

Royalton Township Board of Supervisors Road Inspection Minutes
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Approved

The annual road inspection began at 10:36 a.m., Monday, 25 April 2022, with Chair Wayne Olson, Supervisor Jeff Schlaeger, Supervisor Marshall Pearson, Road Superintendent Dan Saumer, Clerk Duane Swanson, and resident Doug Stanger participating. Notice of this inspection had been published and posted according to law.

Using the attached spreadsheet, originally drafted by Road Superintendent Saumer, the delegation toured each of the 27.0 miles of township roads. Supervisor Schlaeger drove, starting with an odometer reading of 27,325. The main purpose of the road inspection was to review the roads for which the township is responsible. Special attention was paid to the condition and need for culverts, ditching, brushing, tree removal, and graveling. The inspection also included a review of properties that had potential zoning issues, particularly excessive amounts of disabled vehicles, garbage, or those that had exhibited previous issues. All roads, regardless of jurisdictional oversight, were reviewed for the zoning concerns.

The attached road notes delineate extended issues regarding specific roads. In general, it was determined that brushing would be done on all town roads in 2022. Roads requiring graveling, or on schedule to be graveled in 2022, are Bears Ear Road, Bear Claw Drive, Oakwood Lane, Riverbed Road, Linden Lane, Maple Shores Drive, and Raspberry Road North. Special attention was paid to Maple Shores Drive, for which residents have again requested chloriding to reduce dust. The consensus of the group was that Maple Shores should be graveled because the quality of the existing gravel is less than desirable, and the roadbed needs to be built up in relation to the adjoining land. In addition, spot graveling was determined to be needed on the east end of Apple Road, on the south end of Raspberry Road South, and on the turnaround on Timber Drive. Superintendent Saumer was asked to drop a load of rock on the turnaround at Royalton's end of Bayberry Road. Attendees expressed great satisfaction on the extent of tree cutting on Raspberry Road South, Timber Drive, Sage Drive, and Acorn Drive (from 2021 and into 2022). Additional tree cutting opportunities were noted on Royalton Road North, Bear Claw Drive, and Timber Drive. Ditching projects in 2022 are docketed for Buffalo Road, Pine Bough Road, and possibly Bluebell Road. Culverts requiring fixing, replacing, or further study are on Eagle Lane, Buffalo Road, and Raspberry Road North. During the road inspection, Road Superintendent Dan Saumer conducted an inventory of signs along town roads and will be finalizing recommendations for replacement, removal, or addition. In addition, the group conducted a review of the situation at the northern end of Clover Lane (brushing and tree removal possible).

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During the road inspection, Clerk Swanson noted properties that had special assessments levied against them or that currently were in violation of the town's septic codes. Members questioned if building permits had been issued for numerous properties. Several properties were found to have more abandoned or junked vehicles than permitted by the town's ordinances. These issues will be reviewed by the board after codification and study by the office.

At 2:30 p.m., the road inspection concluded, with Supervisor Schlaeger's odometer reading 27,420.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk

Wayne Olson, Chair/Supervisor

Jeff Schlaeger, Vice Chair/Supervisor

Marshall Pearson, Supervisor