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## **A Message from Mayor Lund**

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Greetings Residence of Hamburg

Hope everyone is healthy and safe as we head into Autumn. At the last meeting in September, the City Council set the preliminary levy at \$597,614 which is a 15.134% increase of the 2021 levy. The preliminary levy is a number that caps the final levy and can be significantly lowered. Additionally, the preliminary levy accounts for the needs and wants of Hamburg. Over the next month and a half, the City Council will work to reduce the preliminary levy and set the 2022 levy.

An unknown cost for Hamburg is the pending lawsuit. While we are getting assistance from the League of Minnesota Cities, there are costs that residence of Hamburg will have to bear. An item for 2022 that we do know is that our public works staff member will be retiring. The residents of Hamburg have benefited greatly from his efforts and expertise and replacing him will be a tall order. To have a smooth transition, the Council and Staff are working on a plan to have overlap of employment.

Other items in the preliminary levy include increase in pay for Hamburg Fire Department officers, a Medical Liaison Officer, increase in pay for City Council, I-Pad data plan for the Fire Department, upgrades in office server and computers, and other items. We do look for input as well.

As you may have noticed, we are understaffed at City Hall. Things are progressing in a positive way with the hope of being back to fully staffed very soon. In the meantime, I ask for everyone's patience and understanding as we work through this. There is no need to leave a note or a voicemail suggesting or asserting things that one has no knowledge about. Per legal this is the extent of what I can share.

As fall projects wrap up, remember that the two dumpsters near the bank are for leaves and yard waste only. If you have twigs, branches, or bushes, please get the key for the ponds. If you need the key and the office is closed, I do have a key. Also, the dumpsters at the Community Hall and City Hall are not meant for public use. We have noticed an increase usage of these dumpster. If the City is charged an additional fee for waste, we will locate the person that put it there and forward on the fee. Halloween is just a few weeks away. Be mindful and aware of the little ones darting from house to house.

Be safe Be healthy Be vigilant

Humbly,

Mayor Chris Lund

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For the week of October 18 – 22, 2021 the Hamburg City Office will be open limited days. Monday, Thursday and Friday will be normal operating hours of 8:00 – 4:30. Tuesday and Wednesday the office will be closed.

If you need immediate assistance please call the city cell phone at (952) 290-3541

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause our residents. While we understand this is not an ideal situation, it is unavoidable at this time. Hamburg is a small community where we have limited staff. Life still happens, and we ask for your understanding and support, and to refrain from criticism. Thank you!



The highly anticipated Fall Bingo hosted by the Hamburg Lions is set for November 19<sup>th</sup> at the newly spruced up Hamburg Community Hall. Experience an evening full of fabulous prizes, great food & drinks, and joyous laughter. Doors open at 5:30 and Bingo begins at 7:00. Hope to see you there!



**A new law changes the Cold Weather Rule and associated notification and disconnection requirements for residential utilities.**

**First Special Session Chapter 4, article 8, sections 10-15 includes changes that extend the protected period providing seasonal options for residential customers to avoid shut-off and require reconnection of service two weeks in each direction – from October 1 until April 30 instead of the previous window of October 15- April 15. One thing that holds true is that a resident must enter into a payment agreement plan and make timely payments to avoid being shut-off.**



**A sign of the times we live in. A surveillance camera system will be installed at Bi-Centennial park next week. Vandalism and other misdeed's will be prosecuted.**

The brush pile at the ponds, on Vera Avenue, will be open this weekend for residents to drop off branches. Please remember that if you have leaves or garden waste to get rid of, those go to the compost dumpster by the bank.