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Community Comes Naturally

LENT TOWNSHIP NEWS

Farewell from Lyle Johnson

I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to represent you on the Lent Township Board of Supervisors for 20 years. During this time, Lent Township has seen many improvements. I will list a few of them that I feel are significant. Understand that I am not taking credit for these accomplishments. I was just part of the team at the time.

From 1998 to 2008, we saw tremendous growth with numerous subdivisions adding over 100 homes to our community.

In 2002, the people at our Annual Meeting instructed us to build a new fire hall, which the Stacy Lent Fire Department moved into in the spring of 2004. Properly maintained, this building should last at least 50, if not over 100 years.

In 2007, we took over the Planning and Zoning process from the county. It was a long process to get there, but has certainly been worth it. Our board makes all Planning and Zoning decisions locally with advice from our Planning and Zoning committee.

I would be remiss if I did not mention what has been the most controversial subject in Lent Township, if not the whole county. In 2009, a power company from outside of Minnesota applied to build a "peaker plant" to generate electricity. This plant would have been located near the junction of Kale Avenue and County Rd 14. I learned a whole lot about human behavior during this nearly yearlong process. In the end, the plant was not built due to the political influence of Xcel Energy within the state.

In closing, let me say that I have enjoyed my time on the board and the opportunities it has given me to influence some of the ways our government entities operate. Thank you again for this wonderful experience.

A Note from your Board Chair, Rick Keller

We are pleased to announced that we got 13.5 miles of 1 course of blacktop done. It is a big improvement for our community. We are thankful that we could get that much done. It will give us a better quality of life at the same time, saving us money in the long run.

Please remember to give the plows plenty of room. MnDOT suggests you stay back at least 10 car lengths. The driver's field of vision is severely restricted. (dot.state.mn.us)

Join your neighbors, vote on the levy and be a part of direct democracy by attending the

ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 12TH AT 7:00 PM

Bad weather date for Annual Meeting is March 19 at 7:00 pm

Come meet your new Supervisor, Lisa Sinna!

The Township wants to pursue discussions regarding one trash provider to limit the amount of garbage trucks driving on your new roads. Join the discussion at the Annual Meeting.

I'm grateful for an efficient staff that ensures road and building maintenance by Matt and Brian; to maintaining our finances by Stephanie and making sure our office runs smoothly by Kelly and Becky. Thank you all for a job well done!



Lyle has served on the Lent Town Board since March of 1998. We wish him well!

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MEETING SCHEDULE

- Town Board Meeting- 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting- 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- Parks Committee Meeting- Last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm – **NEW TIME!**
- 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 - 1st 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 and on lenttownship.com. Notices may also be posted at Tesoro Gas Station & City of Stacy Bulletin Boards. The North Branch Post Review & Chisago County Press are the official papers to post legal notices.

**THE OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM & FRIDAY 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
CLOSED ON THURSDAY**

**The website is regularly updated and is the official Township information resource
www.lenttownship.com**

I was asked to give a little insight to where we are at with the hard surfacing of township roads. First, I would like to thank the residents for voting and having faith in us to get this done. We were able get 13.5 miles of roads hard surfaced this year. We will continue to move forward to finish up our list for 2019 which includes around 8 miles. One of our greatest obstacles has been the shared roads which requires the cooperation of other entities.

Our goal is to begin the bidding process again in February so we can get started as soon as the frost is out. The good news is that there is not as much prep needed for the next phase so we should be able to move ahead early. We completed one double chip road in 2018 with the hope that it will be a product we can use on future roads.

This year the road work was challenging for the supervisors, committee members and the maintenance crew. We have done our best to proceed with vision that was discussed at the annual meeting. In closing, thank you and we hope you enjoy your hard-surfaced roads. Be patient with us and keep in mind with every decision we make we have the people in our Township in mind.

Troy Nelson, Lent Board Supervisor

New Year's Resolutions? Lent Town Hall Has You Covered!

<p>Call or email the office & let us know how you are going to use the Hall this year!</p>	 <p>Tuesday nights from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Pickleball is free to Lent Township Residents</p>	 <p>For more information on volunteering visit csoaf.com</p>	<p>Spend more time with the relatives and book your family reunion</p>	 <p>Find dates, pricing and more on lenttownship.com</p>
<p>Share your talent and teach a class at the Hall!</p>		<p>There are art classes, volunteer opportunities and more! Visit lenttownship.com/town-hall</p>		
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Hall News by Carolyn Cagle

Thank you Lent residents for participating in the fun activities at the Lent Town Hall. The hall has become exactly what it was built for a hub of activity in our Township. In the spring we will be installing a new maintenance free fence along Hemingway and this will have a natural garden space promoting the support of Monarch Butterflies and honey bees. Currently we have 6 volunteers to help maintain and plant the area, we will post future scheduled meetings. We have also finished the ENTIRE parking lot in asphalt, in the future we will be striping the lot for easier parking. The inside of the hall received double doors on the south end for easy access for bands, decorating and auction displays. An ice machine has been installed for Hall renters and thank you Stacy Lions for helping with the cost for this! The bathrooms are currently in the quote and idea process to make them better for public use and flooring for the entire west side will be done at the time of bathroom upgrading. A future project in the works is to enclose the East side of the hall for a carpeted meeting space for smaller venues and this room would be for rent to the public for classes, family events, community meetings and the township board meetings. Postings of scheduled booked hall events are located on our website and residents receive a discount for hall use. We are currently booking the hall for weddings and events into 2020 (2019 spaces available!) and it has become a very nice affordable spot for weddings and large fundraising dinners some of the decorating done inside by renters has been beautiful. Watch our website and the Welcome to Lent Township FB page for more public events that you might want to come and participate in! Thank you everyone for supporting the building improvements and if you want to use the building please contact the office for cost and availability. Looking forward to 2019!

February Personal Hygiene food drive coming up, Pickleball on Tuesday Nights, Zumba up to four days a week, CSOAF monthly packing nights. We are always looking for more suggestions email me at carolyn@lenttownship.com.

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS AND THOSE WHO DONATED FOOD FOR THE RIBBON CUTTING AND FALL CLEANUP DAY!

Special Thanks To:

Sue Sinna, Bernice Woods, Dick & Jan Stiers, Dave Milles, Peggy Korlath, David Chelberg, Jeff Sinna, Chris DuBose, Kris Nelson, CSOAF members: Tom & Cori Heckel, Bob & Eileen Corwin, Bonnie Biedler, Karen Anderson, Bob Schule, First State Bank of Wyoming and Stacy Lent Fire Department!



Get ready to do some spring cleaning for the Spring Cleanup Day in May! Watch for details. We will also have our 3rd Annual Fall Cleanup Day October!

Swing Away Mailbox Posts are in Stock in the Office!

\$75.00 each checks or cash accepted



Help keep your roads in good shape by not driving off the edge and remember to make sure your mailbox post is installed in accordance with USPS guidelines.

Information is posted on lenttownship.com

SNOW PLOW POLICY

The Lent Township's general goal is to have all Township roads passable within a reasonable amount of time after a snowfall has stopped. Roads are prioritized by traffic volume and logical routing. The Township does not assure a completely bare road and will not normally sand entire sections of roadway. The sanding of intersections, hills and curves are the priority. Users of the system are reminded to exercise caution and to realize that the legal speed limit may not be reasonable in certain weather conditions. The Township usually will not dispatch snowplows until the snowfall has stopped, with exceptions possible during periods of extended snowfall. Plows will generally be dispatched between 12:00 am and 7:30 am, or when snow and drifting conditions allow reasonable accomplishments to be made. Operator's duty shifts are generally limited to a maximum of 16 hours per day for safety reasons. The plow operator's first job is to make the road passable with one lane in one direction plowed. Then plow the second lane to have one lane in each direction open; lanes are then widened to the edge of the shoulders and sanding is done; cleanup of ice and slush are done as demands allow. Mailboxes damaged during snow removal will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. **Only those mailboxes that are properly built and installed in a location in accordance with Minnesota Department of Transportation Standards and which were damaged by actual contact with Township equipment will be repaired at Township expense. It is illegal to plow snow across any public roadway.** Minnesota Statute 160.2715 RIGHT-OF-WAY USE; MISDEMEANORS states, "it shall be unlawful to: (1) obstruct any highway or deposit snow or ice thereon". Piles of snow left on or near the roadway can freeze into a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snowplows. These are general guidelines used by the Lent Township road maintenance department. Each decision to mobilize, to the snow plow crews working, and to apply salt/sand is a judgment call based on the particular weather conditions, past experience, and the availability of resources at that particular time, and therefore may not adhere strictly to this general policy. For any information or concerns, call the office at 651-462-3009.

2020 PROPOSED LEVY

Road & Bridge Fund	Road & Bridge Equipment	Fire Fund	Fire Equip. Fund	Building Fund	Park Fund	Planning & Zoning	General Fund	TOTAL LEVY
\$500,000	\$30,000	\$175,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$942,000

Join our email list by sending an email to clerk@lenttownship.com and let us know you would like to receive special meeting notices, meeting agendas or data requests. All Township news, minutes and agendas are posted online at lenttownship.com



BRING YOUR ALUMINUM CANS TO HELP SUPPORT THE PARKS!

The recycling bin is located across from the Town Hall by the Maintenance Garage



SEPTIC SYSTEM TIPS:

- ✓ 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

For more information, search "SSTS" on www.pca.state.mn.us or get a magnet at the Town Hall

Make sure you are getting a permit prior to any building, remodel, septic, HVAC, plumbing project. Any Permit Issued "After-the-Fact" the Fee is DOUBLE. Check the website or call the office with any questions.