

# Fall 2016

## Hours:

Mon. & Weds. 8:30 – 4:00

Tues & Thurs 7 – 4:30



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### Board of Supervisors

Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Mondays 7:00 p.m.

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Joy Bester, Chair  
651-463-0014  
Kaye Mortimer  
651-460-2737  
Duane Snesrud  
651-463-3198

Jill Parkins  
612-210-0188  
Mike Carey  
651-208-7547  
Josh Lindgren  
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### Township Contacts

651-463-4494  
Kathy Krippner  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Denise Williamson  
Deputy Clerk-  
Treasurer

### Maintenance

Jeff Hince  
651-470-5056  
Paul Henry  
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Luke Fischer  
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## *I'M A LITTLE SCARECROW*

I'm a little scarecrow,  
Raggedy and worn  
I wear a hat,  
And a shirt that's torn  
When the crows come,  
I wave and shout,  
"Away from my garden-get on out!"

**Empire Township would like to welcome Denise Williamson** as our new Deputy Clerk. Jill Parkins is back on our Park and Rec Commission. Thanks Jill.

**The turn back** of a section of County Road 79 (Blaine Ave.) and 164<sup>th</sup> Street to Empire Township from Dakota County is now complete. Jurisdiction transfers are a way to properly maintain roadways by cities, townships and the County.

**Election:** The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. here at Empire Town Hall. Early voting for Empire Township residents is held at one of the County offices in Apple Valley or Hastings during office hours and the last Saturday before Election Day from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.. Early voting starts 46 days before the election.

**Voter registration:** You can check on line if you are registered to vote by going to MNVotes.org. You can register online or paper (deadline is 21 days prior to Election Day) or on Election Day at your polling place.

**Polling place:** The polling place for Empire Township's residents is at the Empire Town Hall, 3385 197<sup>th</sup> Street W, Farmington.

**Disc Golf:** The Empire maintenance guys have finished the disc golf course down by Empire Fields off of Biscayne Avenue. Take a walk and check it out. They have done a wonderful job building the course in between keeping up the roads, mowing, the ballfields, etc..

**Highway 3:** Empire Township would like to thank you for your patience with MNDOT's work being done on Highway 3. MNDOT did not let us know that the detour would be through our developments. This caused excess traffic that Empire would not have approved of. Thanks for your patience and enjoy the newly redone Highway 3.

*Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all. ~ ~ ~ Stanley Horowitz*

**Union Pacific Railroad and 170<sup>th</sup> Street** – Empire is working with the Railroad Company and getting their crossing at 170<sup>th</sup> Street fixed. Not sure if it is this fall or not.

**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 fire hydrants shoveled in case we might need them!

**Empire's Holiday Celebration** will be held on December 10 at the Public Works building from 10 - 12. See the flyer for more information.

**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.

## **Recycle Your Agricultural Film Plastic**

The Rural Solid Waste Commission has started a pilot to collect and recycle agricultural film plastic. **It is FREE for all dairy farmers in Dakota County!** The project provides an environmentally-responsible option for disposal of ag plastics, including silage bags, bunker covers, and bale wraps. Clearly labeled containers for ag plastic only are located at:

River County Co-op, Hampton, Hwy 56 and 250<sup>th</sup> Street E., Hampton 507-645-8946  
Donnelly Farm, 20080 Flagstaff Ave., Farmington 651-307-9623

Please call your chosen location ahead of time to coordinate a drop-off.

**\*\*Cut plastic into manageable sizes, remove all mud, gravel and dirt\*\***

**Compost Permits:** SET/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 season.**