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A Message from Mayor Lund

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Greetings Hamburg!

Hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. The City Council held a second meeting in September to set the 2024 Preliminary Tax Levy. The Preliminary Tax Levy must be set each year by October 1st and establishes the ceiling to which the Final Tax Levy can be set at. The City Council set the Preliminary Tax Levy at \$699,136.

An item that was apart of the 2024 Preliminary Tax Levy has already been purchased. The City Council approved the purchase of a new truck to replace the 2011 Ford Ranger. The reasoning to purchase now was driven by the impact the current autoworkers union strike may have on availability and price in 2024. City Maintenance Fund was used to purchase the vehicle. The City is currently taking sealed bids on the 2011 Ford Ranger. The sealed bids will be opened at 4:30 pm on November 14th and then the City Council will approve the sale later that night.

At the City Council meeting held this week, the City Council did approve a variance for 361 Maria Avenue as well as set a Public Hearing for the Minor Subdivision for 7 pm on November 14th. Thank you to everyone that helped with Zummerfest. Mother Nature didn't bring the heat this year yet made it interesting with the intermittent rain. Thanks to everyone that participated in the various events and those that helped fill Bi-Centennial Park. All in all, I'd say the event was a success and look forward to Zummerfest next year.

Some of you may have noticed activity at the home on Park Ave that was occupied by the Level 3 Predatory Offender. I have been informed that the occupants of the home are not the Level 3 Predatory Offender. Periodically, I check in with the Minnesota Department of Corrections on his status and will continue to do so. If any change in his status takes place, I will convey that to everyone as quickly as I can.

Halloween this year falls on a Tuesday. Be extra careful as the kids darting from house to house may not look both ways when crossing the street. Also, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Lacey Buckentin will be hosting a food drive at the Haunted Woods at 160 Jacob Street. Ms. Buckentin is asking all those that venture into the woods to bring food donations to help restock the Norwood Food Shelf.

Mayor's In Time will be from 5 to 7 pm on November 6th at City Hall. It is your chance to have your voice heard, put to rest any rumors, and have a conversation with your Mayor.

Be Safe Be Vigilant Be Healthy Humbly, Mayor Chris Lund

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All communities in our nation are expected to do a service line inventory. The City of Hamburg would greatly appreciate your participation! Please follow the guidelines listed below:

- Provide the Public Water System (PWS) with a clear picture of the service line and the first valve prior to the meter (preferably the side of the valve). Be sure the picture also includes the floor, foundation, or ground in which the service makes its entry from the ground.
- If the service water line has paint, corrosion, etc., please scrape or remove such items for clear identification of the service line material prior to taking the picture.
- If material of the service line looks gray or dark gray, please use a magnet on the service line cleaned surface. If magnet sticks to service line, please show this in your picture.
- Please inform PWS if you have a Wate

 When submitting your picture, please provided. Please submit pictures to: <u>publicworks@cityofhamburgmn.com</u>. The PWS appreciates your participation in this matter!



Cold Weather Rule

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 to 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

HAUNTED WOODS NHS FOOD DRIVE

TIME: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM WHERE: 160 Jacob St. Hamburg DATE: October 31 Please bring donations for the Norwood food shelf