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A message from Mayor Lund

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Citizens of Hamburg

Hopefully everyone is safe and healthy. COVID winter continues as February rapidly approaches. At the last City Council meeting, taking guidance from MDH and CDC, it was decided to not take any rentals until June. Naturally, this decision will change as Governor Walz loosens things up. City Council and Mayor In Time will continue to be via Zoom. One can login or call in to both meetings. If you do not have a computer, you can use your smartphone. All one needs to do is download the Zoom app from the Apple or Google store.

Speaking of Mayors In Time. Due to a conflict, Mayors In Time will be on Thursday, February 4th, from 6 to 8 pm. The Meeting ID is 834 6176 6932 Passcode is 438311. I enjoyed the discussion in January and look forward to discussing any topic one has.

One of the toughest parts of putting together the 2021 Budget last year was the unknown legal fees facing Hamburg. The unknown legal fees are partly why the preliminary levy was set at over 10%. Total legal fees for Hamburg in 2020 was \$36,836.65 with \$13,365.77 coming from October to the end of the year. The 2021 budgeted legal fees is \$30,000.

Sadly, COVID has claimed another one of Hamburg's big events. The Hamburg Hunt & Fish Club will not have their annual fish fry. The Club is still selling their calendars. Check out their Facebook page to find where the calendars can be purchased. The HFD Relief has started back up their weekly meat raffles at Parkside Tavern on Saturday evenings. Meat raffle starts at 6:30 pm. The Hamburg Lions continue to stock the Little Library with various food items. If anyone has any suggestions of items, please let me know. The Lions motto is "We Serve" and they will do their best to assist the community in this time of the COVID winter.

Central transitioned from distance learning to more in person and hybrid learning. I want to thank the teachers, para's, administration, cooks, janitorial staff, and those that transport our young minds to and from school. I have heard that some students have flourished while many have struggled with the distance learning.

Be safe. Be healthy. Be vigilant.

Humbly,

Mayor Lund

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A Warm Welcome

to Corporal Jordan Voigt, who on January 1st became the new day-time deputy



serving the communities of NYA, Cologne & Hamburg

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While Southern Valley Alliance assists all victims of domestic abuse in Scott and Carver counties, it is important to highlight the prevalence and impact of dating violence on teens during the month of February. Nationally, February is acknowledged as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.
According to the organization Love Is Respect, 1 in 10 high school students has experienced physical abuse from a dating partner. We would like to think it doesn't happen in our community, but the truth is that domestic violence happens everywhere. Last year, Southern Valley Alliance assisted 1,587 victim-survivors within our community."

Come One, Come All



Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. NYA City Hall Parking Lot 310 Elm Street West Drive-up only – no walk-ups Emergency Personnel will be directing traffic. Need a plan B? Having trouble paying your water bill through this difficult time of COVID, home-schooling, loss of wages etc...? Your city leaders are here for you. Call or email the city office to request a payment plan that will get you back on track.



Spring will be here before we know it and along with spring comes yard cleanup. The city will begin sending nuisance violation notices in March. Only one warning will be sent with a date of compliance, if the nuisance is not remedied the matter will be addressed at the city council level, and may be sent to prosecution. Resident complaints are at an all-time high regarding clutter in yards consisting of broken equipment, piles of junk, too many vehicles per house-hold, un-tabbed vehicles, the list goes on and on. Everyone has their own idea of what messy looks like,

thus we have city guidelines to go by.



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