

## Winter 2017

### 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  
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651-463-4433  
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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  
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612-501-3890  
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### 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

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Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour.

~ John Boswell

## Happy New Year!

### 2016 Review:

Empire Township had a busy 2016. Below are a few items that have kept the Town Board, Planning Commission, Park & Rec along with the personnel busy.

- ❖ March election Jamie Elvestad was re-elected at Supervisor for a 3 year term.
- ❖ November election we had 1,456 voters. Great job!
- ❖ Empire Township has issued 25 single home permits and three 4 unit Townhome permits.
- ❖ The trail on the West side of Hwy 3 from 194<sup>th</sup> to 190<sup>th</sup> Street was completed by MNDOT when doing Highway 3 improvements.
- ❖ Joined a collaborative with 11 Townships and 5 cities to acquire funding to update our 2040 Comprehensive Plan required by Met Council due in 2018

### Approved by Planning Commission and recommended to the Town Board:

- ❖ Plans for a ready mix plant for Ag Industries
- ❖ Ag Industries IUP for mining 160 acres
- ❖ McNamara Contracting plans for an asphalt cement storage facility
- ❖ Ames Construction IUP to remove and stockpile topsoil and lime rock on approximately 10 acres
- ❖ Access Road Use Agreement with URSA Community Solar for 190<sup>th</sup> Street
- ❖ Oak Leaf Solar was issued an Interim Use Permit for a solar garden at Met Council's WWTP
- ❖ New plans submitted for Providence Townhomes
- ❖ Glenhaven Event Center application for increased capacity
- ❖ Toro's building for storage of testing equipment
- ❖ Newly updated Zoning Ordinance 400
- ❖ Ordinance No. 320 Regulations and Standards for Granting Cable Television Franchises
- ❖ Resolution 2016-04 regarding the Administration of the Wetland Act of 1991

### Park and Rec:

- \* Planned Disc Golf course off of Biscayne – Empire maintenance built it
- \* Free library at Town Hall – Empire maintenance built it
- \* Bulletin Boards with maps for in parks
- \* Summer programs in the park
- \* Empire Celebration last Thursday in July
- \* Empire Holiday party December 10<sup>th</sup>

“Keep looking up.... That's the secret of life...” ~ Snoopy

*Kindness is like snow- it beautifies everything it covers. ~ Kahlil Gibran*

**Ballfields:**

- Farmington Girls Fast Pitch league and tournaments
- Farmington Boys Travel Baseball league and tournaments
- Dew Days Men's softball tournament

**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

**Drainage Easements**

No structures are allowed within a property line drainage easement with the exception of fences installed on the property line. No plant material/impervious surface is allowed to encroach within the easement that will negatively affect the drainage within the easement or inhibit the access to the easement.

See the enclosed flyer regarding easements. Know where your easements are on your property.

**Election:** The annual Township election of officers will be held on March 14, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. held at Empire Town Hall.

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 16, 2016. Voter Registration applications are on the bottom of the front page of our website: [EmpireTownship.govoffice.com](http://EmpireTownship.govoffice.com)

Following the March 14 election will be the Township Annual Meeting. Filing for candidacy opens January 3, 2017 and closes January 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m...

*Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.*