



33155 Hemingway Avenue

Stacy, MN 55079

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Community Comes Naturally

LENT TOWNSHIP NEWS

UPDATES AT LENT TOWN HALL



Many updates have been made to the Town Hall including: new windows, improved noise reduction, new lighting, updated countertops, and all around better aesthetics.

The hall has been done in a very natural color scheme to compliment both formal and informal events. New drapes in the windows and along the long wall to separate this room from the main hall and help with the acoustics. In the future we hope to add double doors to the south wall for light exposure and the ability to have large items brought in for auctions and fundraising events. The hall rental shall remain the same this year and we look forward to more bookings on the weekends. Call the office to set up a time to come in and view the space or visit during office hours.

Type of Event	Lent Township Resident	Lent Township Non-Resident
Application	\$100.00	\$100.00
Damage Deposit	\$250.00	\$250.00
Non-Public Event	\$450.00	\$675.00
Public Event	\$675.00	\$675.00
Daytime Event	\$125.00	\$225.00
Non-Profit Use	\$475.00	\$475.00

We invite you to join us at our Open House after the Annual Meeting on March 14th.

CONTACTS

Chairperson Rick Keller	(651) 462-2703	Rick@lenttownship.com
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Supervisor Troy Nelson	(651) 462-3009	Troy@lenttownship.com
Supervisor Lyle Johnson	(651) 283-8876	Lyle@lenttownship.com

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 7:00 pm
- Staff/Board Meeting- First Monday of each month at 9:00 am
- 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** - 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.

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

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am — 4:00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday Closed

IMPORTANT DATES

- Budget Setting Meeting - Monday, January 23 at 7:00 pm
- Special Election - Tuesday, February 14, 2017 7:00 am - 8:00 pm
- Joint Town Board and Planning Commission Workshop - Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm
- Annual Meeting - Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 pm
- Open House after the Annual Meeting

Meet the Staff by Rick Keller

Mitch Anderson started working part-time for the Township's Maintenance department in 2008, the position went to full-time in 2012, and recently he has accepted a full-time position as Maintenance Supervisor. Mitch has been a great asset to the Township since he started. We are very thankful that he has decided to step into the maintenance role and we look forward to his leadership in the future.

Stephanie Aker has been doing a great job as Treasurer. She is going to soon be taking over the bi-weekly payroll for the employees. She is doing a wonderful job taking care of the books. Stephanie is very diligent to be certain that our finances are in order.

Kelly Wood accepted the part-time Clerk position with the Township in May and has been doing an exceptional job. We are so fortunate to have her and glad she's here. Kelly has been working energetically to bring all of the Township records and files up-to-date.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

Residing in State Representative District 32B

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 204B.44, the Minnesota Supreme Court has determined **a vacancy in nomination exists** in the election for State Representative District 32B under Minnesota Statutes section 204B.13 due to a candidate being ineligible to hold the office. Vote totals for this office will not be certified.

The vacancy may be filled by the major political party filing a nomination certificate no later than November 15, 2016. New affidavits of candidacy or nominating petitions will not be accepted.



A special election for this office will be held on February 14, 2017

Thank you to all of the Election Judges for their dedication and energy in making the Election's a success!

Maintenance Position

The Township of Lent is seeking a qualified applicant to fill a FT Maintenance position. 40 hours per week, with a base schedule of Monday – Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30pm, evening/weekend hours are likely to occur. Duties include mowing, brush/grass trimming, landscape maintenance, building/parks maintenance, road maintenance, snow plowing, etc. This position requires the employee to perform various types of manual labor and operate heavy equipment.

Minimum qualifications: 18 years of age or older; possession of a CDL Class A license and good driving record; Air Brakes Certification, and a health card.

Please email resume to clerk@lenttownship.com or mail to Lent Township 33155 Hemingway Ave, Stacy, MN 55079.

LENT TOWNSHIP'S SNOW REMOVAL POLICY 2016-2017 SEASON

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. Snowplows may be dispatched at night. Icing bridges or snow drifting on roads is an expected aspect of winter travel and generally not adequate justification to dispatch snowplow crews. 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. Residents are cautioned that it is unlawful to plow snow from driveways onto or across any public roadway. Piles of snow left on or near the roadway can freeze into a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snowplows. "**MN Statute 160.2715 and fines may be levied.**" 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.



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Do You Have a Green Thumb?



If so, we encourage you to join our newly formed citizen group, Lent Landscapers. Some fun ideas will include planting, weeding, beautification, and more. Please let us know if you are interested in joining us for the first meeting on April 4th at 6:30 pm.

We wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year!