

**BROCKWAY TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF STEARNS
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

SNOWPLOWING AND SANDING POLICY

1. Introduction. As a road authority, Brockway Township provides road maintenance for all township roads. The Township provides a level of service that is based on the budget established at the annual Township meeting by the residents of the township.

2. Guidelines for snowplowing and sanding.

- a. Snowplowing and sanding will be done when weather conditions warrant and for all snowfalls greater than two inches.
- b. Plowing will be done at the discretion of the lead street personnel or any board supervisor when fewer than two inches of snow falls.
- c. Normally, the snowplows will not be sent out until the snowfall has stopped unless it is an extended snowfall or an anticipated snowfall of greater than four (4) inches.
- d. The snowplows will not be sent out during a time when it is determined that poor visibility would make it dangerous.
- e. The Township does not plow private driveways.
- f. Sanding will be done at the discretion of the Brockway Town Board or at the discretion of the road personnel. Sanding will normally be done after plowing, but may be done during snowplowing under some conditions.
- g. The amount of time needed to complete snowplowing will vary with the level of the snow fall. For a light snowfall (3-6 inches), 8-12 hours. For major blizzard, 48 hours or more.
- h. During a major storm, cleanup operations may be on-going for three to four days after the storm.

3. Levels of Service and Priorities.

- a. Roads are normally plowed by our contractor with two machines. One operating on the South of the Township and one the North.
- b. Ice control and salt/sand application.
 - 1) First Priority: Priority routes, high volume intersections, hills and curves
 - 2) Second Priority: Stop intersections, moderate volume intersections
 - 3) Third Priority: Residential intersections

4. Property Damage. The Township is not responsible for any of the below situations during the normal course of snow removal from Township roads:

- a. Snow thrown in driveways.
- b. Repair or replacement of mailboxes, fences, etc. damaged by thrown snow. Or for damage caused by snow removal equipment hitting the above objects that are not properly located and/or installed.
- c. Mailboxes installed along roadways are at the risk of the owner. Mailboxes damaged from lack of owner maintenance, snow load from plowing, or vandalism is not the responsibility of the Township. Postal regulations require residents to clear snow in front of mailboxes to allow mail delivery.
- d. Damage to any type of landscaping done along Township Road Right of Ways that obstructs the plowing of snow.

5. Responsibility of Residents. Snowstorms create numerous problems and inconveniences. Residents also have certain responsibilities. They include:

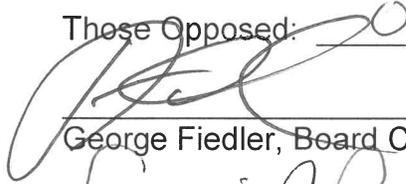
- a. Clearing their own driveways or contract with someone to remove snow.
- b. Clearing areas for trashcans, around mailboxes, and newspaper delivery tubes.
- c. Not depositing any snow onto the road.
- d. There should be no large piles that obstruct vision of the township road.
- e. Minnesota Statute §160.27 prohibits plowing, shoveling, blowing or placing snow onto public roadways. Snow piles left on or near the side of the road create a hazard to both the vehicles and snowplow equipment.
- f. Remove parked vehicles from the roadways during snowplowing operations. Roads where cars make it impossible for the snowplow equipment to pass will cause a delay for plowing of those roads.
- g. Calling Township Supervisors of any problem area roads that need attention.
- h. If an emergency situation occurs, and the road is not yet plowed, call 911. Equipment will be diverted for emergencies **ONLY WHEN REQUESTED BY EMERGENCY SERVICE AGENCY OR THE STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.**
- i. Contact our snowplow contractor if property damage is done.

Effective Date: This policy becomes effective upon adoption.

Adoption of Policy: Adopted this 9th day of July 2019 by the Brockway Town Board Supervisors.

Those Voting in Favor: 3

Those Opposed:


George Fiedler, Board Chair


Attested by Clerk, Connie Pesta

