

**Mining Permits** that were approved:

- Ag Industries IUP for the ready mix plant on Hynes property
- Cemstone's asphalt Plant on the McNaughten property
- Cemstone's reclamation finalized for the Berg property
- McNamara IUP for the Berg Property
- Ron Girgen's reclamation plan approved

**Stelzel Fields** were completed. The first tournament was Dew Days tournament which was a success despite the rain and the fields flooding. That was due to the hard work of the Empire's maintenance personnel. The ballfield dedication was held August 24<sup>th</sup> featuring the Farmington High School Marching Band. Empire's maintenance personnel built the picnic tables, the retaining wall, and set up the playground area.

**Empire Celebration** was held on July 31 hosted by Park & Rec. It was a big success.

**The annual Empire Holiday Party** hosted by Park & Rec on December 13, 2014 at the Public Works building was very well attended. Thanks Park and Rec.

**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 10 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 30, 2014 and closes January 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m...

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*Be always at War with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better person." ~Benjamin Franklin*