
OID TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Supervisor, Sue Miller

Clerk, Judy Sabaitis

Treasurer, Nancy Price

Trustee, Larry Omo

Trustee, Ron Sampsel

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO TOWNSHIP BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our newest member to the Township Board. Ron Sampsel has been appointed to fill the remaining unexpired term of Larry Downs, who stepped down earlier this year. Ron comes to the township with a background of 30 years of public service. He resides with his wife, Patricia, on Lake Drive at Coldwater Lake.

Also, Cheryl Downs has been appointed as a member of the Ovid Township Planning Commission. Cheryl was born and raised in Ovid Township. Ms. Downs is presently retired after 32 years with the state. She resides with her husband, Dennis, at Loon Lake.

The township has recently employed a new Zoning Administrator to replace Don Vrablic who retired in September. Pete Klink has now assumed his new duties and responsibilities as Zoning Administrator.

TAX COLLECTION

The township is recommending that the winter taxes bills **mailed to the Township Treasurer, Nancy Price at 312 E. Central Road, Coldwater, MI 49036. Please make check payable to OVID TOWNSHIP.** Receipts will be provided only if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included with the tax payment. **The Treasurer's office will be open on Saturday, December 27, 2003 and on Monday, March 1, 2004 from 9:00 am. to 5:00 pm.**

A reminder for those taxpayers who deferred payment of the 2003 Summer Taxes must be paid by February 16, 2004.

CEMETERY LOTS AVAILABLE

The township has three cemeteries with lots available to purchase --Lockwood, Sorter and Wilson Cemetery. The cost is \$100 for each burial space.

Our Cemetery Ordinance outlines that cemetery lots are sold only to residents or taxpayers of the township. A person outside the township may be eligible to purchase lots if the purchaser discloses sufficient personal reasons for burial within the township.

Contact Judy Sabaitis, Clerk at 517-238-9308 for information regarding cemetery lots or for a copy of the Cemetery Ordinance.

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.

MASTER PLAN & ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

The township is presently working with McKenna Associates, Inc. to assist the Planning Commission and Township Board in updating our current Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance with a tentative date of January 2005 for completion and adoption.

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**COUNTY DROP BOXES NOW
AVAILABLE**

There are 2 new drop boxes now available for your convenience in the **east parking lot of the Branch County Courthouse. One box is for DPW Department for payment of monthly sewer bills.** The other is for the Branch County **Treasurer's Office for payment of dog licenses and delinquent property taxes.** If A current rabies vaccination is not on file with the Treasurer's Office, you will need to provide a valid rabies certificate signed by your licensed vet. If you are paying delinquent property taxes, please include either a delinquent statement or your property tax code with your payment.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Our Zoning Administrator, Pete Klink will be available at the Township Hall located at 381 S. Angola Road and may be contacted at **517-238-5999.**

Office hours will be:

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

Any messages will be returned as soon as possible. Appointments made as needed. Office hours may vary according to the season.

Zoning Ordinance books are available at a cost of \$12. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy, please contact Pete Klink at 517-238-5999.

Zoning Ordinance requirements are different than County Building Code requirements. Zoning Permits are required on all construction including accessory buildings whether permanent or portable.

Zoning Permits must be displayed in a prominent place.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

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

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION OR DATA

The township is still seeking any historical information, articles, or pictures from the past to put on display at the Township Hall. Most of the early records up until after the Civil War have been lost. If you or family ancestral archives have anything they would like to share, please contact any Township Board member.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

We would like your input for future newsletters. Let us know if you may any areas of interest or concerns that you would like to see included in future issues.

We appreciate having the opportunity to serve you.

