

**TOWN OF BRADLEY
WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICIES**

THE TOWN OF BRADLEY roads are subject to freezing rain, ice, snow, and drifting at any time from October through April. The Town Board 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 from ice and snow.

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL: THE TOWN OF BRADLEY is responsible for maintenance of 76 miles of roads. By State Statute 81.85 the Township has three weeks to remove natural snow and ice accumulations. The Town goal is to maintain the roads in as good conditions as weather, equipment, and budget allows. Planning and preparing for snow and ice operations is difficult as no two storms are ever identical. Factors such as the 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 an emergency to the extent practical. The Town will not respond to unverified emergency requests direct from the public. Requests must come from the sheriff, police, fire dept., etc. The Town of Bradley will not take any responsibility for removal of snow that is plowed into private driveways during clearing operations.

PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS/PRIVATE ROADS: Driveway maintenance is the property owner's responsibility. The Town of Bradley, the Town Board, and equipment operators ARE NOT responsible for snow removal from private driveways.

ICE REMOVAL: Due to the cost and lack of approved storage buildings the Town does not apply salt to their roads. The Town, except in extreme cases, will use sand treated with salt. The salt is necessary to keep the sand from freezing. The sand will be applied on curves, intersections, hills, steep grades, and straight-aways as conditions warrant. There is no State or Federal law that requires the Town to use salt or sand-salt. Sand-salt will only be applied as much as the budget and/or availability allow.

SNOW REMOVAL: The Town Chair (or his designate) will decide when the snow removal operations will begin and the Town equipment to be sent out. The Town Chairperson and Road Employees have the authority to suspend snow and ice control operations in severe storm conditions when there is a 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 on the length of snow and ice removal operations.

MAILBOXES AND STRUCTURES: Operators are instructed to be very cautious near mailboxes and structures such as fences on or too close to the right-of-way. In most cases a properly installed mailbox will permit a snowplow to clear the snow underneath it. Most cases of damaged boxes are caused by heavy snow hitting the box. The mailboxes are seldom hit by the plow and the Town would assume responsibility after a visual inspection by a Town Representative. Maximum reimbursement for a damaged mailbox is \$50.00.

EQUIPMENT: At the present time the Town has the following snow removal equipment:

1. 2012 Freightliner plow truck
2. 2006 grader
3. 2006 dump-plow truck

DISABLED VEHICLES: The Town of Bradley road crew has been advised that under NO circumstances may they pull any disabled vehicles out of the ditch because of liability reasons. They have been instructed to give emergency help. Each operator carries a cell phone in their vehicle and will call for help as needed.

Due to a limited budget, services will be reduced on weekends unless roads become impassable or extremely hazardous. Normal services will continue on Monday morning.

The roads will be plowed first and then sanding will follow as described above.

The town is not responsible for any damage done to vehicles parked or personal property on the right-of-way.

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

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Dated this 14th day of November, 2017

Kari Kiser, Clerk