

# GRANT VALLEY TOWNSHIP ROAD IMPROVEMENT & BLACKTOPPING POLICY

It shall be the policy of Grant Valley Township to blacktop or improve township roads in a timely, orderly, financially responsible and fair manner.

Roads in Grant Valley Township are classified in four (4) categories:

Road Category:	Description:
Primary	A thoroughfare or a major township road that sustains a high traffic count from adjacent government localities.
Secondary	A street, avenue, lane or road that may connect one or more roads, or a dead-end road.
Development	A lane, way, drive, circle, cul-de-sac, avenue, or court within a plat or development, or both.
Minimum Maintenance	A road that experiences an occasional vehicle or defined as such.

Grant Valley Township shall adopt a road plan every three (3) years. The blacktopping of roads shall be completed in accordance with the road plan and the financial circumstances of township. Roads selected for blacktopping in the three (3) year road plan will receive priority for paving. However, if landowners along a township road desire to have their road blacktopped, the following requirements shall be followed or met:

1. All requests must be submitted to the town board by February 1<sup>st</sup> for consideration in the calendar year. Requests for paving roads will be considered in accordance with the road plan, the necessity of the paving, and the financial circumstances of the township. Requests for paving will be prioritized on a first come basis.
2. Requests must be supported by seventy-five percent (75%) of the landowners benefiting from said improvement.
3. Landowners within a plat or development will be assessed at 100% of the cost of the blacktopping. Said landowners may be assessed additional amounts to pave ingress and egress roads to the development, at the discretion of the township.
4. Landowners along a secondary road will be assessed 40% of the cost of the blacktopping.

5. Landowners along a primary road will be assessed 25% of the cost of the blacktopping.
6. All other costs associated with the blacktopping shall be assessed against the benefited landowners. These costs shall include, but not be limited to: administrative costs, hearing costs, legal costs and attorney fees, publication costs, assessment costs, and appraisal costs.
7. Any benefited properties shall be assessed according to the classification of the road being paved.
8. Minimum maintenance roads will not be paved unless re-classified.
9. Monies for all projects must be either paid in advance prior to the awarding of the contract, or added to the tax roll through procedures permitted under Minnesota law.
10. Developers must abide by the township, county and MNDOT standards as applicable when creating new roads in accordance with the township road agreement.
11. All driveways abutting a township road shall be constructed in compliance with MNDOT and township specifications.
12. The Township has full authority to accept or reject any requests for blacktopping township roads.

If the township approves the blacktopping of the road: Overlay repair costs and Pre-blacktopping preparation costs will be assumed 100% by the township.

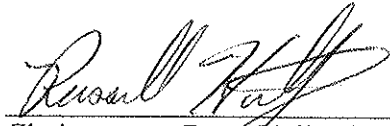
**Upgrade and Road Preparation:** For your information, the following must be complied with when upgrading and preparing roads for blacktopping. This is a general list and there may also be additional requirements. Please contact the Grant Valley Township Clerk for a copy of the Township's road standards and requirements. The following criteria shall be utilized when upgrading and preparing roads for blacktopping:

- a minimum of 24' top with 2' shoulder (26' top)
- 2 to 1 in slope
- 2 to 1 back slope
- top soil stripped, replaced and seeded in order to provide grass' coverage. If seeding does not take, seeding must be redone.
- 6" of compacted state certified Class #5 gravel
- Ditch separation shall be a minimum of 2' with a ditch bottom of 3' minimum.
- For new and platted roadways, the right-of-way shall be a minimum of sixty-six feet wide. The centerline shall be in the center of the road right-of-way. A
- 1 1/2" leveling layer of bituminous 1 1/2" wear layer of bituminous for 3" total
- Primary & secondary must be striped
- Shoulders must be Class 5

licensed surveyor shall survey the road or street and a copy of the survey shall be filed with the town clerk before any construction begins. The width between the shoulder lines shall be uniform. The distance between shoulder lines and the center line shall be a minimum of 12 feet.

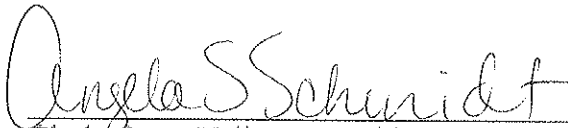
This policy is to support the Township's Three (3) year road plan and may be modified as required to meet township needs.

Adopted this 13 day of April, 2000.



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Chairperson, Grant Valley Township

Attest:



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Clerk, Grant Valley Township