A message from Mayor Lund

Hope everyone is safe and healthy. Thanks to everyone that helped organize the garage sales. Thanks everyone for having a garage sale during these trying times. I believe we had over 20 stops in Hamburg and what I witnessed on Thursday was good social distancing too. As I write this, nothing new has come from the Governor’s office regarding either opening Minnesota up more or dialing back. During the special session of the State Legislature, nothing really got done and taxpayer money was wasted. There was a bill that passed the Senate with just 4 “no” votes and passed the House, mostly along partisan lines, but tacked on parts of Governor Walz’s supplemental budget. Had the House passed the clean bill the Senate passed, Hamburg would have stood to receive roughly $36,000 in COVID assistance. This COVID assistance (money granted to cities, townships, and counties) was passed by D.C. bill known as the CARES Act. There is a lot of latitude given for this money. Some ideas City Staff and I have discussed for this money is creating forgivable loan programs for both residential and business along with other COVID related relief. On Thursday, the Governor announced that he will release all $841M as originally intended despite not getting his supplemental budget passed.

Hamburg Hawks season is in full swing. Visit http://hamburghawks.teams.mnbaseball.org/Schedule to view their current schedule. The Hawks are trying to add additional games so follow them on Facebook at Hamburg Hawks Baseball or via Twitter @hawktalk.

City Council meetings will continue to be done via Zoom until we can safely have more people in attendance. Right now, the only building the City Staff and Council is comfortable to rent out is the shelter in the Park. We will be discussing the Community Hall and City Hall as possibly opening in the future.

The Water Tower is nearly done. The crew is putting in the electrical and then two tests will be done to make sure everything is working correctly. We are still anticipating that the water tower will go online sometime between the end of July and early August.

I continue to hold ‘Mayor’s In’ time via Zoom. The next time for ‘Mayor’s In’ will be July 7th from 6 to 8 pm. Next weekend we will celebrate our Nation on the 4th of July. I ask that everyone be mindful of lighting off fireworks in city limits. Not all pets react kindly to the loud noises, there are also PTSD concerns for some, and the potential for property damage.

Be safe. Be healthy. Be vigilant.

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Jacob Hebeisen purchased his first business in Hamburg in 1889, a hardware store that was located on the corner of Louisa and Maria Street. He decided in 1906 to build a bigger store, and the below building was completed in 1907 on the south corner of Maria and Railroad Street. Mr. Hebeisen was the first to own a vehicle in Hamburg, he was also the first Treasurer, and helped create the Hamburg Fire Department. He had 6 children with his wife, Louise. He passed away in 1918 after a battle with tuberculosis.