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WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Supervisor's Scoop: Hello everyone. Our township had another good year. We are moving ahead with our surveying of Humboldt properties, some cemetery maintenance, and ball field. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season. County Road 601 paving is complete and the culvert replacement on FA is also done.
-Jeff Ogea

Clerk's Corner: Greetings to the residents of Humboldt Township! I hope 2025 has treated you well and wish you a happy year to come. While it was a quiet year for elections here, 2026 will have at least a primary in August and general in November. If you have any changes or corrections for your voter registration, please call or come in to see me. As always, if you are interested in being a poll worker, please reach out and I can get you information on training. Have a Merry Christmas!!
-Sarah Etelamaki

Treasurer's Topic: Not much has changed with winter tax collection but I do have a couple of things to mention. Please do not use gel pens or light-colored ink to write your checks, the scanner has a hard time reading red, green, purple, etc. Be sure to look over the check before sending it in and make sure the numerical matches what you have written, and that it is signed. One check can be submitted for multiple properties as long as the total is correct. Taxes can be paid online at bsaonline.com, but there is a 3 percent service fee. A more direct link can be found on the Humboldt Township website at www.humboldt.town. Thank you and be safe this winter season.
-Betty Grund

Planning Commission Press Release:
Recreation: The Township's Recreation Plan contains many recommendations to maintain the existing, and the development of new recreation facilities in the Township. The Board has asked the Planning Commission to look into the concept of a new recreation facility that could serve residents' indoor recreation, assembly, and emergency shelter needs. Input for this project will be sought, and a program statement and preliminary budget can be developed in response to residents' views regarding a need for such facilities. With the approval of the millage for the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, a number of maintenance/upgrade activities have taken place by the IOHT during 2025, mostly in the northern sections of the trail. The Township will pursue other trail objectives as outlined in the plan such as: Completion of trail base upgrade in the remainder of the Township; Spur trail development to the hall and Koski Korners; and Historic Humboldt signage.
Zoning: The new Zoning Ordinance was adopted by the Board in August 2025. Thanks to all the folks who came out during this 16-month process to assist the Planning Commission in development of revised regulations responsive to the citizens of Humboldt Township. New large scale zoning maps are being printed for display at the hall. Permits have already been issued under the new requirements.

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Transportation Plan: Update of the 2018 Township Transportation Plan has been underway. Input is being sought from residents during November/December to develop a strategy for Board consideration for improvements to transportation facilities in the township during 2027-2031. Drop in for a meeting or drop a note so we can create a plan responsive to residents' needs.
-Jim Kippola

Annual Christmas Party and Sleigh Rides: This year's Christmas party will be December 13th from 1:00-3:00pm. There will be hotdogs, hot chocolate, a bonfire with smores, 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: We are still meeting once a month for a night of music. Open to anyone who would like to join us. Whether you plan an instrument or sing, or just like to listen to music, you're invited to come. We keep it very inviting and informal, while at the same time hopefully having a little fun. If interested, watch for postings on the Humboldt Township facebook page. Also watch for flyers around the community. For more information, please call the hall at (906) 339-2927.
-Betty Grund

Extra Happenings: As a community, we have started up a cribbage night here at the Township hall. We meet each Tuesday night (schedule permitting) at 6:00pm. In order to keep this community event going, we need players. Some have said they haven't played in years, that's okay. All skill levels are welcomed. This is just a way of getting together, meeting new people, and having a night of fun. No pressure. Coffee is always on! Hope to see you there.

Sanitation Information: Garbage and curbside recycling is picked up every Wednesday. 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 3 clean-up events with tentative dates of the last weekends of May, July, and September. Watch for information 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 inquire about purchasing a plot.

Road Improvements: In 2026, road projects will consist of crack fill and sealing as opposed to new paving. The 2025 paving of County Rd 601 and the culvert replacement on County Rd FA depleted the road funds. The Township will need a year or 2 to build the fund back up to where we can pave the remaining roads not yet done.

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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 17th, 2026 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, 2026 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 13th, 2026. Look for more information in the Spring.

Zoning Ordinance: Humboldt Township is self-zoned and has its own Zoning Ordinance, which has recently just been updated. Our ordinance **requires** a Zoning Compliance Permit **before any** structure is placed or erected 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. 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. Short-term rentals have also been addressed in the new ZO. If you are considering operating one in an approved zoning district, you must get a conditional use permit first. Please call the Zoning Administrator, Howard Robare, with any questions.

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-Suggested donation.

Township Office Hours:

- Mondays & Fridays 8:00am-3:00pm
- 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, Black Friday, 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

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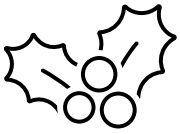
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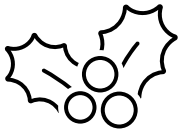
General Announcements:

- Our ice rink is just waiting for cold enough weather to be used! This year it is located down on the basketball court by the pond. 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. You can access the website at www.humboldt.town.
- The Township will be selling a used tractor. Watch for more information on the Township website and facebook page soon!

Merry Christmas
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Happy New Year!







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