



NEW FORD 350 WORK TRUCK



NEW PICKLE BALL COURTS AT SILVERTHORN PARK. THE BACK TWO COURTS ARE COMPLETED, NEAR COURT TO BE DONE IN 2022.

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Road construction projects completed in 2021 included grinding the existing blacktop, spot gravel applications, new culverts where needed, and new blacktop on Hard Rock Circle Road, Clem’s Road, and Eaton Road. Blacktop was also placed over the new culverts on Jolly Fisherman Road. Projects for next summer include new blacktop on the west end of Nelson Lake Road (postponed from 2021), a new bridge over the Namakagon River on Tagalder Road, and raising Tanning Point Road along Mud Lake as was done along Company Lake two years ago. Other projects may be added as budgets allow.

Our application for ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) has been approved for a total grant of \$135,442. These funds may be used for a variety of items related to the recovery from the Covid 19 pandemic. Funded projects need to be completed by 2026. Broad band expansion for “unserved or under served” is an allowed use for these funds. Lenroot has three providers for broad band but only Norvado expressed interest. So far, we have committed \$10,000 to support Norvado’s expansion in their service area in this township.

For over a decade, Lenroot’s portion of the property tax has been frozen except for minor increases allowed by increased building in the township even though inflation has increased the costs of everything we buy. Since 2015 we have taken out an annual loan of around \$85,000 to help pay for road projects and to build a reserve to purchase equipment. This year we propose to collect \$350,817 in property taxes to support town operations. We will receive an additional \$769,315 from the state through various programs. With other miscellaneous revenue, the total township budget will be \$1,157,920.

Last summer, the under- used tennis court at the Silverthorn Park was converted to play Pickle ball, a game growing in popularity especially with older adults. Since completion, these courts have been used regularly and are another attraction to this popular facility. The Town of Lenroot wishes to thank the Seeley Lions Club, Lorna and Tom Gleason, Dale Mrotek, Bob and Sue Lomasney, Jeff and Pat Rankins, and Tom and Judy Rowley for funding and installation.

Check out the township website at www.townoflenroot.net for information about township meetings, recreational facilities, voting, taxes, and other information.