



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.

All permit holders are required to call the zoning administrator for footer inspections within 60 days of the posting of the conditional zoning permit. Failure to call for the footer inspection will void the permit and incur a "Stop Work" order from not only the township, but also the County Building Department.

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. 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
Ofc.: 517-279-0014
Fax: 517-279-1272

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

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:

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

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!

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 our meetings and encourages your attendance. 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.

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!!”

Junk Vehicles in the Township!!!

As defined in the Junk Storage and Accumulation Ordinance #23. All cars, trucks, trailers, and watercraft must be legally registered and plated for use in the state of Michigan or be stored in a building or behind an opaque fence. Any vehicle that sits un-registered for more than 14 days is considered unused, and junk.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Holiday Season!!!

From the Ovid Township Board...