

September 18 2004
Fall road inspection.

The inspection of the township Roads was performed by Peter Clay and Roger McNear.

We inspected the request for a stop sign on 329th street and Heather Street. Our conclusion was that a sign be placed showing a T intersection ahead and on the same sign post, also stating blind intersection ahead.

We inspected a culvert at 198 341st avenue. A modification to an existing driveway has been made by the addition of a culvert and it is a black plastic culvert. This does not meet the township specifications for Culverts. Therefore we will request the clerk to notify the owner of the property that the irregular culvert is to be replaced with a 12in. by 30' culvert as per our specifications.

At the corner of 341st and Holly there should be a load of gravel added to raise that corner. Just west of that corner there is a small dead tree that has fallen into the right of way, which should be removed. Further to the west, on 345th St NW, a tree, which has fallen from the tree line on the Richard Olsen property, is in the right of way Roger will call Rick, and request that he either remove it or the township will.

On township road 345th E. east of highway number one there is a low spot between two ponds, which should have a load of gravel placed at the area of muskrat holes.

On 349th there is a shed that was built in the township right of way. It's possible that the shed has at one time belonged to the township for the purpose of storing road maintenance tools and materials, we would ask the clerk to check the abstract of the landowner to see if it's possible to find if the Township is listed as the owner of the machine shed, and to determine if there's still a possibility township ownership and therefore liability to the shed remaining on the right of way.

On inspection we find that the Dale Anderson farm has the planted crops wanted in the right of way on 357th and on Blackfoot street. In accordance with the road right of way ordinance, crops may not be planted within the road right of way A copy of the ordinance with the appropriate area highlighted should be sent to Mr. Anderson, with the explanation that we will not pursue legal action this year, however, if the crops are planted there again next year, that we will remove those crops from the right of way and bill him for that removal.

On Flamingo street south of county road six (6), at the Douglas Fredeen farm, an electric fence with steel fence posts has been installed in the right of way and he has dumped brush and trash within that right away. It appears that Mr. Fredeen has and burnt said trash. We should send him a letter notifying him that he has a set period of time, to be determined, by the Town Board of Supervisors, at the next township meeting to remove and clean up the brush and trash from the right of way. If within that period of time, he has not taken the actions requested by the Board of Supervisors, that the township shall hire someone to remove trash and relocate Fence and bill him for that job.

On township road 357th St. NW, west of Blackfoot street, and just to the west of a new driveway into the Bucks residence, there is, what appears to be a new a driveway in the process of being built. A check of our records should be made to determine if a permit has been applied for. The new driveway, or approach, as per our inspection is obviously too high in relation to the existing road.

We did a drive through inspection of 328th and Magnolia Street and found that, in that development, known as Green Briar Estates, there are several driveways that do not comply with the present driveway ordinance. Should the proposed resolution be approved at the next scheduled Township meeting, these driveways will be out of compliance and should the residents present a petition asking that the roads be accepted by the Township, these driveways will need to be brought into compliance before the road will be accepted by the Township.

We discussed a procedure and a form that should be filled out at the time of final inspection for driveway applications. We believe that the township should purchase some type, of leveling device, possibly a laser level, to measure the elevation of the driveways in comparison to the township road. All measurements should be taken and recorded on this form before the final approval of new driveways is accepted.