

 **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**20 December** – Township Board Meeting, Township Hall at 6:30 PM

 In addition to the standard AGENDA, the Board will discuss

 Old Business: IT Upgrade ; Township Hall Improv. Update

 New Business: Boiler System; Budget Hearing Date; Fire Department Discussion

**17 January** - Township Board Meeting at 6:30 PM

**BOARD BYTES:** Jamie Knight, Supervisor

MERRY CHRISTMAS – From Jamie

Encourage friends and family to sign-up for this ELETTER at [www.irvingtownship.org/mailing-list](http://www.irvingtownship.org/mailing-list)

**CLERK CLIPS:** Sharon Olson, Clerk

HAPPY HOLIDAYS – From Sharon and Lorraine

The recount of Proposals 2 and 3 will occur on 15 December at 10:00 AM at the Griswold Auditorium in Allegan County

**TREASURER TALK:** Douglas Sokolowski, Treasurer

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR – From Wanda and Doug

The external Auditor will conduct a preliminary Financial “Healthcheck” 11 January.

Winter Tax Season is here. Please note the following dates:

28 December - Treasurer Office Open 9:00 am until 5:00 PM

14 February - Last Day to Pay Taxes Without Interest / Penalties

28 February - Treasurer Office Open 9:00 am until 5:00 PM

01 March - The Township Can’t Accept Tax Payments, Payments Must be Made to the County

**DID YOU KNOW**

The 1967 song “Christmas Bells” performed by the Royal Guardsmen is about a fictional truce during World War I. However, did you know that in 1914 along the front lines in Europe the soldiers declared an unofficial truce? In the week leading up to 25 December, [French](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_Third_Republic), [German](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Empire) and [British](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom_of_Great_Britain_and_Ireland) soldiers crossed trenches to exchange seasonal greetings and talk. In some areas, men from both sides ventured into [no man's land](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/No_man%27s_land) on [Christmas Eve](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_Eve) and [Christmas Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_Day) to mingle and exchange food and souvenirs. There were joint burial ceremonies and prisoner swaps, while several meetings ended in carol-singing. Men played games of football with one another, creating one of the most memorable images of the truce

Source [Christmas truce - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_truce)

**MONTHLY THOUGHT**

“I know in my heart that man is good, that what is right will always eventually triumph, and there is purpose and worth to each and every life.” Ronald Reagan, Date Unknown