

Winter 2018

Hours:

Mon. & Weds. 8:00 – 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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Terry Holmes, Chair
651-463-3091
Edward Gerten
651-463-4433
Jamie Elvestad
651-463-4748

Planning Commission

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

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Trent Larson
651-460-6404
Tom Kaldunski
651-460-6912
Jared Sachs
651-463-3169
Corey Schweich
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Jim Hagerty
651-428-4726

Park & Rec

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

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Mike Carey, Chair
651-208-7547
Jessica Boelman
651-295-5550
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Falling Snow

*See the pretty snowflakes
Falling from the sky;
On the wall and housetops
Soft and thick they lie.
On the window ledges,
On the branches bare;
Now how fast they gather,
Filling all the air.
Look into the garden,
Where the grass was green;
Covered by the snowflakes,
Not a blade is seen.
Now the bare black bushes
All look soft and white,
Every twig is laden
What a pretty sight!*

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2017 Recap:

Once again Empire Township was busy. Below are a few items that have kept the Town Board, Planning Commission, and Park & Rec along with the employees busy.

- ★ March election Terry Holmes was re-elected as supervisor for a 3 year term
- ★ Empire is working on the existing and planned land use for the 2040 Comp Plan
- ★ Empire has issued 6 new home permits and four 4 unit Townhome permits
- ★ Worked with Union Pacific Railroad to get 170th Street railroad crossing fixed

Approved by Planning Commission and the Town Board:

- ★ McNamara's Asphalt Cement Storage IUP
- ★ Ames Construction increasing construction yard area by 10 acres
- ★ Fischer Sand & Aggregate for mineral extraction on 133 acres
- ★ Aggregate Industries IUP Addendum #1 to increase phasing to cover 160 acres
- ★ JTN Communications to rent space on the water tower for internet access
- ★ SunEdison/Ecoplexus IUP for solar garden
- ★ MN Solar Connection a one megawatt wholesale solar energy garden
- ★ Dakota Community Solar One, LLC one megawatt solar energy garden
- ★ FastSun 19, LLC one megawatt solar energy garden
- ★ Ordinance No. 400-C wholesale solar systems not permitted in any zoning district
- ★ Ordinance No. 400-D eliminate motocross tracks in MXR Mixed Residential District
- ★ Maple Ridge Preliminary and Final Plat
- ★ CUP for Buddhist Temple to allow monument and wall at entry

Park and Rec:

- ★ Dew Days held tournament at Stelzel fields; 18 teams, 1 day tournament
- ★ Participated in Geocaching for Dew Days with three boxes in Empire Township
- ★ Had 3 story walks this year along Town Hall trail
- ★ Joy Bester and Kaye Mortimer resigned, Jessica Boelman and Denise Williamson approved as new members. Mike Carey elected as new chair of Park and Rec Commission.
- ★ Holiday Party held December 9th, 219 in attendance; Olaf and Anna from Frozen were huge hits.
- ★ Summer Sunday Entertainment from June to August.
- ★ Celebrate Empire held August 3rd with approx. 440 attending
- ★ Combined meeting with Farmington PR and participated in ribbon cutting at Prairie View Park



Thank you to all who attended the Empire Holiday Party in December. We had many special guests this year including Santa & Mrs. Clause and Olaf & Anna from Frozen.

A big thank you to our volunteers: Carol & Kayley Muller; Faith & Grace Scheffler; Chris, Kyle & Hannah Williamson.

Snow Reminders

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.

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

Mailboxes: Owners are responsible for erecting their own mailboxes in order to receive roadside mail delivery. Mailboxes must conform to the standards established by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. 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.

Cul-De-Sacs –

- ✓ The Right of Way is purposely intended for snow storage
- ✓ Snow in the center will not allow the proper turning radii for emergency vehicles
- ✓ Very hazardous for kids because blind spots are created and kids tend to congregate at these snow piles to play and build snow forts
- ✓ The cost of trucking snow out would result in a need to raise taxes
- ✓ Can cause drainage problems during freeze/thaw storm events

Election: The annual Township election of officers will be held on March 13, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. held at Empire Town Hall. Following the March 14 election will be the Township Annual Meeting. Filing for candidacy opens January 2, 2018 and closes January 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m...

If new to the area or haven't voted for a while, please pre-register or fill out the registration form and bring it with you. Pre-registration closes on February 20, 2018. Voter Registration applications are on the bottom of the front page of our website: EmpireTownship.govoffice.com