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# WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER

**Supervisor's Scoop:** Hi everyone! As another year comes to an end, we as a Board are happy with the projects we have going on. Ballfield, Disc Golf, & Ice Rink are all coming along. I would like to thank you all for your support to our Board. This makes things go so much easier for us. Wishing you all a very Happy Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year.
-Jeff Ogea

**Clerk's Corner:** Whew! We made it through another busy election year! I for one, am happy to have a break from politics for a bit. Though now, we are getting into a busy Christmas Season! Mark your calendars for the Christmas party and bring the kids for a fun little gathering with Santa, sleigh rides, & refreshments. As winter sets in, take the time to go through the information in this newsletter and write important dates on your calendars for 2025. If you have any questions or concerns, stop by the hall or leave a message. Have a Wonderful Christmas & New Year!!
-Sarah Etelamaki

**Treasurer's Topic:** First, let me thank you for your support in the recent election. Seeing as how I was your Deputy Treasurer, you should notice no difference in the transition. I will still be holding office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am-12:00 noon. When I am not here, please continue to use the secure lock box located just outside the office entrance. I check that frequently throughout the week. Dates to remember are still February 14, 2025 (last day to pay without interest) and February 28, 2025 (last day to pay here at the hall before tax bills are turned over to the county as delinquent.) Note also that I have extended hours on December 30, 2024, 9:00am to 5:00pm to allow you added time to come to the office before the year end. One suggestion when paying your tax bill by check, do not use red ink or gel pens, our scanner does not read those very well. Also, look over the check to make sure it is written out properly and is signed. Sometimes the two amounts on the check don't match and I end up sending the check back to you for correction. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you-
-Betty Grund

**Planning Commission Press Release:** 2024 has been a year of plenty activity before the Planning Commission.

-Continued progress on updating the Township's Zoning Ordinance. Air B&B's and other uses on waterfront properties have received much attention. It has been good to see people come out and offer their thoughts on these issues.

-A start on updating the 5 year old Road Improvement Plan has begun. Please let us know your thoughts related to future needed improvements to this essential Township service.

-Recreation and other improvements continue at the Township Hall Complex. A new site plan is underway for existing and planned improvements to comply with Township Zoning Regulations.

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-With the approval of the Iron Ore Heritage Trail by Humboldt, Ely, and Republic Townships, many new opportunities exist to improve these assets for residents and visitors to the area. A recent trail study for all trails in the Marquette County area suggest that there is over 40 million dollars in economic development impact from these important recreational assets.
-Jim Kippola

**Township Office Hours:**

- Monday-Wednesday 8:30am-2:30pm
- Treasurer Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00am-12:00pm
- Closed during the following Holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve
- There is a 24 hour secure drop-box located at the top of the porch stairs if needed.

**Township Employee Contact Information**

- Assessor: Dylan Jurasin: humboldtassessor@gmail.com (906) 361-6787
- Zoning Administrator: Howard Robare: hrobare@aol.com (906) 235-1050

**Annual Christmas Party and Sleigh Rides:** This year's Christmas party will be December 7th from 1:00-3:00pm. There will be hotdogs, hot chocolate, sleigh rides (weather permitting), Santa, and the ice rink will be available, as long as the winter weather cooperates! Bring the kids and enjoy the afternoon!

**Monthly Music Jam Sessions:** Seasons greets to all, hard to believe it is almost Christmas!! "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year." We wanted to keep everyone informed that we are continuing with our local Jam Sessions here at the township hall. As is the past, we try to have one once a month if scheduling allows. We encourage EVERYONE to attend and participate if desired. We keep it very informal, and a good time is had by all those who attend. As we have done, we will post flyers around the community and use Facebook to communicate actual dates. Reminder that this is free to attend, and refreshments are provided. For further information, please feel free to contact myself, Betty Grund (906) 204-4422, Kyle Mackey (906) 458-6563, or John Solomon (906) 360-3267.. Thank you and once again, Merry Christmas!
-Betty Grund

**Sanitation Information:** Garbage and curbside recycling is picked up every Monday. Please have your garbage out by 6:00am. If you utilize one of the Township provided garbage sheds, please be courteous and follow the rules so we can continue to provide the service. We would hate to discontinue the shed availability due to improper use. The recycling continues to be single stream with no glass allowed. There are recycling containers inside the sheds for your convenience. Ishpeming Township does provide glass recycling on the first Wednesday of every month from 1-6pm. If you need Transfer Station Tickets, you can purchase them at the Hall during regular business hours. They are $10 per ticket per 100 pounds. The Township will host 2 clean-up events taking place in June and September. More information will be available in the spring newsletter.

**Cemetery News & Information:** Cemetery burial searches are available on line at https://trimediaee.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6022bb27884348819386326b5c49f33f You can also come to the hall to get more information or to purchase a plot.

**Road Improvements:** The 2025 road project will be County Road 601. The County has started the planning phase and it looks like the road will be re-done from Humboldt to Republic! We are looking forward to that project getting completed. As this is such a huge project, no local "F" roads will be in the budget for 2025. We will re-evaluate next summer for 2026 road improvements.

**Streetlights:** If you notice a burnt-out streetlight, the easiest and fastest way to report an outage is to do it on-line. Simply go to www.we-energies.com/services/streetlight and you can zoom in on the map to pick the light that is out. It is very easy to do, and you get a confirmation email of your submission stating they try to fix them within 72 hours of reporting.

**Winter Taxes:** Winter taxes are payable at the township starting December 1st through February 14th, 2025 before interest is added. Treasurer hours are Tuesday's & Thursday's from 10am-12pm. There is also an option to pay them online for a 3% fee. Just go to https://bsaonline.com/?uid=1466. After February 28th, 2025 taxes become delinquent and are turned over to the county treasurer.

**Fishing Derby:** The Annual Children's Fishing Derby will be held during the DNR free fishing weekend which is slated for June 7th, 2025. Look for more information in the Spring.

**Zoning Ordinance:** Humboldt Township is self-zoned and has its own Zoning Ordinance, which is currently in the process of being updated. One thing that is often over-looked is the fact that our ordinance **requires** a Zoning Compliance Permit for **any** structure that is placed on your property to ensure that it fits within the assigned Zoning District. This includes shipping containers! ZCP information can be found in Section 905. Depending on the structure, the fee is minimal. If no permit is applied for and approved, you may find yourself in violation. There is a penalty of 5 times the fee for a permit after the fact. Marquette County also requires a Township permit before they will issue a county permit.
Our Zoning Ordinance also covers Blight in Section 407 and is available on the website or at the hall for review. If you happen to have a complaint of blight in our Township, please try to take a picture of the issue and have the property owner name and address if available, so we can properly address the situation. Short-term rentals also seem to be very popular. If you are considering operating one, you must get a conditional use permit first. You can call the hall or the Zoning Administrator, Howard Robare, with any questions.

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**Schedules of Meetings and Events:**

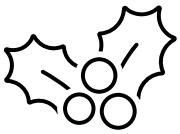
- Township Board: Second Monday of each month at 7:00pm
- Planning Commission: Fourth Monday of each month at 6:00pm
- Fire Department: First Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the fire hall.
- Senior Lunch: Second Wednesday of each month at 12:00pm-Potluck or donation.

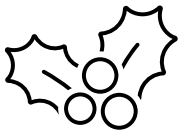
**General Announcements:**

- Our ice rink is just waiting for cold enough weather to be used! Please enjoy but also be courteous when using Township equipment. Thank you!
- Remember that we have a township Facebook and website page with helpful information, including approved minutes, and various forms you may need on the website. You can access the website at www.humboldt.town.

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