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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR LUND

Happy New Year! Two months into 2018 and the Council is off and running. Before getting into the exciting and challenging year ahead here is a list of things the Council has accomplished in 2017:

- Strengthened the Nuisance Ordinance dramatically, cleaning up the town.
- Visited with Representative Nash at the Capitol to lay the ground work for funding sources to replace our aging water tower.
- Worked on the 2040 Comp Plan with preliminary engineer work done on a possible industrial park.

Community Hall updates:

- Foundation work
- Shop repairs
- Roof repairs
- Sanded the hardwood floors
- Painted the East side of the ballroom

Street projects:

- Mill and overlaid Central Avenue
- Seal Coated William Street, Kim Avenue & Robert Avenue

So far this year, the Council has had Senator Jensen and Representative Nash attend Council meetings to hear concerns and challenges facing Hamburg in 2018. Staff is busily putting together a day for Council to visit the Capitol as we attempt to garner support for funding of a new water tower that will be 105 years old this year. Please take a moment to call Senator Jensen and Representative Nash to express your concerns about our aging water tower. If you would like to send a letter or an email to them as well; please do. There will be a sample letter anyone can send at City Offices too. The squeaky wheel often gets the grease.

Unfortunately, the Well-Head Protection requirements for the proposed industrial park increased the cost from \$30,000 to over \$180,000 before the purchase of land. Despite the minor setback, information of a developer that may be interested in developing the industrial park has been given. Stay tuned!

'Mayor's In' time, which is the second Friday of every month from 8 am to 10 am, has been gaining steam as more and more citizens of Hamburg have stopped to visit. Over the coming month's the Council will be discussing several updates to our ordinances. If there is any ordinance that you would like addressed please let city staff, myself or Council know.

Make it a great 2018!

Dutifully,
Mayor Chris Lund

LEAD/COPPER TESTING

The City is looking for 10 homes that are willing to be a part of the Lead & Copper Water testing. Samples need to be collected by March 12th and again in the fall. If you are interested in participating please call the City Office Immediately!

NEEDED!!

Election Judges

8 Election Judges are needed to assist at the Hamburg polling location this year. The position pays \$10.00 an hour and will require some training at the Carver County Government Center. Please contact the City Office if you are interested.

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MNSPECT Building Officials

MNSPECT is the company the City contracts with to assist with building permits and inspections. They help to keep our town compliant with the fluid Minnesota State Building Codes. We want all of the structures in our hometown to be safe, sound and solid.

If you are looking to re-roof, re-place windows, put in a new furnace and air etc., stop into the City Office to get your permit and/or submit proper drawings if/when needed.

If your project only requires an over-the-counter permit that we can issue right here at City Hall, you can expect to pay approximately \$56.00 depending on the scope of the project. If your project is mechanical in nature or will effect the foundation and structural stability of your home or building, then MNSPECT will base the permit fee off of the evaluation of the project and inspections of the plans and work.

Permits, Facility Rentals and Utility Payments are accepted on-line at

www.govpaynow.com

or go to the City Website at www.cityofhamburgmn.com

Is there something you would like to see on the city website? Let us know your thoughts.



Minnesota is offering funds through a program called S.H.I.P.

(Statewide Health Improvement Plan)

We are looking for ways to provide more health & fitness opportunities in Hamburg. One idea that was brought before Council this past fall was to add soccer nets.

We have until October to submit our requests so put your creative thinking caps on and let us know your ideas.

City Projects for 2018

Streets: Mill & Overlay Railroad Street and Sheele Avenue
Seal Coat David Avenue, George Street and Martha Street

Re-roof: Community Center and the Lions Park Shelter

Build: new steps at the Community Hall - both front and back with maintenance free lumber

Update: City Ordinances

Inspection's: I & I Abatement Program (Inflow and Infiltration)
This Spring, the City will be inspecting inside homes on William Street and the east end of Park Avenue for illegal connections of sanitary sewer service laterals.

Petition: Continue to work with Lawmakers for assistance replacing our aging water tower

Upcoming Events:

March 23: Lions Spring Bingo

April 15: Fire Department Pork Chop Dinner

Watch the electronic reader board for more info.

Sewer Tips

Do NOT flush disposable wipes or feminine products as these get stuck in the sewer lift station and can cause sewer back-ups into homes.

Thank you for your cooperation

Water Meter Project

The City is beginning its second year installing outside radio readers onto houses. Inside water meters will be replaced as needed. In 2017 our Public Works Department completed 1/3 of the city.

When will it be your turn you ask?

Be on the look out for a letter from the City in this approximate street order:

Park Avenue, William Street, and Martha Street

This new system will speed up the process of gathering meter usage by electronically reading from a handheld device. A nice feature with this new system is that the meters can be read down to single digits and can show usage by the hour. This is a great tool when researching a possible leak.