

Winter 2019

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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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
612-501-3890
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
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651-295-5550
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651-463-3198
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612-210-0188
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Township Contacts

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Kathy Krippner
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Denise Williamson
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Maintenance

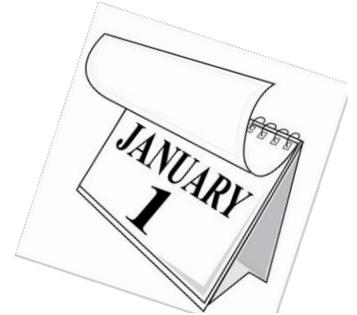
Jeff Hince
651-470-5056
Luke Fischer
Jerod Waltman



New Year

A year to be glad in,
And not to be sad in,
To gain in, to give in,
A happy new year.

A new year for trying,
And never for sighing.
A new year to live in,
Oh, hold it most dear.



Happy New Year!

2018 Recap

Empire Township has had another busy year.

- ❖ March election Ed Gerten was re-elected as supervisor for a 3 year term
- ❖ Empire Township worked on its 2040 Comprehensive Plan required by Met Council every 10 years.
- ❖ Empire has issued 6 new home permits in 2018
- ❖ Empire's engineer has been working with MNDOT on Highway 3 update and 170th Street round-about.
- ❖ Empire stopped Solar gardens in Empire to conserve ag land
- ❖ Empire Township has been working with Met Council and Dakota County on the drainage ditch by Biscayne Avenue and 190th Street
- ❖ Empire started hosting American Red Cross Blood Drives
- ❖ McNamara contracting updated their IUP for mineral extraction on the Berg property
- ❖ August 2nd was a well-attended Empire Celebration
- ❖ December 8th's Empire's Holiday Party with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and Olaf and Anna from Frozen was a big hit. Thanks to our Park and Rec committee and all of our volunteers. We couldn't do this without you.



Empire's Ordinance 210-A states: 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).

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Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties. ~~Helen Keller

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

Parking: Ordinance 240-B It shall be unlawful to park or leave a vehicle unattended for more than five (5) minutes, except for emergency, on any public street, public parking lot or other public property during the hours of 2:00 a.m. through 6:00 a.m. daily from November 1st through April 15th annually. **You will be ticketed!**

YOGA: Did you know that Empire Township is offering yoga classes? We have two classes on Monday at 5:00pm and 6:00pm. The sessions are monthly and are \$20 per monthly session. The next session will be January 8 to January 29. Please bring payment in cash or check made out to Empire Township the first day of class. All classes are held at the Town Hall meeting room. Call the office with any questions, 651-463-4494.

BLOOD DRIVE: Empire Township will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 from 1:00pm to 7:00pm at the public works building. You can sign up on line to donate at redcrossblood.org enter: **Empire** to schedule. We are also in need of volunteers to help greet and sign people in. If you would like to volunteer please contact the office at 651-463-4494. We will also be having another blood drive this spring on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 from 1:00-7:00pm.

Election: The annual Township election of officers will be held on March 12, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. held at the Empire Public Works, 2577 Vermillion River Trl, Farmington, MN. Following the March 12 election will be the Township Annual Meeting at Empire Town Hall. Filing for candidacy opens January 1, 2019 and closes January 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m...

If new to the area or haven't voted for a while, please pre-register at www.mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us . Pre-registration closes on February 19, 2019 for township election. Voter Registration applications are on the bottom of the front page of our website: EmpireTownship.govoffice.com

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Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. ~ ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson