

Turtle River Township Road Policy

1. All township roads and special road easements are township property and are available for public use.
2. Turtle River Township will maintain all township roads unless specific arrangements are made with residents on a given road.
3. Turtle River Township will not pay for dust control.
4. The township board of supervisors will have the final decision in determining on which roads the township will make improvements. This includes graveling, widening, shouldering, rebuilding, paving, sealing, etc.
5. Major road improvements:
 - Requests and petitions for major road improvements must be submitted to the township board of supervisors for consideration prior to January 1st for improvements requested to be made in the following year.
 - The township board of supervisors has full authority to accept or reject any request for improvements.
6. The township board of supervisors must approve all roadwork before and after construction.
7. The township board of supervisors will have the full authority to accept or reject requests for roads to become township roads. Before the township board of supervisors will consider adopting roads to be maintained by the township:
 - The road must meet The Turtle River Township Road Specifications and Requirements, attached as Schedule A, which are in force at the time the township adopts the road.
 - The road must be in good repair.
 - If the road is in a new development,
 - at least 50% of the lots must be sold, occupied, and on the tax rolls, and
 - all other requirements in the agreement between the developer and the township must be met.
8. Before new access roads or driveways entering a township road are built, landowners must apply and receive approval for a permit and comply with township requirements as noted on the permit.
9. Damage to township roads by building contractors or homeowners while constructing new buildings, modifying existing buildings, building access roads or driveways, or modifying access roads or driveways must be repaired to the satisfaction of the township at the expense of the builder or owner.

10. Blacktopping (both paving and overlay) township roads:

- Requests and petitions for blacktopping a township road must be supported by owners of at least 75% of properties abutting the road or for which the road is the only access to the road which abuts the property of such owner.
- The township board of supervisors has full authority to accept or reject any request for blacktopping in the discretion of the Town Board.
- Ditches, road base, and general road conditions must meet proper requirements for blacktopping. The cost to bring the road up to these requirements will be included as part of the blacktopping project.
- The township board of supervisors will determine:
 - If landowner allocation of cost will be per landowner, per parcel utilizing the road, per footage fronting the road, per square foot of the benefitted parcel, or some combination of these methods; and
 - If benefitting landowners who are not located directly on the road to be blacktopped will be considered either partial or full landowners for purposes of both requesting the blacktopping and/or allocating costs. Benefitting landowners are those whose property is on a road where the road to be blacktopped is the only viable access to the road on which such benefitting landowners live; and
 - The allocation of costs between landowners and the township, with the township contributing up to 50% at the discretion of the Town Board.
- The Township may utilize special assessments to benefitting properties under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 429 to recover all or a portion of the cost of paving, overlaying or reconstructing a paved road. In such case, the Township may require that all or a portion of benefitting property owners waive the right to appeal such special assessments as a condition of the Township improving the road.
- The Township may require the establishment of a Subordinate Service District under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 365A over the properties in a particular geographic area that utilize the road proposed to be paved as a means to recover all or a portion of the costs of paving, overlaying or reconstructing a paved road as well as maintaining that pavement.

11. Turtle River Township reserves the right to revise this policy at any time.

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TURTLE RIVER TOWNSHIP ROAD SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS
TURTLE RIVER TOWNSHIP (“the township”)
BELTRAMI COUNTY
MINNESOTA

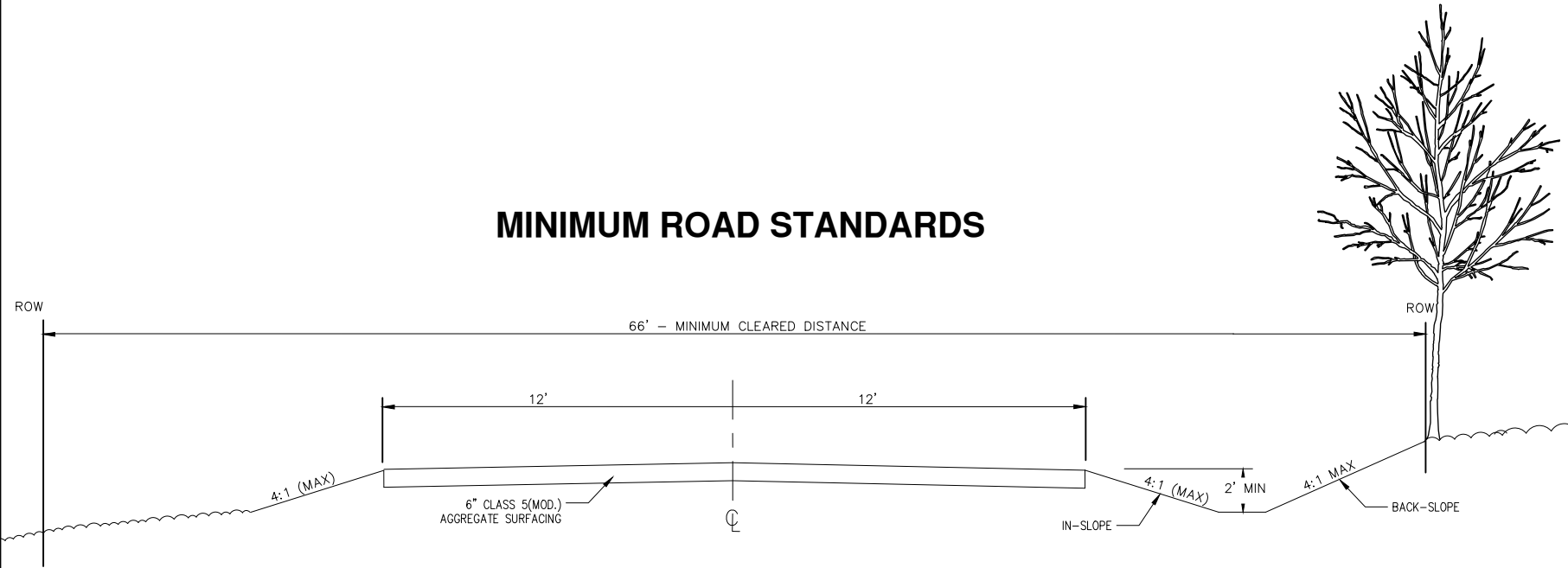
The following requirements must be met before the township will consider accepting, adopting, and maintaining a road as a township road.

1. Minimum Standards for Construction of Roads – see illustration on Figure 1
 - a. 66-foot right-of-way must be established.
 - b. 24 foot driving surface must be constructed, plus 2 foot shoulders.
 - i. No rocks over 12 inches in diameter can be placed in roadbed.
 - ii. No rocks over 6 inches can be within 1 foot of the top of roadbed.
 - iii. No stumps or other debris shall be buried in roadbed.
 - iv. The roadbed must be graveled with at least 6 inches of compacted class 5 (mod) gravel.
 - v. The township reserves the right to proof roll or test the road to help determine if the road has been constructed as required.
 - c. 20 foot clearing from center of road must be established, total 40 feet.
 - d. 132 foot cul-de-sac must be established for roads with no outlet.
 - e. Ditches with a 2 foot minimum depth must be present on both sides of the road.
 - f. No in slope or back slope can have a ratio greater than 4:1.
2. Adequate drainage must be established.
3. All culverts necessary for adequate drainage in roadbed and adjoining driveways must be installed.
4. All roadside ditches and slopes must be finished and seeded with an approved mixture of seed.
5. Intersections must have adequate clearing of trees and shrubs to allow for a clear vision of any traffic in all directions.
6. Hills and curves must have appropriate sight distances for the road’s speed limit.
7. All road safety signs must be installed.
8. The roads within a plat shall remain “public roads” until established as “town roads”.
9. Present and future vegetation including trees in the 66-foot right-of-way shall become the property of the township when the road is dedicated to the township.
10. Developers and/or landowners who wish to dedicate a road to the township must pay all attorney’s fees, road inspections, recording fees, and other expenses associated with the road dedication.
11. The township reserves the right to reject the dedication or adoption of a road at any time.
12. The township reserves the right to revise these specifications and requirements at any time.

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MINIMUM ROAD STANDARDS



TURTLE RIVER TOWNSHIP