



**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	517-238-5099
Amy Havasy, Clerk	517-238-5099
Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer	517-238-4435
Jim Snivley, Trustee	419-630-6497
Larry Omo, Trustee	517-736-4167

**Ovid Township welcomes all residents to attend any of our meetings and encourage you to do so. 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. Along with our new and improved website; A new larger lighted showcase has been installed on the north side of the building to post all notices of interest to the public.**

**Township Zoning Administrator**

Matt Ashenfelter Ofc: 517-238-5999  
Cell: 419-276-1478  
Email: mash@toast.net

Matt 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, driveways, and fences. For sheds under 100 sq. feet, please call our zoning administrator.

**New Amendments to our zoning Ordinance...**

Amendments to our zoning ordinance regarding alternative energy have been made, and concern both Residential, as well as Commercial use of Wind and Solar equipment within the township. Consult the zoning administrator if you are considering installing equipment on buildings, or your lot, as setbacks, and engineering restrictions may apply.

**All township ordinances are available on the township web page at [www.ovidtownship.org](http://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 (plus the permit cost).**

**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**  
20 W Chicago St., Coldwater, MI 49036  
Melissa Lane – Assessor

Email: [smassessing@frontier.com](mailto:smassessing@frontier.com)

Ofc.: 517-279-0014

Fax: 517-279-1272

**ATTENTION OVID TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERS:**

Many forms are now available on our new website regarding board of review appeals, poverty exemptions, homestead exemptions, and veteran exemptions. There are also several zoning forms and applications available to save you time as well.

**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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> each Spring, and November 1<sup>st</sup>, each Fall. Any seasonal decorations not removed by these deadlines may be removed and discarded by the township sexton.

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## 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](http://www.bizaidllc.com)

Costs: \$2 per visit or annual membership Reg. \$45 or Super \$65. Open: Wed. – Sat. 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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 EGLE – (269) 568-2693**

**DNR – Lansing, Dist. 8 – (517) 284-4720**

**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!!**

### Signs!!!

**According to the Ovid Township Zoning Ordinance, all political signs must be removed within 10 days following the election. Along with that; any sign that expresses an opinion unrelated to General Provisions and Exceptions election date are limited to a period of display not to exceed 30 days (whether consecutive or not) in one calendar year on any premises.**

### Getting Rid of Large Items?

**The Ridge Road Transfer Station (privately owned) is located at 300 Ridge Road, Quincy, Michigan.**

There is a small fee, and they accept:

Mattresses

TVs

Construction Materials

Bagged Garbage

But...Do not Accept Recyclables.

Contact: Danielle Badders for fee schedule and additional info: 517-639-4814

Hours: Wed. – Sat. 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!!!  
From the Ovid Township Board...**

**A Special Warning to users of Sanitary Wipes!!!**