



## 2023 SPRING NEWSLETTER

### Potential Challenges Ahead

In July of 2011, the Wisconsin Budget Repair Bill/Act 10, was phased in. This legislation affected municipalities in two major areas in terms of revenue; levy limit restriction and a reduction in shared revenues from the State of Wisconsin.

#### **Levy Limits**

No levy increases were allowed to support the operational budget of municipalities. New net growth caused by new construction was allowed. In essence, levy limits were put in place which restricted municipalities from increasing taxes to support normal operational expenses or increases due to rise in costs or inflationary effects.

Any debt due to borrowing needs is an approved financial strategy. The principal and interest payment due to paying off the debt was allowed to be passed through to the levy on the debt portion of the municipal budget. Once a debt was paid off, the levy was reduced by the principal and interest payment of that debt. Debt is used for things like major road projects, equipment replacement and building repair. In essence you have a mill rate for the operational levy and a mill rate for the debt service portion of the levy.

#### **Shared Revenue Reduction**

In addition to levy limits the state also reduced a variety of state aids in the areas of "shared revenue", "transportations aid" and "recycling". In 2012, these revenue reductions totaled approximately \$75,000 which represented about 6 % of Hull's operational budget. There have been increases in these items since 2012 but the total reduction of the original \$75,000 still hasn't been recovered.

#### **Affect Over Time – Short Term Solution**

It has been twelve years since this legislation has been in effect. Since 2011, the costs of operating have continued to increase in terms of goods, services and labor. In order to be financially viable, the Town of Hull has made continual cuts to budgets, reductions in services and elimination of certain expenditures. We are approaching a tipping point. We project that we will not have enough revenue to pay for our expenses moving forward. In the short term, we will continue to make cuts where possible and then take money from savings to balance our budget, if needed.



## Long Term Solutions

The state does allow municipalities to increase the operation portion of the levy with certain citizen approval. For a town our size, citizens would need to pass a referendum that would allow the Town of Hull to increase the taxes by a designated amount for a period of time. The referendum question would be an item, on an election ballot, in some future election.

## Current Strategy

Your Town of Hull leadership is working hand in hand with the Wisconsin Town Association on advocating to our state leaders, the need to modify the current legislation that has created this situation. It appears that both sides of the aisle agree that the current legislation is creating long term problems for the proper funding of local municipalities. There is a state budget being worked on that will take affect this coming July. We have been told that there will be some changes to the shared revenue amounts that municipalities receive. How much of an increase is not known at this time.

Our current strategy to deal with our long term financial issues is to wait until the budget is passed, hopefully by mid-year, 2023. Any new legislation that deals with an increase in shared revenue or levy limit modification will be known at that time, and can be calculated and measured. We will use these figures to develop a strategy on how and when to move forward with any potential corrective action needed.

We wanted all citizens of Hull to know what our pending financial challenges appear to be at this time. We also feel it would be prudent to wait and see what changes might come from state leadership that could improve our situation, before we develop any potential long term corrective action plan.

## Moving Forward

Once the state takes action finishing the next two year state budget and we have a better sense of how that affects the Town, we will continue to inform our citizens of the situation and possible paths forward to correct the problem, if necessary.

With citizen involvement, we will develop a plan that will solve the issues that face the Town. We know there will be challenges ahead. Once we know the extent, we are confident that we will make the necessary changes with citizen participation and support.

Thank You!

Town of Hull Board of Supervisors – Robin Lipski, Jan Way, Mark Fritsche, Barb Brilowski, Dave Wilz

## Let's Stay Connected

Please continue to check our website as a resource for meeting times, upcoming events, items for sale, general information, announcements, etc. That website address is [www.townofhull.us](http://www.townofhull.us)

We are also on Facebook at "Town of Hull". *Check it out!*

# LARGE ITEM DISPOSAL DAY

## WHEN

**May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**8am – 5pm**

## WHERE

**Town of Hull Municipal Building**  
**4550 Wojcik Memorial Drive, Stevens Point**

**WELLER'S SALVAGE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ACCEPT LARGE ITEMS YOU  
WISH TO DISPOSE OF**

## ITEMS INCLUDE BUT LIMITED TO

**Washing Machines & Dryers**

**Hot Water Heaters**

**Dishwashers**

**Air Conditioners**

**Freezers (\$25.00 charge)**

**Dehumidifiers (\$25.00 charge)**

**Microwaves**

**Old Sheet Iron, Tin Cans, Most Metal Types**

**\*\*\*\$25.00/Unit Charge For Anything With Freon\*\*\***

## TIRE DISPOSAL

**Car/Pickup tires with or without rims \$8.00**

***NO CHARGE FOR BICYCLE TIRES***

**Semi/Dump Truck tires with or without rims \$23.00**

**End Loader tires \$28.00**

**Small Trailer or Motorcycle tires \$4.00**

**ELECTRONICS ONLY .50 CENTS PER POUND**

**EXAMPLES: Televisions, Computers, Keyboards, Cell Phones, Etc.**

If you have any questions on items that you wish to dispose of, please  
call Weller's Salvage at 715-677-6757

## DOG LICENSE

### **IT IS WISCONSIN LAW**

All dogs over the age of 5 months must be licensed and vaccinated for rabies. Dog licenses should be renewed annually by March 31<sup>st</sup> to avoid a \$5 late fee. Dog licenses run from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. You may mail your registration form with proof of your pets spay or neuter and rabies vaccination along with payment to the Town of Hull, or visit the Municipal Office with the same.

## **LICENSE FEE**

Neutered Male	\$15.00
Spayed Female	\$15.00
Male or Female	\$25.00
Kennel License	\$85.00

## **A LICENSE CAN NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT RABIES CERTIFICATION**

All owners must present evidence that the dog(s) are neutered or spayed to qualify for the lower license fee.

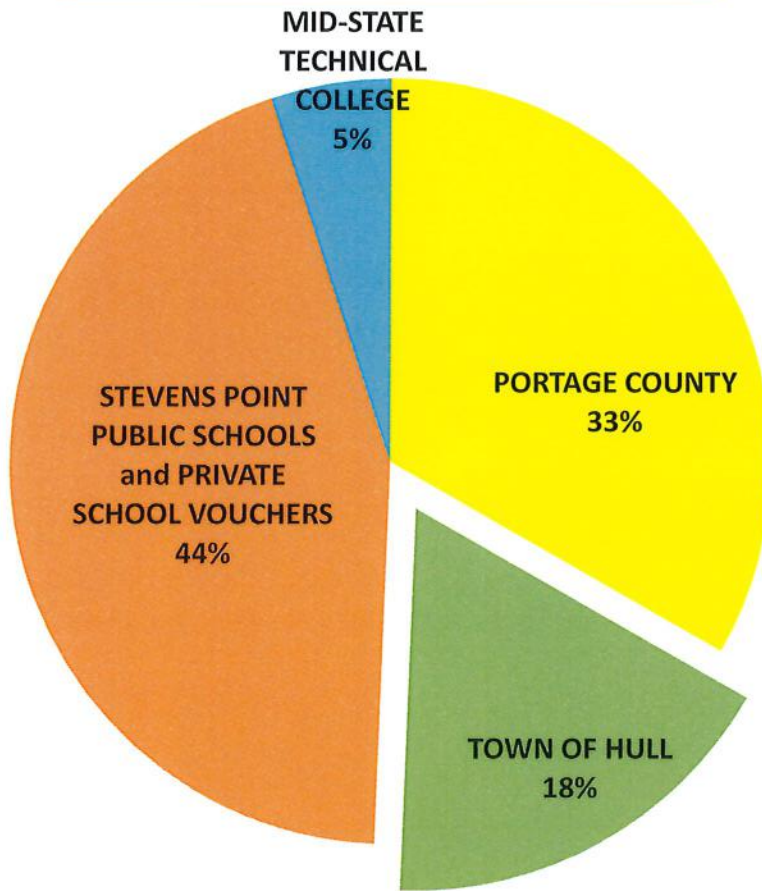
## **SCOOP THE POOP!**

Control of your dog is required at all times. A leash is highly recommended. It is unlawful for any person to permit any animal to be on private property.



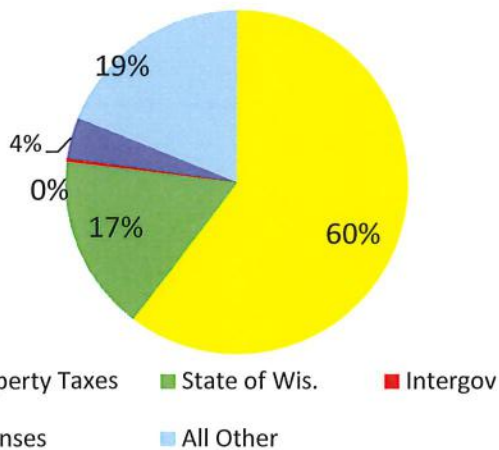
# TOWN OF HULL--2023 PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION

## WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLAR GOES

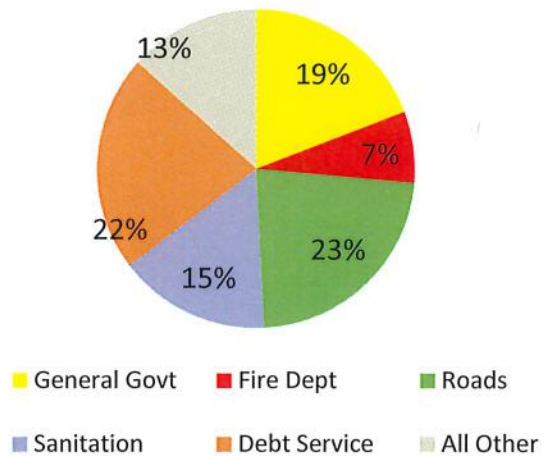


TAX RATE OF \$19.50

## WHERE HULL'S MONEY COMES FROM



## HOW YOUR HULL DOLLAR IS SPENT





## WISCONSIN TOWNS ASSOCIATION

### *2023 Scholarship Program*

Rural Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Town Association and Scott Construction are sponsoring a scholarship program for Wisconsin High School Graduates who plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or University in 2023. To find out about eligibility and other requirements, please email the Town of Hull at: [townofhull@tn.hull.wi.gov](mailto:townofhull@tn.hull.wi.gov) and ask for an information brochure explaining the program to be emailed to you. You can also stop in at the Town Hall and pick up that informational brochure in person.

### **Saying Good Bye to a Public Servant**

Our Town of Hull Road Foreman, Pete Kaminski, passed away at his home on January 10, 2023. Pete served the citizens of Hull for 23 years. Many citizens knew Pete personally or recognized him as he drove the Town pickup or snow plow around Hull's eighty two miles of roads.

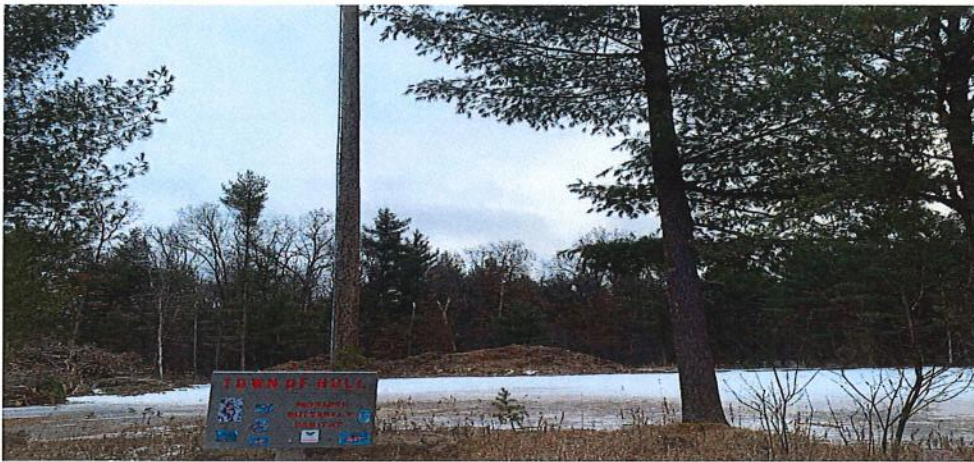
Pete was a very cordial and helpful individual. He was proud of the work the Road Crew performed every day for the citizens of Hull. He will be missed. Pete was 53 years of age.

### **STAFF**



Desiree Redditt – Town Clerk  
Krista Place – Deputy Clerk  
Melissa Clark – Interim Treasurer  
Nick Kaminski – FT Road Crew  
Bill Omernick – FT Road Crew  
Jim Wojcik – PT Road Crew  
Joe Wierzba – PT Road Crew  
Ken Sadogierski – Fire Chief  
Mark Fritsche – Assistant Fire Chief  
Grant Larson – Park Maintenance  
Patti Fritsche – Yard Waste Attendant





# TOWN OF HULL YARD WASTE SITE

THIS AREA IS UNDER 24 HOUR VIDEO SURVEILLANCE. ALL ACTIVITIES ARE RECORDED TO AID IN THE PROSECUTION OF ILLEGAL DUMPING.

**Check in with the Attendant on site. A photo I.D. is required to prove residency.**

*New residents without proof of current address must provide proof of residency. Ex: utility bill or bank statement.*

## Items Allowed:

Leaves  
Pine Needles  
Grass  
Plants that will compost down  
Branches not exceeding 6 inches in diameter

## Items NOT Allowed:

Tree Roots  
Tree Stumps  
Garbage

## 2023 Dates & Times of Operation

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>

Through

Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>

Monday 1:30pm – 6:30pm

Thursday 1:30pm – 6:30pm

Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm

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Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>

Through

Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup>

Monday 12:00pm – 4:45pm

Thursday 12:00pm – 4:45pm

Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm

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Closed on Holidays

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NO COMMERCIAL  
DUMPING ALLOWED!

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The Yard Waste Site  
is for TOWN OF HULL  
residents ONLY



# Spring Election

Thank You For Voting!

**Desiree Redditt** Municipal Clerk

- April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 •
- 7:00AM – 8:00PM •
- Town of Hull Municipal Building •

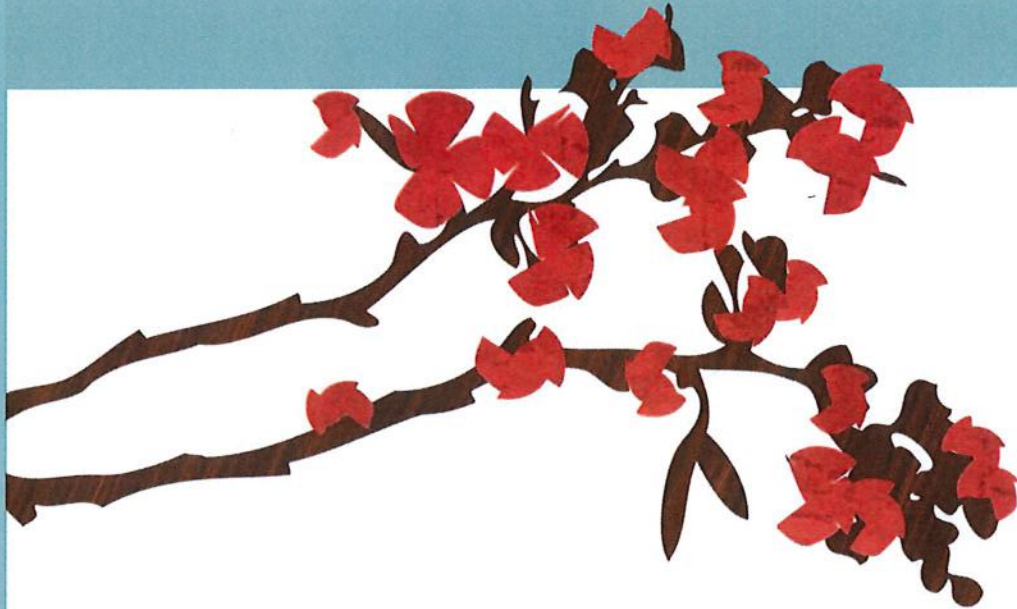
New voters may register at the Town Municipal Building with proof of address. New residents must reside in the Town of Hull for 28 days in order to vote in the Town of Hull.

Voters that have received their requested absentee ballot by mail may return your ballot by mailing it or dropping off in person. Ballots dropped off in person must be dropped off by voter. No drop boxes used for elections.

When voting in person please have your Driver's License/  
State I.D ready to show election staff







14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRASH OR TREASURE DAYS  
**SPRING CLEANUP**

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**ITEMS CAN BE SET OUT STARTING FRIDAY MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

TUESDAY'S ROUTE CLEANUP WILL BE ON MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>  
WEDNESDAY'S ROUTE CLEANUP WILL BE ON MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
FRIDAY'S ROUTE CLEANUP WILL BE ON MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAN BE PICKED-UP**

SMALL APPLIANCES (TOASTERS, MIXERS, ETC), CARPETING, LAWN MOWERS (GAS & OIL NEED TO BE DRAINED), FURNITURE (LIMIT 1 PER HOUSEHOLD), MATTRESS/ BOX SPRING (LIMIT 1 PER HOUSEHOLD)

DISPOSABLE ITEMS NOT TO EXCEED AN 8'L X 4'H PILE

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CANNOT BE PICKED-UP**

MAJOR APPLIANCES, ELECTRONICS/TELEVISIONS, MICROWAVES, CONCRETE MATERIALS, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, FLUORESCENT FIXTURES, DEMOLITION MATERIALS, LUMBER, SHINGLES, DRYWALL, ROCKS, BRICKS OR SCRAP METAL

TRASH OR TREASURE GIVES RESIDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RE-PURPOSE ITEMS THEY NO LONGER NEED





# Branch & Brush Pickup for Town of Hull Residents

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**BEGINNING APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**BRANCHES MUST BE AT CURBSIDE BY 6:00AM**

**APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> IT MAY TAKE HULL'S ROAD CREW UP TO TWO WEEKS TO FINISH THE PICKUP**

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## THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES APPLY:

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### 1. THE MAXIMUM DIMENSION OF THE BRUSH PILE CANNOT EXCEED 12'L X 12'W X 6'H.

*BRUSH PILES LARGER THAN THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP BY THE HULL ROAD CREW*

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### 2. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS APPLY:

\* Only one pile per land parcel

\*Branches must be piled in one direction with butt end toward road.

\*Branches must be placed at least 15 feet away from any mailboxes, signs or trees.

\*Branches can be no longer than 12 feet in length and no wider than 6 inches in diameter.

\*No scrap lumber or pallets will be picked up.

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### 3. OTHER PROVISIONS OF POLICY:

\*No tree stumps or tree roots will be in the pile. The pile will not be picked up if tree stumps or roots are present.

\*Branches cut for resale as pulp will not be picked up.

### 4. INSPECTION OF PILE:

\*Brush piles will be inspected prior to pick up. Those exceeding dimensions will be flagged by Town of Hull to notify the resident of policy violation. Those branch piles will not be picked up.



# Blast from the Past

ARTICLE FROM THE STEVENS POINT JOURNAL, MAY 19, 1992

Since its inception, the town of Hull's boundaries have been as fluid as the waters of Jordan Pond, which forms a permanent border on the east end of the town. The city of Stevens Point and surrounding municipalities have mercilessly taken pieces and chunks of the town for the more than 130 years of Hull's existence. Choice Town of Hull land still is coveted by Stevens Point.

On Nov. 12, 1858, the organization of the Town of Hull was approved and was to include several sections in towns 24 and 25 in ranges 8 and 9. Before an election was held, though, the Portage County Board of Supervisors changed its mind and gave Hull three more sections in town 23, range 8, according to Malcolm Rosholt's book *Our County Our Story*.

A year later, those three sections were given to Plover. A large portion of Hull also was taken that year to form the town of Sharon.

Hull residents drew up a petition in 1860, urging the county to rescind this action, Rosholt's book states. The petition lost two separate votes on the matter.

"Hull, by this time an odd-shaped township, narrow in the middle and seemingly perched on one leg, continued agitation for more territory. In November 1860, a number of sections to the north and east of the city of Stevens Point were taken from the city and attached to Hull," according to *Our County Our Story*.

It was almost four decades before several sections in town 25, range 9 were detached from Hull and given to Sharon. Two other towns were taken to form the town of Dewey in 1899. Hull was compensated by annexing several sections in town 24, range 7 east of the Wisconsin River, which formerly had been part of the town of Stevens Point, Rosholt tells in his book.

Almost a century later, Hull is still a prime target for annexation. Stevens Point Journal articles from the late 1980's to today tell of the continued fight for land there.

Two parcels of land in the town of Hull were annexed by the city despite opposition by one landowner during 1988. Opposition again reared its head when Stevens Point petitioned in early 1989 to annex almost 700 acres near the Stevens Point Municipal Airport. That action led to an unsuccessful two-year court battle over the constitutionality of annexing land without the approval of landowners.

"The reason the city is trying to annex from Hull is that it is one of the few ways the city can grow," says John Holdridge, chairman of the Hull Town Board. "There is no village in the way or unsuitable soils, so that they can actually build."

Several businesses have asked to be detached from Hull and attached to the city for water quality reasons. Poor water and septic systems are the common reasons given for annexation to Stevens Point from Hull.

During 1989, Hull's legal costs to fight annexation topped \$13,500, more than double what was budgeted. In the past, legal costs have been budgeted between \$5,000 and \$8,000.

During 1991 elections for town chairman, annexation was the key running platform. Holdridge maintained that more consideration should be given to homeowners in the annexation process.

Paring away at Hull's circumference hasn't stopped the town's growth or development, though, Holdridge says. "If before it was rural agriculture, now it is urbanized," he said. "There is a growth of subdivisions as opposed to rural living." Previous growth was spread along major roadways, he said. Now people are clustering in subdivisions, he said.

Hull's makeup also has changed. Probably named after Hull, England, the town originally was settled by Englishmen. Polish settlers have since replaced them.





## FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER



### BURNING PERMITS

**Get a permit:** Obtain a free permit online at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/forestfire/permits> or call 888-947-2876.

**Check before burning:** After 11:00am on the day you wish to burn, check the daily burning restrictions and select the county where you plan to burn. Check each day to find out if burning is allowed, burning hours, and any size limitations.

**Follow the rules:** Follow the daily burning restrictions and fire safety recommendations listed on the permit. Make sure to all the necessary tools to keep your fire contained. Lastly, make sure your fire is completely out before leaving.

THE WISCONSIN DNR REQUIRES BURNING PERMITS WHEN THE GROUND IS NOT SNOW COVERED. BURNING PERMITS ARE FREE AND EASY TO OBTAIN. SMALL FIRES FOR WARMING OR COOKING PURPOSES DO NOT REQUIRE A DNR BURNING PERMIT AND ARE ALLOWED ANYTIME OF THE DAY, EXCEPT DURING EMERGENCY BURNING RESTRICTIONS.

## TOWN OF HULL EMS

*"Serving the community with skill, compassion, and professionalism"*

The Town of Hull EMS group is a volunteer first response group, who assist the Paramedics with the Portage County Ambulance Service. The group is made up of individuals trained at either the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) levels.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY AS A FIRST RESPONDER, CONTACT HULL FIRE DEPARTMENT AT 715-344-2174 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.

Visible House Numbers are key to Emergency Response Times. Emergency response teams cannot find you if your house number is not clearly displayed. Unbelievably, a majority are not visible from the road. It is even worse at night. A badly displayed number can cost you precious time in an emergency. We recommend 3" black on white reflective numbers on both sides of the mailbox.