HUMBOLDT
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244 County Road FAF
Champion, MI 49814

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

Meetings

Humboldt Township Board . . . . . Meets 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00pm
Planning Commission . . . . . .Meets 4th Monday of each month, 6:00pm
Fire Department . . . . . Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at Fire Hall, 7:00pm

Upcoming Events

Senior Lunch . . . . . Potluck or donation. Held 2nd Wednesday of each month 12 PM
Children's Fishing Derby . . . . . June 7th, 10:00 AM
Township Clean-up . . . . . Friday, May 30, 4 PM-8 PM; Saturday May 31, 8 AM-4 PM;
. . . . . Friday, July 25, 4PM-8PM; Saturday, July 25, 8AM-4PM;
. . . . . Friday, September 26, 4 PM-8 PM; Saturday September 27, 8 AM-4 PM



- All Meeting times are at 7PM unless otherwise stated
- All meetings are held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act of 1976. Meetings are held at the Humboldt Township Hall 244 County Road FAF, Champion, MI 49814 unless otherwise indicated. Meetings are subject to change of date, time, and place, pending notification.
- The Fire Department meetings are held at the Humboldt Township Fire Hall 15350 US Hwy 41, Champion, MI 49814
- The Township of Humboldt will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services for individuals with disabilities attending township meetings upon one week's notice to the Township of Humboldt. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township of Humboldt in writing. Please address all correspondence to: Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk—244 County Road FAF, Champion, MI 49814

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Howard Robare . . . . . .Zoning Administrator
Chris Grund . . . Deputy Treasurer
Emily Massie . . . . . Deputy Clerk
Dylan Jurasin . . . . . .Assessor

SUMMER HOURS:
8:30am-2:30pm
Monday-Wednesday

TAX COLLECTION HOURS
TUESDAY & THURSDAY
10:00pm-12:00pm

Township Offices Will Be Closed for the Following Holidays
New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Friday Following Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
New Year's Eve

Humboldt Township—Champion, Michigan 49814—Spring 2025

Township update

Happy Spring

Hello Township Residents.
It's that time of year again! We will be having spring clean-up the 30th & 31st. Then our Fishing Derby for the kids.
Ground work at the ballfield is moving along and around the hall.
We put 6 more apple trees in this spring, should have a nice orchard in a few years.
Wishing you all a safe and wonderful summer

Jeff Ogea, Supervisor

Planning Commission News

Modernizing Humboldt Township Zoning Ordinance

A number of zoning ordinances have come and gone over the 86 years of land use regulation in Humboldt Township. In an attempt to bring the ordinance up to date with current Michigan statutory and judicial changes affecting what Townships can, cannot, or should be doing in this regard, the Planning Commission has been developing a revised ordinance for the Township Board to consider. As we have reported in previous newsletters, some core topics of the revisions focus on the following:

-different types, sizes, height, and placement regulations for buildings in Waterfront Zoning districts
-additions to, and clarifications of, definitions
-a consideration of new trends in residential use, specifically Air B&Bs, tiny homes, and occupancy densities.

Turnout has been great over the past several months and the result has helped create a draft ordinance responsive to resident's vision for the future of their neighborhoods and the Township as a whole.

At its meeting held May 19th, the Planning Commission acted to finish its work in preparation of the draft with the Board's consultant, Northern Planning and Zoning, and at its June meeting will request a joint meeting with the Township Board to review the work. The Board could then decide as to its direction with the proposed amended ordinance.

Iron Ore Heritage Trail

With the advent of the November election, the Township assumed its official seat at the table as a participating community in April on the Iron Ore Heritage Trail Board. To kick off direct participation with the IOHT, a sub-committee of the Planning Commission was created to develop recommendations for the Board to initiate. This work will begin on May 20th with an examination of the trail in Humboldt with Bob Hendrickson, IOHT Director. Ideas and comments for future trail improvement and expansion are being sought by sub-committee members Carrie Hair & Jim Kippola. The Township Master & Recreation Plans currently suggest:

-Trail base improvement and "big hill" improvements at Humboldt Mine
-Creation of a spur to the Koski Corners area
-Recognition of unique historic sites.

Please contact a committee member with comments or ideas.

Jim Kippola, PC Chair

Clerk's Corner

This year is a slow one in terms of elections. It's looking like we will have a small local one for Millage Renewals in November. The General Operating Millage, and the Fire/EMS Millages are due to expire at the end of 2025. More info to come on that once details are figured out.
-Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk-

2025 Senior Meal Remaining Schedule

June 11
July 9
August 13
September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10

Township News

A few helpful tips and reminders for our property owners:

-Every structure INCLUDING SHIPPING CONTAINERS, requires a Zoning Compliance Permit per our Zoning Ordinance Section 905. If you put one on your property without a permit you will be charged a fee of 5 times the amount. You will be saving money and frustrations if you follow the correct requirements and get the permit before you violate the Zoning Ordinance.

-Our Township website has a lot of helpful information if you have questions about certain things. Copies of our ordinances are available there as well. If you still have questions or are in doubt of anything, please call the office to speak with someone.

-Garbage pick up is on Wednesdays, which changed at the beginning of February. Please have it out by 6am. Also, as summer is upon us, it is helpful to have your garbage in cans as critters are now out of hibernation. No one wants to be picking up garbage strewn all over.

-Planning for the Recreation Building continues. We have a preliminary design and are reaching out to companies for proposals.

-The proposed disc golf site also continues in the planning stages. It appears we will need volunteers to help with constructing the course. If you are willing and able to help, please reach out to the office and let us know!

-The Lake Superior Performance Rally has requested permission to use County Rd FF for their race on October 18th. This is a fun opportunity for the Township to be involved in! Watch for more details in the coming months.

-The baseball diamond work is still in progress. We are hopeful the outfield fence will be up this summer and that the infield will be completed as well. We are really looking forward to watching home games there next year!

Treasurer's Thoughts

The only news is tax news!!! Summer tax season will once again begin on July 1, 2025. Nothing to date has changed there, they are payable at the Humboldt Township Hall, interest free until September 15, 2025. (See the note on your printed tax bill)
Praying for a safe and warm summer.
Enjoy!!
-Betty Grund, Treasurer-

Summer Music Jam Sessions

Please be on the lookout for monthly information for dates, times, and location (to see if they will be held at the pavilion at the park or inside the assembly hall.)

Fishing Derby Info



Township Happenings



Township Clean-Up Dates

This year we are offering 3 clean-up dates! We urge HT property owners to take advantage of these opportunities to dispose of garbage items free of charge!



Friday, May 30
4pm-8pm

Saturday, May 31
8am-4pm

Friday, July 25
4pm-8pm

Saturday, July 26
8am-4pm

Friday, September 26
4pm-8pm

Saturday, September 27
8am-4pm

Do:

- Bring a tax statement or other proof of residency
- Dispose of the following types of items:
  Furniture
  Stoves
  Wood (less than 4' no nails)
  Metal

Don't:

- Dispose of anything in the roll offs out side of posted hours
- Don't dispose of the following items:
  Household Garbage
  Lawn Clippings & Brush
  Refrigerators
  Lead-based Paint Containers

Road Info

This summer's Road Improvement Projects will include the following:

-County Road 601
-Culvert replacement on County Road FA

