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Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County Sheriff's Dept. and Empire Township was approved to have the Dakota County Sheriff's Dept. help enforce Empire's Ordinances. A revision was made under the Penalty Sections of Ordinances 270-A, 265-A, 250-A, 240-A, 230-A, 220-B, and 210-B to help the Sheriff's Department with the enforcement of these ordinances.

Park Programs were once again a hit. There were 11 Sunday night performances, the Empire Celebration on August 1 along with the weekday programs for the children, the Puppet Wagon and the Swim Bus. The Empire Township annual Holiday Party was held the 2nd Saturday of December at the Public Works building.

Providence Phase III was started.

AT & T's Lease Agreement was approved for adding antennae to the Water Tower.

Reminders: Snow removal and parking: Any vehicle left unattended upon any street, parking lot or public area, which constitutes an obstruction to traffic or to removal of snow, may be ticketed or removed at the vehicle's owner's expense.

Snow or ice may not be deposited in a public road right-of-way or to otherwise obstruct a public road. This does include pushing/plowing snow across the public road.

Garbage day, place your garbage can four feet off the road so that the plows do not hit them, damage them and drag them down the road. Plowed snow will knock them over and garbage will be all over the place.

Mailboxes: The mailbox owner assumes all risk of damage from snowplowing including damage from pushed or piled snow. If, in the opinion of the road superintendent, a mailbox was damaged through direct contact with snowplowing vehicles, the Town will repair, replace, or make other arrangements with the owner to correct the damage to the mailbox. Under no circumstances will the Town pay more than \$40 to correct damage to a mailbox.

Safety: Snow piles along roadways and in parking lots are not safe for children to play on. Instruct your children not to play on them.

Also, it is important to keep fire hydrants shoveled in case we might need them!

Election: The annual Township election of officers will be held on March 11 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. held at Empire Town Hall. Following the election will be the Township Annual Meeting. Filing for candidacy opens December 31, 2013 and closes January 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m...

Crime Prevention

Dakota County Deputies would like to remind us to continue to keep your eyes open for suspicious persons, vehicles and other things. If you spot a vehicle that looks like it is scoping the area out or doesn't belong where it is at, please call 911. If possible, get the license plate number. If you see a person that looks suspicious, call 911. The Sheriff Department would rather be called out on false alarms, rather than not be called out when they could have prevented a crime from happening. **Remember: lock ALL doors and windows.** By continuing to do these things, Empire will continue to be a low crime area.