
OID TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

June 2005

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Supervisor, Sue Miller

Clerk, Judy Sabaitis

Treasurer, Nancy Price

Trustee, Larry Omo

Trustee, Ron Sampsel

SUMMER TAX COLLECTION

Payments are to be mailed to the following address: Nancy A. Price, 312 East Central Road, Coldwater, MI 49036. Please make check payable to **OID TOWNSHIP**. Receipts will be provided only if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included with the tax payment.

You may call 517-238-4435 for appointment or just stop by. No Sundays or Holidays.

Taxes may be paid in person at 312 East Central Road from 9:00am to 5:00pm on:

July 11
August 8
September 12 & 14

DEFERMENT OF SUMMER TAXES

Summer tax payment may be deferred until February 14, 2006 if the necessary application is completed and you meet one of the following requirements:

- Household income does not exceed \$25,000
- 62 years of age, including the unmarried spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death
- Paraplegic or quadriplegic
- An eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower
- Blind person
- Totally and permanently disabled
- Property is classified or used as **Agricultural property**

Please call 517-238-4435 for an application and one will be mailed to you. The application **must**

by returned by **September 14, 2005** to be eligible for the deferment.

CHANGE in the COLLECTION OF CERTAIN COUNTY TAXES

Beginning this summer there will be a change in the **Collection of Certain County Taxes (allocated millage only.)** One third of the county's allocated millage will be collected on the summer tax bill rather than the winter tax bill. Two-thirds will be collected in July 2006 and the remainder collected in July 2007.

Please note that this is not an increase in taxes, it is simply a tax shift to move up the collection of the allocated county millage.

CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS

Effective January 1, 2005 the new "Consolidated Election" laws went into effect. "Consolidated elections" is an expression used to describe a nine-bill package signed into law. Two of the major changes are:

- **In Branch County, the township clerks or city clerks will administer all local school elections.** School board secretaries and school district personnel will no longer handle school elections. In Ovid Township, all school elections are held at the Ovid Township Hall.
- Elections will be held on only four dates each year: **the fourth Tuesday in February and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, August and November.** With elections always held on these dates, it gives voters advance notice of possible elections dates each year. (Under this law, there is an

- exception for an additional school election in September.)

This year we have had 2 elections at our Township Hall under the new “Consolidated Election” laws.

- * On February 2nd (fourth Tuesday in February) a Special Election was held for BATA and Tibbits.
- * On May 3rd (the first Monday in May) a Special School Election was held for Branch County Schools.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

Township Board meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:30pm at the Ovid Township Hall located at 381 South Angola Road. All meetings are open to the public and we encourage you to attend.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Sue Miller, Supervisor	517-238-4903 or 517-279-0014
Judy Sabaitis, Clerk	517-238-9308
Nancy Price	517-238-4435
Ron Sampsel, Trustee	517-238-2173
Larry Omo, Trustee	517-238-4322

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Pete Klink, Zoning Administrator is available at the Township Hall located at 381 S. Angola Road and may be contacted at:
Office: 517-238-5999
Fax: 517-238-9631

Office hours will be:

Tuesday: 8:00am to 12:30pm
Thursday: 1:30pm to 5:30pm

REMINDER: Zoning Permits, along with the County Building Permits must be displayed in a prominent place. The house number must also be posted.

TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

SM Assessing Service
Sue Miller
71 W. Pearl Street
Coldwater, MI 49036

The Assessor’s office will be moving to a new location at the end of May.

Office: 517-279-0014
Fax: 517-279-1272

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Planning Commission meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the Ovid Township Hall, 381 S. Angola Road. Notice is posted at the Township Hall if the meeting date must be changed.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Merle Donbrock, Chairman	517-238-2378
Cheryl Downs, Secretary	517-238-2043
Andy AcMoody, Member	517-279-9555
Dick Aker, Member	517-238-2696
Ron Sampsel, Member	517-238-2173

MASTER PLAN & ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

The new Master Plan was adopted by the Ovid Township Board of Trustees on December 13, 2004.

The Zoning Ordinance is nearing completion and may be adopted possibly by August of 2005.

CEMETERY SEASONAL DECORATIONS

Just a reminder that all decorations must be removed on or before April 1st each spring, and on or before November 1st each fall. Any seasonal grave decorations not removed by these dates, may be removed and discarded by the township sexton.

LAKELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The new pumper truck will arrive the week of May 23rd.

Lake Fire Department is now certified as Medical First Responders. The Jaws of Life will be put into operation as of June 2005.

Burning permits for Ovid Township may be obtained by calling the fire station at 517-238-4345.