK, JUNK, JUNK!!!

As is the case every year; major quantities of junk, piles of trash, dilapidated buildings, and un-registered vehicles, trailers, etc. seem to appear in our township. According to the **Junk Storage & Accumulation Ordinance #23**...All vehicles, and trailers used on the roads in the state, must be plated and safe for operation on the road. Motorized watercraft must be currently registered and show current stickers on the hull. We realize being a lake community; that boats will be stored before, and after the boating season; but these crafts are expected to be **used** during the summer months or stored in a building or behind a permitted opaque fence. **Please!** Let's try to keep the property values of Ovid Township in check by keeping properties free of these violations.

## ALL COMPLAINT LETTERS MUST BE SIGNED!!!

A SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, AND LONG TIME OVID TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SERVANT, DON VRABLIC. DON HAS SERVED IN SEVERAL CAPACITIES AND HAS DEVOTED LOTS OF HOURS TO THE BUSINESS OF THE TOWNSHIP. HE WILL BE MISSED, BUT WE WISH HIM GOOD LUCK IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVOURS.

*Have Great Holiday Season,  
from your Township Board...*