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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

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. All meetings are open to the public, and we encourage you to attend.

The Planning Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Meetings are held at the Ovid Township Hall.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Jeff O’Dell, Supervisor 517-677-9436
Amy Havasy, Clerk 517-238-5099
Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer 517-238-4435
Jim Snivley, Trustee 419-630-6497
Larry Omo, Trustee 517-238-4322

LAND SPLITS

All land splits must be filed with the Zoning Administrator and Assessor prior to recording the deed. When splitting any property in Ovid Township there are steps 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 be approved by the Township Board. An Affidavit for Land Split form, from the Zoning Administrator, will be necessary.

TOWNSHIP ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Matt Ashenfelter 517-238-5999
Email: mash@toast.net

Township Assessor: SM Assessing Service
Melissa Lane – Assessor Office: 517-279-0014
Email: smassessing@frontier.com Fax: 517-279-1272

Matt is available on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00AM – 1:00 PM at the Ovid Township Office, located at 381 S. Angola Rd. 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 Matt.

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 do so will void the permit and a “Stop Work” order will be placed by the Township and by the County Building Department.

TOWNSHIP CEMETERY SEXTON

Lucas Cronkhite, Sexton 269-352-8114

Please contact Mr. Cronkhite or Township Clerk, Amy Havasy, for information regarding cemetery plots. Plots are available for purchase in Lockwood, Sorter and Wilson Cemeteries. Costs are: \$200.00 for each burial space for Ovid Township property owners, and \$400.00 for non-Ovid Township property owners. Ovid Township cemeteries are governed by Cemetery Ordinance #24 and #32. The ordinances are available on the Township website.

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 when one was not necessary in the past. All decks, patios, sidewalks and driveways need a permit. Commercial and Residential solar and wind energy are also addressed. The complete zoning ordinance can be viewed on our website. 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).

No flowers, shrubs, trees, or vegetation shall be planted without approval of the Township Board. All seasonal 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.

More information on back...



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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 the burning 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 517-238-4435.

Lakeland Fire Department 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.
Contact: 517-227-4901 or www.bizaidllc.com.

Costs: \$2 per visit, annual membership \$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, and helps in keeping Branch County clean and healthy.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE

If you are planning to purchase property, build a structure, move earth for a driveway, sink a new well or install/repair a septic system, YOU, the property owner, are the responsible party. You 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 to have on hand are:
Branch County Building Inspector – 517-279-4303
Branch-Hillsdale-St Joe Health Department – 517-279-9561
Michigan DEQ – 269-568-2693
DNR – Lansing District 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 our website, newsletters, and the showcases located at the Township Hall, publications in the Daily Reporter regarding special meetings and public hearings and other items of interest, assure our residents 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, and can 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 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 unregistered for more than 14 days is considered unused and junk.

FROM THE SUPERVISORS DESK

In the past months we have all faced several challenges and I believe there are more to come. I have always believed if we all work together, we can overcome any obstacles in front of us. Ovid Township is a great place to live and play. My goal is to see it remain as it has been

- Jeff O'Dell

**HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY SEASON
-FROM THE OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD**