

Fall 2018

Hours:

Mon. & Weds. 8:30 – 3:00

Tues & Thurs 7 – 4:30



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Board of Supervisors

Meetings 2nd & 4th
Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.

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651-463-3091
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Planning Commission

Meetings 1st & 3rd
Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.

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Park & Rec

Meetings 2nd & 4th
Mondays 7:00 p.m.

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Mike Carey, Chair
651-208-7547
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Autumn

*There's nothing as fine as an
autumn day,
With the smell in air of fresh
mown hay.
Each tree is a wonder, of beauty,
untold,
Each leaf brushed with color,
A sight to behold.
There's a nip in the air
- crisp, cool and clear-
To remind us that winter soon
will be here!
But for now we have autumn,
The "show-Off" of seasons!*

~~~~ June Kellum

Empire Township is working on a Nuisance Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township. It will include our Ordinance sections that already define public nuisances such as:

- ★ Junk yard which is any open area of any lot or parcel where waste, discarded or salvaged materials disassembled, kept, stored or handled, including but not limited to scrap metals or scrap materials or the abandonment or dismantling of machinery, motor vehicles, or other vehicles, or parts thereof.
- ★ It shall be unlawful for any person to store or keep any vehicle of a type requiring a license to operate on a public highway, but without a current license, whether such vehicle be dismantled or not, outside of an enclosed building in residential districts.
- ★ Any distinctly and loudly audible noise, except noise generated from normal farm practices that unreasonably annoys disturbs, or endangers the comfort, peace, or welfare of any person, or precludes their enjoyment of property.
- ★ Vacant lots shall be kept clean of debris and shall not be used for unauthorized storage or kept in an unsightly condition.

If you have any junk vehicles, you need to get rid of them or store them in an enclosed building.

If Empire becomes aware of any nuisance, you will receive a letter. If it is not handled, we will turn it over to our attorney at your expense.

"By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest."

~~~ Confucius ~~~



Water and Sewer Accounts: Just a reminder that any balance remaining on your water and sewer account on December 10th will be applied to your property taxes. We need to meet the County's deadline for reporting.

Organics Recycling – Turn your food waste into something good. Organics are any item that came from a plant or animal that will turn into a soil-like material called compost. Our trash cans are made up of a third of this material: food scraps, yard waste and compostable paper. That is nearly nine pounds per household every week. Turn food scraps, non-recyclable paper and certified compostable items into rich compost – a soil additive that increases the nutrients in soil, reduces erosion and decreases the need for chemical fertilizers. One of the drop-sites is Specialized Environmental Technologies Organics Processing Facility (SET. Inc.) at 16454 Blaine Ave., Rosemount, MN. Call 952-891-7557 or email organics@co.dakota.mn.us and you'll receive a welcome kit with a free container label, compostable bags and details on how to recycle organics. See Empire Township website: Empiretownship.govoffice.com under Helpful Links for more information.



Dogs: Empire's Ordinance 210-A states that it is unlawful for any dog to run at large. Your dog(s) must be in your yards or on a leash. Nuisances include habitual barking and damaging property. The owner of any animal shall be responsible for cleaning up any feces of the animal whether on their own property, on the property of others, or on public property. Empire Township has doggie waste bags located throughout the trail system. Any owner of any animal in violation of any nuisance shall be punished by a fine of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

"The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy." — Kalu Ndukwe Kalu

Snow removal and parking: As much as some people hate the thought of winter, it is coming. We would like to remind you that 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 removed at the vehicle's owner's expense per Ordinance No. 240.

It is unlawful for anyone to deposit any snow or ice in a public road right-of-way or to otherwise obstruct a public road. This does include pushing/plowing snow across the public road.

On garbage collection 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 over the garbage can and garbage will be all over the place.

It is important to keep fire hydrants shoveled in case we might need them!

Hydrant Flushing will be the week of October 8th. While the hydrants are being flushed, you may notice a change in water pressure and clarity. This change should only occur during the flushing cycle. Try not to do laundry during this time. But, if you should notice rusty water in your laundry, do not dry the clothes. If this happens, stop by the Town Hall and pick up some rust remover.

Compost Permits: RRT, 16454 Blaine Ave., has offered to process Empire Township's resident's compost for free. **Stop at the Town Hall for a free permit which is good for one year starting January 1st.**

"You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection"
— Sharon Salzberg