

Bob Dylan wrote, the times they are a-changin'. They certainly are.

Many of you will have heard by now that Stacy is in talks with Lent Township to merge into one city. Many details have been agreed to in multiple open meetings on the subject. We still have some items to discuss but the progress is good.

The most important thing is that for most residents of the city and the township, very little will change. Street addresses and school districts will remain the same through this process.

Overall, this will be a good thing for the community. As long as the state approves the agreement we have, there will be a general election for all council seats shortly after the completion of the merger.

I invite anyone that has questions about this issue to either present them in writing to the clerk's office or speak during the public comment portion of any regular Stacy City council meeting.

I also want to thank all the residents, staff and officials of both Lent Township and the City of Stacy that have contributed to the work we have done so far.

Mark Utecht, Mayor, City of Stacy