

A message from Mayor Lund



Greetings Citizens of Hamburg,
I hope you are doing well and staying healthy. Governor Walz announced this past Wednesday that he will extend his emergency powers and call another special session. The next special session beginning on Monday, will be the 5th this year. Great job to the Hamburg Fire Department and their significant others serving pork chops last weekend. Thanks to each of you for your dedication to serving our community. Thanks to everyone that took the time to come to Hamburg and participate in the pork chop dinner drive-thru.
The Hamburg Lions will be doing the chicken dinner drive-thru today, October 10th, from 4 - 7pm or until they run out. For \$10, you will get half of a chicken, corn, bread, cake, potato salad and a water or milk. The chicken dinner drive thru-will take place at the Bi-Centennial park. In addition, the Hamburg Lions will be trying something new later in the year. The new program is called "Light Up Hamburg in 2020." More details to come.

City Council normally meets the second Tuesday of the month, but due to not having a quorum this month, we will be having it the third Tuesday of the month. Unless things change next week, we will still be meeting in the hybrid format that has taken place since COVID. If you will be unable to attend the meeting via Zoom, you can always send me your thoughts and I will read them during the public comment section of the meeting.

Thanks to everyone that has relayed their thoughts on the 2021 Budget. Your voice is heard and thoughts will be taken into consideration as we set the 2021 Budget. While we will be refining the budget, it won't be finalized until the meeting in December. A great suggestion was made this past week to include information on the four people running for Hamburg City Council. In our next newsletter, we will give each candidate a chance to introduce himself/herself and share their vision for the next four years.

Be safe. Be healthy. Be vigilant
Humbly,
Mayor Chris Lund

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Understanding the Budget, LGA, Proposed Tax Levy, Truth in Taxation:

Every July, city staff begins working on the budget for the upcoming year. Later in the month, the State of MN certifies the Local Government Aid (LGA) amounts for each city. Once the city knows this information they can continue to figure out the property tax levy needed for the following year. The levy is the difference between the city's General Fund budget minus the LGA amount. In September, the city council adopts a preliminary levy/budget. This is typically a higher amount as many factors for the upcoming year are still unknown. Factors such as repairs/maintenance, wages, insurance premiums, etc. Once the preliminary levy is approved, a certified copy is sent to Carver County. The County prepares the next year's **Tax Statement**, which shows the **proposed** taxes for the County, City, and School Districts based on those **preliminary** certified numbers. The council and staff continue to work on the budget and hold various budget workshops. A 'Truth in Taxation' (TNT) hearing is then scheduled in December. This hearing serves as an opportunity for residents to ask questions or voice concerns about the city levy/budget before it is adopted. The county and school districts hold these meetings as well. The Hamburg City Council will approve the 2021 Property Tax Levy and Operating Budget at the December 8, 2020 meeting, unless a second City Council Meeting (December 22, 2020) is called. Please feel free to attend the TNT Hearing via ZOOM or call city staff with any questions/concerns.

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2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Do you have questions regarding absentee ballots, voter registration, etc ?

Below you will find a few ways to contact Carver County and get answers to those questions.

Election Hot Line: (952) 361-1941

Elections website page:
<https://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/property-finance/elections>

email election questions/concerns to:
elections@co.carver.mn.us

Carver County Homebased Business Funds

Up to \$5,000, per business, will be available to assist homebased businesses that are the primary source of income for the household. Applications will be accepted starting October 6 thru 4:30 p.m. on October 16. Businesses will be notified no later than October 20 if they have been selected for funds, at which time they will work with the Carver County CDA to submit documentation to receive funds. For more detailed information and to apply, go to <https://forms.gle/rJQK5pu3wGo8gfYZ8>.

The compost dumpster, located next to the bank, is **ONLY** for compostable items such as: lawn clippings, leaves, garden refuse etc.. It is not a dumpster for tree branches, plastic bags, clothes, or garbage. The city provides this composting service as a convenience to Hamburg residents. If this service continues to be abused, it will not return next year. Please report any misuse to the city office.

*A big THANK YOU
to the community for your
prayers, well wishes, and get-well cards,
when I was recovering in the hospital
from a bi-lateral lung transplant. My
wife, Becky, is also grateful to all of you
who supported her during a difficult time.*

*In your service,
Councilman Scott Feltmann*