

# **TOWN OF BAYVIEW**

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## **WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICIES**

### INTRODUCTION:

The Township Of Bayview roads are subject to freezing rain, ice, snow and drifting at any time from November to through April. The Town board of supervisors endeavors to maintain adequate traction for vehicles properly equipped for winter driving conditions. This does not mean bare, dry pavement should be expected after each snowfall or ice storm. Furthermore, this does not mean the roads will be free of ice and snow.

### SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

The township is responsible for maintenance of 69.4 miles of roads. By state statute 81.15 the township has (3) weeks to remove natural snow and ice accumulations. The towns goal is to maintain the roads in as good winter driving conditions as weather, equipment, and budgets allows.

Planning and preparing for snow and ice operations is difficult due to the uniqueness of each storm. No two storms are ever identical. The interrelationship of factors such as rate of snowfall, moisture content accumulation, temperature, time of day and wind velocity determines the uniqueness of each storm.

During snow and ice storms town road crews will respond to emergency conditions to the extent practicable. The town will not respond to unverified emergency requests direct from the public. The requests must come from the appropriate emergency agency (i.e. fire, police, et.).

The township will not take any responsibility for removal of snow that is plowed into private driveways during road clearing operations.

### PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS

Driveway maintenance is the property owners responsibility. The Town Board of Bayview, and Road Crew are not responsible for snow removal from private driveway and yards. The Town truck will not remove snow from yards and drives. There are various contractors in the area that will do this for you. The town road crew will wing back driveways if the drive has already been opened and they are done plowing and sanding the town roads. The charge is

\$95.00/hr. with a minimum charge of \$65.00. The Town Board of Bayview, Road Crew, are not responsible for any damage occurred in the snow removal operations from private driveways and yards.

### ICE REMOVAL

Due to the cost and lack of approved storage buildings; the town cannot apply large amounts of straight rock salt to their roadways. The township uses an abrasive sand treated with rock salt. The salt is necessary to keep the sand from freezing. The sand will only be applied at curves, most intersections, hills and steep grades. Certain weather conditions may allow the saltsand to promote a thawing or clearing of compact snow or ice. There is no State or Federal law that requires the township to apply salt and or saltsand. Salt and or saltsand will only be applied as much as the budget and or availability allow.

### SNOW REMOVAL

Planning for a snow removal operation begins when there is 6 inches or more of snow expected to accumulate. The town chairman has the authority to suspend snow and ice control operations In severe storm conditions when there is danger to operators or it is not practical or cost effective to continue. Due to limited budgets the town may not have sufficient equipment to handle severe snow and ice storms as rapidly as usual. No guarantee is made or implied the length of time it takes for the snow and ice removal operations. The main objective of snow removal operations is to plow the road surfaces to the shoulders and possibly bench after roads are opened.

### PRIVATE PLOWING

No snow or ice removal from private property shall be deposited on the public roadways; expected to be cleaned up by the Town Road Crew.

This would include any of the following which are prohibited:

Pushing snow or ice across the roadway.

Pushing, blowing or carrying and depositing snow or ice, on a public roadway where expected to be maintained for vehicular travel.

### MAIL BOXES

Operators are instructed to be very cautious near mail boxes. In most cases a properly installed mail box will permit a snow plow to clear the snow underneath it. Most cases of damaged mail boxes are caused by heavy snow hitting the box. The mail boxes are seldom hit by the plow, the town assumes no responsibility or

liability for mail box damage and or losses. The town will repair or replace a box if it is hit by the plow and the town is notified. If a new box is necessary the owner has the option of the town purchasing one or a maxim of \$10.00 if the owner purchases their own. No compensation will be given if the mail box was not installed to the Post Master General's specifications.

EQUIPMENT

At the present time the town owns the following snow removal equipment:

2004 International 7400 Diesel Single axle truck with a 12 foot two way plow, single auger left-hand discharge sander.

2007 John Deere 772D motor grader with 14 foot mold board and 12 foot wing.

COMPLAINTS

Please direct your complaints and or other directives to the, Town Board at the regular monthly meetings.

Complaints given to spouses or other family members if given in a **respectable** manner will be relayed to the proper personnel. The town board, employees, spouses and family members will not deal with rude., obscene, belligerent complaints.

This Winter Road Maintenance Policy shall be deemed to be in force and after its passage and approval by the town board.

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Chairman

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Supervisor

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Supervisor

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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Clerk