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 Stacy, MN 55079  
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April 2018

*Community Comes Naturally*

**LENT TOWNSHIP NEWS**

**A Note from your Town Board**

The Road Committee has been analyzing prior year's expenses for maintaining gravel roads which includes chloride and adding gravel. This committee proposed the cost of paving versus double chip sealing along with continued maintenance at the Annual Meeting. After review, the public voted to put hard surface on gravel roads.

Due to the evening and weekend weather conditions, Maintenance Staff have been working diligently during those times to keep the roads clear.

The Board and Road Committee members thank you for putting your trust in us to resolve the road issues!

**UPDATES AT THE LENT TOWN HALL**

For the past 18 months, cosmetic renovations have been taking place to help with the acoustics in the Hall, updates in the serving kitchen, along with reviewing plans to upgrade the restrooms to make them ADA compliant. The office has had new carpet and artwork added with plans on painting the ceiling.

We have lighting in the parking area at night along with lighting of our new US Flag. The Hall has seen some spectacular weddings and events, with bookings into 2020. There are a few select weekend dates open for 2018.

Reasonable rental costs are available with a full serving kitchen for your caterer and guests. Although we do not offer the Hall free for events, we have carefully accessed the price for nonprofit events.

Lent Township has been granted funds to host Pickle Ball at the Hall with all the equipment available to players. This is currently in the process and game times will be posted.

Thank you for your support and all of the complements on the renovations!

**ROAD NEWS!**

At the Annual Meeting the residents made it clear they are ready for some changes. The Township Road Committee presented an option to blacktop and double chip seal existing gravel roads. They explained they are working on a 25 year rotational road plan. In doing so, it is evident that continuing to convert roads from gravel to blacktop or double chip would be a long term cost savings to the residents. Many residents had voiced concern about the dust and mess produced from the gravel roads. Updates will be posted to the website or you are welcome to attend the Road Committee meetings.

Road Committee

**Spring Cleanup Day is Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm – 7:00pm**

Pricing can be found on [lenttownship.com](http://lenttownship.com)  
*No household trash will be accepted*

**Drop off Location:**  
 Maintenance Garage  
 33212 Hemingway Ave.  
 Stacy, MN 55079

Let the Clerk know if you would like to volunteer!



**CONTACTS**

Chairperson Rick Keller	(651) 462-2703	Rick@lenttownship.com
Vice Chair Brian Seekon	(763) 688-4963	Brian@lenttownship.com
Supervisor Carolyn Cagle	(651) 278-2795	Carolyn@lenttownship.com
Supervisor Troy Nelson	(651) 491-2554	Troy@lenttownship.com
Supervisor Lyle Johnson	(651) 283-8876	Lyle@lenttownship.com
Building Inspector Jack Kramer	(651) 269-5633	Clerk@lenttownship.com

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

- Town Board Meeting- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- Parks Committee Meeting- Last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- CCATO (Chisago County Association of Township Officers) Last Wednesday of each month at the Senior Center in North Branch at 7:00 pm
- Stacy Lent Fire Department Joint Powers Board Meeting—**Now 4 times per year** - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in March, 1st Monday in June, 2nd Monday in September and 1st Monday in December at 7:00 pm at the Stacy Lent Fire Station
- Road Committee Meeting – As need - As posted

Special Meetings will be posted at the Town Hall, Tesoro Gas Station, City of Stacy Bulletin Boards, published in the North Branch Post Review, Chisago County Press and/or at [www.lenttownship.com](http://www.lenttownship.com)

**The Office is Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Closed on Tuesday & Thursday**

**The website is regularly updated and is the official Township information resource**  
[www.lenttownship.com](http://www.lenttownship.com)

## ASSESSMENT NOTICE

Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property. This may affect your 2019 property taxes.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, That the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Lent, CHISAGO County, Minnesota, will meet at the Office of the Clerk in said Township At 6:00 o'clock PM., on Thursday the 26th day of April, 2018 for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said Township of Lent for the year 2018.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, or who wish to complain that the property of another is assessed too low, are hereby notified to appear at said meeting, and show cause of having such assessment corrected. No complaint that another person is assessed too low will be acted upon until the person so assessed or his agent, shall have been notified of such complaint.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, **please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns**. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the county board of appeal and equalization.

FUND	APPROVED 2019 LEVY	FUND	APPROVED 2019 LEVY
Road & Bridge Fund	\$600,000	Fire Fund	\$175,00
Road & Bridge Equip.	\$25,000	Fire Equipment	\$20,00
Building Fund	\$5,000	Park Fund	\$4,500
Planning & Zoning	\$0	General Fund	\$100,00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$929,500</b>

**\*\* NOTE: We Are Beginning Road Preparation Watch for Maintenance Staff!!**

- Ditch Cleaning
- Replacing Culverts
- Tree cutting and brushing in Right-of-way

### Spring is a Great Time to Install Your Swing Away Mailbox Post!

**Where can I order a Swing Away Post?** The Town Office via email [clerk@lenttownship.com](mailto:clerk@lenttownship.com) or call (651) 462-3009

**How much are they?** \$84.00 we accept checks or cash

**Does the Township install them?** No

**Where do I install it?** It must be installed according to USPS guidelines.

**Why do I need one?** The Township will **only** repair mailboxes hit by the plows if they are on a swing away mailbox post per the snow plow policy.

**Where can I read the snow plow policy?** On the website at [lenttownship.com](http://lenttownship.com) or request a copy from the Clerk.

### Seasonal Maintenance Worker Position

The Township of Lent is seeking a qualified applicant to fill an on-call seasonal worker position. Up to 35 hours per week, Monday – Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30pm. \$14.00 per hour.

Duties include mowing, brush/grass trimming, landscape maintenance, dragging ball fields, etc. This position requires the employee to perform various types of manual labor.

Minimum qualifications: 18 years of age or older; Zero Turn Mower experience; possession of a driver's license and good driving record.

Please email resume to [clerk@lenttownship.com](mailto:clerk@lenttownship.com) or mail to Lent Township 33155 Hemingway Ave, Stacy, MN 55079. **Job Closes April 27, 2018.**

## Meet the New Staff Members

**Matt Fehrman** has been the Maintenance Supervisor for just over a year. He has done a great job with finding maintenance issues on equipment repairing them in house instead of sending them out for repair. He is proactive in maintaining the roads and works hard to take care of all of the needs of the residents.

**Brian Novack** has been with the Township for 90 days and has been a great asset to the community. He is a hard worker who works well with his supervisor and the Board. He has exceptional maintenance abilities and has been working with Matt to make sure all of the equipment is well maintained.

Together, Rick Keller estimates Maintenance Staff has saved the Township thousands of dollars by doing their own equipment maintenance. They have also been brushing, ditching, shouldering, crack sealing and graveling.

**Becky Schule** has done a fantastic job as Deputy Clerk. She is friendly, knowledgeable and a treasured member of the office team.

## Get a Permit Prior to Building/Adding the Following:

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|------------------|-------------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| *Roof            | *Fireplace (gas / wood) | *Driveway  | *Remodel             | *New Home                             |
| *Windows         | *Gas Piping             | *Sign      | *Garage              | *Screen & 3-Season Porches            |
| *Siding          | *Plumbing               | *Variance  | *Accessory structure | *and more!                            |
| *Furnace         | *Demolition             | *Pole Barn | *Solar               | *Check the website or with the office |
| *Air Conditioner | *Sign                   | *Addition  |                      |                                       |

**Any Permit Issued "After-the-Fact" the Fee is DOUBLE**

**Call Jack Kramer the Building Inspector if you have any questions at (651) 269-5633**

## All Homes in the Township Have Septic Systems

### THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- ❖ ONLY human waste and toilet paper may be flushed. NEVER flush unused medication, "flushable" wipes, facial tissue, or feminine hygiene products. Failure to do so could lead to costly repairs or replacement of your system.
- ❖ Do your best to conserve water and fix leaky fixtures as soon as possible.
- ❖ Regularly inspect your system and ensure maintenance lids are secured.
- ❖ Systems require routine pumping at least every three years.
- ❖ Do not drive or park vehicles on any part of your septic system.
- ❖ Contact a licensed professional if you have questions or concerns about your sewage tank or drainfield.

Free magnets to keep track of your pumping records are available in the office!

For more information, search "SSTS" on [www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us)

## Youth Gopher Hunters Wanted!

Please contact the Clerk if your child is interested in trapping gophers for residents

\*The child's name will not be released to the public



Please contact the office if you would like a Trapper's parent to contact you to tackle your gopher problems

## Help Keep Your Roads in Good Shape by not Driving off the Edge!



Join our email list by sending an email to [clerk@lenttownship.com](mailto:clerk@lenttownship.com) and let us know you would like to receive special meeting notices.