
OID TOWNSHIP

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Issue # 12

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. The Township does not accept credit card payments. Payment must be received by September 14th or they are considered delinquent. You may call 517-238-4435 for an appointment of feel free to stop by.

Hours to pay taxes in person at her home at 312 East Central Road are from **9:00 am to 5:00 pm** on:

July 14 & 28
August 11 & 25
September 13

APPLICATION FOR DEFERMENT OF SUMMER TAXES

If you meet one of the following requirements:

1. Household income does not exceed \$40,000:
 - a. 62 years of age or older, including an unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death.
 - b. Paraplegic or quadriplegic
 - c. Eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower
 - d. Blind person
 - e. Totally and permanently disabled
2. Property is classified or used as agricultural real property, and that the gross receipts of agricultural or horticultural operations in the previous year (or the average gross receipts for such operations in the previous 3 years) is not less than my household income for the preceding calendar year. If

approved, deferment of summer taxes without penalty or interest charges will be until February 15th.

If you meet one of the above requirements and want to defer your summer taxes until February 15, 2009, please call 517-238-4435 for an application to be mailed to you. This must be done and application returned by September 15, 2008 to be eligible for the deferment.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

Township Board meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Ovid Township Hall, 381 S. Angola Road. All meetings are open to the public.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

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

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

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

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PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Andy AcMoody, Chairman 517-279-9555
Cheryl Downs, Secretary 517-238-2043
Sean Groves, Member 517-238-8343
Merle Donbrock, Member 517-238-2378
Ron Sampsel, Member 517-238-2173

TOWNSHIP ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Jim Miko 517-238-5999

Jim is available at the Township Hall
located at 381 S. Angola Road.

Office hours are Tuesday & Thursday
From 8:00 am to Noon

Again, just a reminder that Zoning
Ordinance requirements are different than
County Building Codes, Zoning permits are
required on all construction including
accessory buildings whether permanent or
portable, and fences.

**Zoning Permits must be displayed in a
prominent place.**

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

The Township Board has recently adopted
several amendments to the current Zoning
Ordinance. These amendments took effect
on April 1, 2008. Copies of the Ordinance
along with the amendments are available at
the Township Hall. Hopefully, the Zoning
Ordinance will be available on the
Township's web site shortly.

TOWNSHIP WEB SITE

We have encountered some difficulties in
getting the Township's web site up and
running. We are hoping to have this
problem fixed very soon.

The web site is ovidtownship.com

ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS

Wood Road from Central Road to the
Coldwater Township line will be asphalted
this year. We will also be working on Buck
Road this year in preparation of chip and
seal in 2009.

We will have one dust control application
this year on our local gravel roads. We have
been advised by the Branch County Road
Commission that application will begin the
end of May or the 1st part of June.

PA 96 – NEW LAW GIVES TAX BREAK ON VACANT HOMES

Under PA 96, a person who moves out of a
home that has a Principal Residence
Exemption and moves into another home in
this state and establishes that home as their
principal residence may file a form to
maintain the principal residence status on
the home that they vacated. The state
prescribed form must be submitted to the
local assessing officer in the community
where the vacated home is located by May 1
to be eligible for the 2008 tax year. If you
are in this situation and did not file by the
May 1 deadline, you may be eligible to file
for the 2009 tax year. There are certain
limitations on maintaining the PRE status on
the vacated home. **The property must
remain unoccupied, it can not be used for
a commercial or business use, it can't be
leased or rented, and it must be offered
for sale.**

In order to maintain the PRE in years two
and three, the property owner must verify
with the local assessor that the property
continues to qualify for the exemption by
December 31.

If you feel that you may qualify or have any
questions, please contact the assessor at
517-279-0014.

TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Sue Miller, Assessor 517-279-0014