

New Market Township Road Survey

— March, 2013 —

The New Market Township Road Survey was conducted in March, 2013 to provide data to the Township Board in order to make informed decisions regarding the maintenance and improvement of the township roads and improve communication. The intent is to use as this as a measure for future assessments.

Marko Popovich, Supervisor
George Silverness, Supervisor
Geeg Aaker, Township Resident

2013 New Market Township Road Survey Comments:

GRAVEL ROADS:

- Why can we start paving 1 or 2 gravel roads a year to bring down gravel maintenance costs. We could use at least 30 loads of gravel on my road. Some spots are lower on the road than than the shoulder. (Dakota Ave/ 14 yrs)
- They do need a better grade of gravel---not huge rocks. Dig out problemed spot (more clay) (with gravel mixture). (Vernon Blvd/ 19 yrs)
- Would like asphalt. (Dakota Ave./ 13 yrs)
- Right now the roads are terrible --Need to change the gravel to asphalt. (270th/ 10)
- Mud always in spring.....Snow plowing is fine but as soon as it warms up it's a mess...(234th/ 34yr)
- Winter road maintenance (tons of gravel in the yard).....wet road conditions (not enough gravel, mud pit).....(Vernon Ave/ 12 yrs)
- Please pave the roads out here! (Dupont Cr/ 13 yrs)
- (Commenting on summer maintenance of gravel roads) Do you think people have more money to pay more taxes because a few people are whining... (Texas Ave/ no note of how many years)
- * Road grader operator's need to be schooled. I could do better with my tractor.Sell road grader---hire respectful contractor that knows how to run a blade. (Dakota Ave/ 10 yrs)
- Please Please Please consider paving! Dozens of homes impacted! Many are some of the highest tax payers in township. (Woodland Ridge & 235th/ 7 yrs)
- * The road is not maintained well. Constant washboard and ruts. We've even pulled metal pieces out of it. There is no crown and blade cuts a two inch lip on sides so water doesn't drain. The roads were not always like this. (Irving/ family farm 2nd generation)
- Our road is not graded enough in spring, summer and fall (259th St E./ 2 1/2 yrs)
- Penn Ave is really bad!!.....Could use sand on bottom of 234th and at the "T" on Penn Ave..... could use sand and salt at intersection of 225th and Pillsbury more often or when its icy.....It's (dust-coating) effective for preventing dust but potholes are terrible during the summer because they grade the roads less due to the dustcoating.(234th St E.)
- Dakota Ave needs to be maintained better. Even after grading the washboard is back almost immediately.....Very rarely in winter or summer months is Dakota Avenue maintained to an acceptable condition. Our family has lived on gravel roads our entire life and have never had the issues with the washboard and potholes like Dakota Ave.has. When it rains it is absolutely horrible. It is more a dirt road than a gravel road. It gets extremely muddy and is hard to control the car..... (255th St/ 14 yrs)
- We pay more than \$7,000 year in taxes and have a terrible road to drive on. Where is the money spent. Certainly not on 250th or Dakota.....When the school was built it was my understanding roads within 1 mile were to be paved. (250th/ 8 1/2 yrs)

- Dupont Ave needs to be asphalt Its more mud than gravel. Gravel ends up in the ditches.(Dupont Ave/ 25yrs)
- * Please haul more gravel on Dakota between #2 and 250th. (Dakota Ave/ Sept. 2012)
- I have had to replace the boot twice under my car due to our gravel road. It is March 11 and the road is almost impossible!! I want it paved. (23xxx No Beard Ave/ 12 yrs)
- Grading should be done more often (247th St/ over 10 yrs)
- I stood by the road and watched as you salted 250th East. Why? It's gravel! (E. 250th/ 28 yr)
- Not sure if Dodd applies, but it is poorly maintained. (259th St E./ 25 yrs)
- 235th is a health hazard and is graded very poorly.....Pave the road!!... (Woodland Ridge/ 8 yrs)
- Plateau Ave--washed on edges not keeping water on road to drain properly to gutters. (Woodland Rd/ 24 yrs)
- Roads are terrible!....Can hardly drive without getting stuck... .. Never seen anything like this(250th E/ "forever")
- These series of roads Zane--Vernon Av & Blvd--make up the southern accessoint into New Mkt. These roads are heavily traveled which creates greater road surface issues. Shold consider paving at some point. (Zane Ave/ 10 yr)
- There is no "crown" ro road surface to allow for run off. Contributes to potholes.When grading the road the operator does NOT dig up the washboards but simply fills them in. This does not work as they are right back in a short time. (Zane Ave/ 10 yr)
- The road is very icy a lot and needs sand (winter).....Grading never lasts only good for a day or so. (summer) (234th/ 29 yrs)
- The quality of the grading is good--the frequency could be improved! (Beard & 62 / 11 yrs)
- Would like 250th East paved. It gets very soft/muddy spring/fall. Washboarding in summer. (250th/ 8 yrs)
- Flat as a pancake.....Keeps getting wide.....Horrible grading--too often.....Won't leave dustcoating alone.... No crown.... Gravel on the side of the road. (Penn & Logan/ 15 yrs)
- 270th St is bad. The grading does not put a high enough crown so water sits after every rain..... Winter maintenance--great job! (Dupont Ave. / 12 yrs)
- Gravel bse is bad on road. In spring and fall when muddy, the road is bad. The first 10 years we liked it here. It was fine because they added more gravel during summer. Now they add a lot less and it is a mess in spring and fall. (Jonquilt/ 22 years)
- * All washboard day after grading!! (250th / 17 yrs)
- It would be nice if we could build up a "crown" in the gravel roads again--so the wate would run off--they are mostly too flat. (Vernon Ave/ 5 yrs)
- Penn & Keokuk need more maintainance in summer. (222/ 20 yrs)

- Would love to look at what it takes to get Gloccca Morra paved. (Glocca Morra Cr/ 14 yrs)
- Our roads this winter have been horrible. We have had many neighbors complaining. The ruts are very deep and almost suck yor vehicle into the ditch. We had a school bus get stuck. We drive all 4 wheel drive vehicles and many times our road is very dangerous. Please address plowing, road maintenance, and dustcoating. Perhaps paving would be a better option. (Jonquil Ave/ 4 yrs)
- Logan Ave on county line So. of 68 often covered with brown clay like substance which is thick and sticky. Sometime filling wheel wells and difficult travel. (Logan Ave)
- Our cars have been damaged because of the potholes. Also don't agree that we should stop and fill in the potholes ourselves when we see them---that's what we've been told to do. (234th /19 yr)
- Grading several years ago wa much better. Last couple years have NOT been good!! (247th/ 13 yrs)
- * 250th St.E.--washboard/ muddy/dusty. Road restrictions not followed. Dakota Ave. same--high traffic. Would like to see some info on asphalt. (250th St/ 13 yrs)
- Please do something about this road (250TH) IT IS AWFUL! (250th St/ 17 yrs)
- 250th with all the increased traffic--it really needs to be rebuilt. (E. 250th St./ forever)
- If there was a worse grade (on summer maintenance) to give we would. Our roads SUCK!!! (240th E/ 6 yrs)
- Penn always has pot holes even within 1 or 2 days of grading.....So icy I went in the ditch--not speeding (234th St/ 15 yrs)
- 250th from Texas to CR 87---very slippery in winter/ very bad shape in spring most years (250th E/ 17 yrs)
- Here's an idea. How about just dumping the gravel right into the ditches and save us money charged for the poor plowing! Who ever is doing it doesn't know what they're doing! (250th/ ___)
- (Summer maintenance) Rud construction years good ; (smoothness) K. Chlan years all washboard; (standing water) just mud, not right gravel. Was better many years ago, Rud years----right rock! K.Chlan years all poor. (E. 270th/ 50 + yr+)
- (Standing water after grading) Most of the road standing water. (Jonquil/ 7 yrs)
- Please tar this road--it is only 1/3 mile gravel as there is tar on either end. Dangerous in winter-- 4 cars went off it. (273rd/ 3 yrs)
- Vernon Blvd.--"like a field road" (Dodd 40 yrs)
- Muddy roads or rock hard. Weather, not the grader decides if roads are any good. They are not. (---/ 10 yrs)
- Seems like a lot of gravel is being put down but black dirt still pushing through which makes it a mud hole! Would it be cheaper to blacktop? (230th/ 13 yrs)

- Gravel required at end of cul-de-sac at spring thaw. Deep mud a problem. (Glocca Morra Cr/ 35 yr)
- Logan Ave. culvert dropping on south end of property, repaired once already (Logan/ 5 yrs)
- Jonquil Ave--Gravel section is terrible. Muddy the entire stretch with numerous potholes. Need new gravel put down. Big sections of the road is all clay with no gravel. (Jonquill Ave/ 3 yrs)
- 250th St. almost impassible each spring--HORRIBLE!!! (250th/ 2 1/2 yrs)
- * 250th has gotten worse each year we have lived here. We don not do enough maintenance or keep enough gravel on the road. (250th E/ 12 yrs)
- (E.250th St) was upgraded form gravel and leveled off a few years ago. Road is excellent since upgrade. (E. 250th/ since 1977)
- 250th East is good. Scents (sic) new road supervisors and the new motor grader operator..... Please clean rock out of road ditch lawns this spring. (250th East/ 6 yrs)
- The quality of gravel road sure has diminished greatly in the last few years. Roads are either "muddy" or "dusty" from lack of new gravel and poor maintenance or lack of proper dustcoating. Garbage in ditches is never cleaned up!.....The city Elko New Market continually sends reminders aout not plowing snow across roads, but has no problem plowing across our road from the Windrose Addit. Major delays in getting the township road plowed, means we must drive through this mess many times! Heavy salt at the end of this road causes a muddy mess! (Thomas Ave/ 35 yrs)
- The problem is how often it's (summer maintenance) done! School buses get stuck here and have had to evacuate! This road is the worst! Once graded, much better! (230th/14 yrs)
- A 1/4 mile stretch at the east end of 240th St E. is in desperate need of gravel. This part of the road turns into 4" of mud during the wet months making passage difficult. The cul de sac at the end of 240th St E. is sometimes not completely graded. (240th / 16 yrs)
- 235th washes out every spring. (Woodland Ridge/)
- * They push all the gravel off the side of the road. (240th St E/ 10 yr)
- They keep grading TOO LOW! and the spring's flow all summer creating pot holes. (Pillsbury & 250th/ 33yrs)
- * Penn Ave continues to be terrible, especially at T with Logan Way. Would be very happy if it were paved. (Logan Way/ 3 yrs)
- Zane Ave. and Vernon are awful in the spring. At times they are almost undriveable. Something should be done. (Zane Ave/ 13 yrs)
- Recently rock was spread over troubled areas on the gravel roads. This makes an amazing difference. "Thank you" (27315 Dakota Ave/ 17 yrs)
- * 250th (between Texas and Panama) very dangerous when wet few accident have happened on this road due to slipping conditions. Too much traffic for it to be a dirt road. There are 3 businesses on this road: kennel, orchard and another dog services.... (250th/ few years)
- Due to high traffic grading turns to washboard within one week. (Dakota Ave/ 25 + yrs)

- Glocca Morra Circle---when they blade the road they always start on the south and blade to the center.....turn around and blade to the north. After several years of this there is no gravel left on south side. It's been several years since we had travel other than the cul de sac.(Glocca Morra/ 24 y
- Pot hole are filled in and the first rain create many potholes. Needs to be graded better so water runs off. (27xxx Dakota Ave/ 41 yrs)

* (Summer maintenance of gravel roads) noticeably worse the past year. (E. 278th St/ 5 yrs)

* I have lived on the street for 12 yrs., and there has only been gravel applied once. This road is nothing but dirt, and the very last to be maintained. In 12 years I have never complained about services, or maintenance, but I have fixed the road myself, plowed it when the township has taken all day to address it and have had four mailboxes replaced due to the plow destroying them.....I appreciate that the township ha taken time to see what concerns homeowners have. I hope to see more changesinthe maintenance of this street. Thank you! (278th St./ 12 yrs)

* Crown on road is nonexistent----ditches are not maintained---in many places road bed is lower than the road edge. (234th St/ 20+ yrs)

• Very poor maintenancwe on road. Extremely rough with many potholes. (Beard Ave/ 14 yrs)

*(Letter).....

Thank you for doing the road survey.

I have some comments related to road maintenance.

Winter:

On a gravel road, plowing after a 2" snowfall usually ends up pushing most of last summers' gravel into the ditch, especially after the first snow of the season. i would suggest plowing after 3", at least until a base is established. If the intent is to have gravel exposed as a winter driving surface, then the annual ritual of spreading gravel in the spring followed by pushing most of it into the ditches will continue.

Summer:

Dust coating is only effective up to the point where the road needs to be graded. Then it progressively gets less effective based upon methods of grading. If grading is performed between the treated sections, gravel always gets carried onto the treated section,burying it. When the treated section gets to the point of needing grading, the dust coating gets mixed with untreated gravel then deteriorates to the point of being ineffective. At best, six or so weeks after treatment, it's pretty much gone. In a dry year such as 2012 we had lots of dust.

Usually grading lasts about one day. Because of the high traffic on 250th St., washboard re-appears soon after. Grading just prior to rain is just plain folly. My vehicles get coated with mud and I leave piles of it wherever I park. It appears to me that on one hand we erect silt fences to protect lakes and streams from runoff, while the wind and vehicles spread dust and mud everywhere.

Thank you for your time,

Steve M

(250th/ 26 yrs)

PAVED ROADS

- We grew up driving gravel. it ok. We grew up in this NM Township get over yourselves if you don't like gravel MOVE OUT!!!! You do not always get what you want. go back to town if you need to. Stop complaining. (Texas Ave/ (no note of how many years).
- Rice Lake Dr was crack sealed last summer. The snow plows have removed much of the crack sealer. (Rice Lk Dr/ 1 yr, 7 mo)
- Crack sealing good...(Beard Ave/ 12 yrs)
- 241st---Plow snow too deep in yards (241 St 12 yrs)
- (crack sealing) You have never done it. (Woodland Ridge/ 8 yrs)
- Great shape! (Grandview Trl/ 8 mo)
- The roads are fine----Thank you! (245th E.& CR.62/ 15 yrs)
- * CR 91 has been smooth road, but since CR 2 re-do more cracks approaching 2. Needs repair badly. (Natchez/ 8 yrs)
- Filled cracks last year---terrible job. Super thick. Gettay <(writing unreadable) plowed off in chunks. (Harvest Dr./ 12 yrs)
- Livery Lane& Xerxes---sharp turn, blind curve curving both ways, narrow in winter, built wrong coming from the east turning right. (Livery Lane/ 16 yrs)
- (Crack sealing)Terrible! What you did last year is pulling up. (Black Walnut Dr./ 13 yrs)
- Forest Circle and Forest Ridge have holes that need filling. (Forest Cr/ 24 yrs)
- CR.2 and 86 are breaking up. The crack sealing is ineffective and the potholes are worse. The spray and dribble machine is a joke. (CR 86 & 280th/ 22 yrs)
- Harvest Dr. crack sealing is bad. They didn't do the whole road. They stopped short on both ends of road. The crack sealant is coming off. The plows have peeled it off. It's in our yards. (Harvest Dr/ 11 yrs)
- Why was 250th St from 27 to 23 never asphalt covered? ((250th/ 40 yrs)
- (Crack sealing) They all peeled off this winter. (Grandview Trl/10yrs)
- Summer maintenance is almost non-existent. Last pave job was very poor---no proper prep was done before new asphalt was laid. (Plateau Dr/ 13ys)
- The crack sealing done summer of 2012 was terrible. I would call unsafe. You could nearly lose control. Then in the winter there is residue everywhere! (Harvest Dr/ 4 yrs)
- Too busy traffic worse for farmers. (Texas Ave/ 46 yrs)
- Pinto Lane is opening where it was filled (crack sealing). (Pinto Lane/ 20yrs)

- The tar repair on the cracks last summer was terrible . I called and complained. Zane Ave. horrible in summer--needs grading. (Harvest Dr./ 10+ yrs)
- * Less salt more gravel/ pea rock (Dupont)

- * Aspen Rd has been deteriorating since it was resealed. LARGE potholes right in front of my mailbox for the last 5 years. (Aspen Rd/ 25 yrs)

- Deterioration of asphalt at corner of 247th and front of house. Lack of maintenance compared to other roads (resurface frequency). 24971 Lyn Lane/ 5 yrs)

- * Living on Woodland Ridge Dr we have the unique experience of driving both east and west on 235th. It is quite obvious--particularly in the spring and fall that Dakota County is MUCH better at maintaing the road than New Market. It is past ridiculous at times. (Woodland Rdg Dr/ 1 yr)

- * Pothole repairs do not last very long. Is there a longer lating method that could be used?

- * I've done it (crack seal and potholes) myself with pothole patch. (Unsatisfied!) --- (Pillsbury Ave--small frontage rd out front/ 21 yrs)

- * I drive through Windrose to avoid most of dirt/ mud road. Not happy with conitons most of the year. (E 270th/ 14 yrs)

- * Crack sealing was done on (Aspen, Ironwood and Woodhill) last fall. Thank you. Unfortunately a good bit of it isnow in the ditch. In my mind it was done way too late in the year and way too cold weather to get a good set..... A few weeks later the snow plow came through and peeled it off. Kind of a waste. (Aspen Rd/ 31 yr)
- * I am sure I am in the minority on this but you do not have to use so much salt as ar as I am concerned. Salt is terribly hard on roads, vehicles, plants and our wet lands. I figure any Minnesotan should be able to adjust their speed and driving to travel safely on snow pack especially in our neighborhoods....But then there is always that guy out there that thinks he has got to have a dry street 30 minutes after it gets done snowing so he can speed off to the mall. BW I think you folds are doing an excellent job of getting the plows to us in a timely manner. THANK YOU! (Aspen Rd/ 31 yr)

- * Please don't choose road crew that fixed 280th St. a few years ago. They were slow, very rude, and completely inconsiderate.The pot holes ruined my car!! (280th/ 20 yrs)

DUSTCOATING:

- Not enough of the road gets dustcoating (234th/ 34 yrs)
- (Very effective) until road is graded (Dakota Ave (gravel)/ 13 yrs)
-As far as dustcoating 255th St. is a very low traffic street. It would be nice to see the dustcoating from 255th moved to Dakota. Coat from where the gravel starts to 255th. When people are driving @ 40-55mph down Dakota Ave. the dust in the warmer months is ridiculous. Our home are completely coated in dust if we open our windows. (255th St/ 14 yrs)
- 20 feet in front of everyones driveway does nothing. (Logan Way/ 17 yrs)
- No fee increase Cut other cost in other areas Start with the town hall heated and AC & used 10% of the time (Logan Way/ 17 yrs)
- Pave the road!!....Do the job the right way first...Taxes and fees are pathetic....(Woodland Ridge/ 8
- (Not effective) Very little---can't open windows--- (250th St. E./ "forever")
- * You save \$ by dustcoating all and only grading 2 X. Township can pay. No cost to the residents (if fully covered)...township will save \$185,000 per year by doing this. (Penn & Logan Way/ 15 yrs)
- A waster last year.....not effective. (DupontAve/ 12 yrs)
- Need to do entire road! ! Mot just in front of houses! ! (Dakota Ave/ 25 yrs)
- * Be more consistent with spot coating. (E 250th / 13 yrs)
- (Somewhat effective) if put on at the right time. (Webster Ave/ ____)
- We need more dust coating. Our road spot covering is horrible. We have frequent traffic crossing between CR. 2 and 96 and it is incredibly dusty in front of our house. Our grass always appears red. People drive very fast on our gravel (Jonquil Ave/ 4 yrs)
- Would love if they could use more. Our road gets used a lot. Appreciate what ever you can do. It means a lot to us. Thank you. (222xx Lyndale Ave./ 64 yrs)
- People drive too fast and that makes the potholes much worse! (Beard Ave/ 35 yrs)
- Need to do TOTAL road surface! (Jonquil/ 7 yrs)
- Didn't notice that you even did it (270th/3 yrs)
- Continuous dust coating needed. Sporadic ---is ineffective.Dust coating too late (mid July)Always paid for additional coating only to have grader turn the road over at the least oppor-tune time! (235th/22 ys)
- Need more info. (255th/ 13 yr)
- * For many years we have paid extra, but the last 2-3 (years) the coating has been thin, narrow and applied far too late!! (Dakota Ave/ 19 yrs)

- Stop spending in other areas. Work within your budget. It's not that hard. I have a budget as a bus owner. Stop spending in areas. (235th St/ 10yrs)
- I'd rather pay nothing to roads completed and spend less on a park that few people in our area actually use. (230th St/ since 1985)
- Our board needs to be more knowledgeable on grading and dustcoating. NO dustcoating in March please. (240th St E/ 24 yrs)
- All ready pay \$45 for additional footage.Would like entire road coated and split cost.(240th/ 5 yr
- Don't grade so often once dust coating is done.
- * (Willing to pay additional fee) What is fair to all that live on gravel roads. I understand the cost to maintain roads. (278th St/ 12 yrs)
- Needs to be placed earlier in the year. (Xerxes/ 40yrs)
- It is put on so light it does no good. (Beard Ave/ 62 yr)
- Don't get the full width of road. Don't go far enough south (Dupont Ave/ 24yrs)
- The weather needs to be watched before dustcoating. It seems to always rain right away or they rade the road the net day and scrape it all off. (240th St E/ 10 yrs)
- * (As it is now) I feel I am getting nothing for my money. (Logan Way/ 3 yrs)
- * Never done ditch to ditch---never done early enough. (250th/ more than 20 yrs)
- * If they studied traffic flow, dustcoating could be more effective. Do all of Dakota Ave, but don't do any of 255th. Usually by July, we are eating dust around here! (255th St./ 13 yrs)
- Please don't regrade after dustcoating---you destroyed it(Grand Ave/ 38 yrs)
- Grading after application takes away dustcoating. (Logan Ave/ 1988)

• To New Market Township:

I have enclosed a write up about dust control methods and advantages to gravel roads.....I have seen this work in rural Northern Minnesota where we previously lived. The township did a study and cost analysis on the maintenance of equipment, fuel, and labor of grading the roads and adding the class 5 gravel on a yearly basis vs using Magnesium Chloride. In short, the cost of the mag. chloride was actually cheaper. Before the using of mad chloride, they were grading our roads about once every other week and after using and applying mag. chlor. correctly, they only graded our road 3 times the whole summer/ fall season.

The key, and I repeat, the key is to properly apply it in the steps presented in the write up.....

I understand that the price of mag. chlor. is EXPENSIVEI just would like for you to consider it and look at the cost analysis..... Scott O Beard Ave/
(letter and dust control information in full attached

WINTER MAINTENANCE:

- Sometimes takes a full day to get to us. (Woodland Ridge & 235th/ 7 yrs)
- We live at the dead end on Plateau Drive. The main problem is that the truck driver does not always plow to the end of the road, and even when he does sometimes he only plows one side. (22xxx Plateau Dr/ 11½ yrs)
- 90% satisfied (response time) for 2013. Other years have not been as good. 65% satisfied (overall maintenance) When I first moved there maintenance was very good and then it declined and seems to be better this year. (270th St E/ 15+ yrs)
- * 270th Street--you keep grading to the south and you knocked down all the fence posts! You have at least 3-4 feet of gravel pushed on our property! (Co Rd & 270th/ 48 yrs)
- Stop plowing DEEP into ditch!! Plowing all our gravel into the ditch!! (Dakota Ave/ 25 yrs)
- Snow removal used to be done by Rud. Excellent service! New company replaced Rud, is very unsatisfactory! (Woodland/ 20 years)
- Plow earlier. We all leave before 5:30, I plow it out.....Need gravel as it is about to totally lose it..... (Logan Ave/ 25 yrs)
- * Never plowed when we have to go to work in a.m. (response time--poor) (270th / 10 yrs)
- Dangerous ice right in front of Town Hall. (230th / 12 yrs)
- * Poor (maintenance) since blacktop to Sweeney Lane. They forget others live down the road. Always full of pot holes. (230th St/ 43 yrs)
- Varies tremendously from year to year. Some years very good other years very bad. (Southern Oaks Cir/10+ yr)
- Usually pure ice or deep mud. Needs more gravel or sand something? (270th St E/ 8 mo)
- Last few years poor (on thoroughness, time response). Many years ago good. (E. 270th/ 50+ yr)
- Much improved over 4 yrs ago. (Livery Ln/ 14 yrs)
- Forest Ridge concern about plow drivers destroying half of our lawn. There is no wind, so "drifts" aren't an excuse. They go a good 4-5 ft. onto the yard!! Plus we've had 3 mailboxes destroyed.(F.R/ "quite a while".
- Snow plow has knocked down mail box many times and piles the snow at the mailbox after the turn (CoRd91/ 20 yrs)
- Need better winter treatment on ice in winter. (250th St E/ since 1964)
- They never put sand on the slick icy conditions on the slick icy conditions on our gravel road. (230th St.E./ since 1985)

- Please refrain from plowing my lawn next to the road. (Woodhill Dr./ 15 yrs)
- Never know when it's being done. (275th / 20+ yr)
- Extreme ice conditions at "T" at Penn AVE and Logan Way. NEED salt and sand!! (Logan Way/ 15 yrs)
- At 275th & 91 the intersection is always left blocked by snow plowing. (East 275th St./ 8 yrs)
- Why is the paved portion plowed, but the gravel not until much later? (Dakota Ave No of 230th/45y)
- Frost boils still a problem even since repair a couple of years ago. (230th E/ 32 yr)
- New Market Township plowing sucks and there is not any dust coating on gravel roads. (XXX/15yrs)
 - * Plow scrapes asphalt off road, Plow doesn't reach side of road on corners. Plow plows up yard (Ironwood Dr/ 26 yrs)
 - It used to be we were plowed earlier in the morning. (Woodland Rd/ 20 yrs)
 - * Snow plowing has significantly damaged newly paved road this year. (240th St. E/ 13 yrs)
- 230th St (west of CR 91) Why is the road only plowed on asphalt roads after a snowfall and then later go back and plow the snow off. They plow Sweeney Lane and Ottawa and that's it. You must have a reason but why? Many residents live after Sweeney Lane! (230th St E./ 53 yrs)
- * Ken and his crew are doing an awesome job! (Woodland Rd/ 13 yrs)
- * I have a patch of asphalt that was torn up by plow in front of my driveway. (9932 Livery Ln/ 1995)
- * The plowdriver should have to know the lay of the land. Tired of replacing sod. (So Oaks Dr/ 18 yr)
- * (6 a.m.) Usually late afternoon (to plow). (Logan Ave/ 1988)
- * This past winter, very good job compared to previous 3 years. (Ridge Creek/ 20 yrs)

COMMUNICATION:

- Didn't know there was a website! (Pillsbury Av)
- Go to the meeting Your always invited. Open to the public. (Texas Ave/ no yrs noted)
- (Website) Hard to find---just got first newsletter. (240th yrs/ 21 yrs)
- The newsletter is great (270th St. E/ 15+ yrs)
- * May want to tell about the website in the newsletter. (Woodhill Blvd/ 35 yrs)
- Thank you for the newsletter! It is GREAT! Can you publish is more often. Would like to keep better informed (can't get to meetings). (250th/ ----)

- I have never received a mailing from the township before that I am aware of. This is the first. I do not take a paper except the free shoppers. 280th St/ 22 yrs)
- Make a facebook page to keep residents informed Better communication needed.(Pillsbury Av/ 3y)
- I would appreciate more frequent mailings regarding changes (CR. 91& 2/ since 1966)
- Newsletter is GREAT----KEEP IT GOING! (Xerxes/ 21 yrs)
- I didn't know there was a website until the survey. Now I do. ☺
- + Post meeting notes ore timely PLEASE. (Jonquil/ 2+ yrs)
- Thanks for the survey! (255th St E/ 13 yrs)
- * Newsletter is great! (270th/ 10 yrs)
- THANKS for the survey! (230th/ 30 yrs)

OTHER COMMENTS:

- Wagon Trail---Has un-needed stop signs. They should be removed. (Wagonwheel Trail/ 21 yrs)
- Hwy 21 West of Hwy 91--Needs paving ((ironwood Rd./ 20 yrs)
- Good work getting a round-about @ Co Rd. 29 & 46. For some reason this is a very dangerous intersection. (Forest Ridge Dr./ 20+ yrs)
- We have lived here since 1966 and have never complained before, but have to now. Never has our road been this horrible. We live between County Rd 27 adn Revere Avenue. When they pt gravel on, they grade it the center of the road and leave it alone. The road is beyond repair. It needs to be rebuilt. Forget about a new building. Sell the grader and hire outside. We see cronyism here. What's with putting slat on a gravel road? What were they thinking?
- Thanks for asking Marko! (Beard/ 11 yrs)
- Sharp 90 degree turn at te corner of Dodd and Pillsbury (Dangerous).....Hasn't been maintained regularly over the last 30 years....Heavy trucks do damage to this section of road. (Dodd/ 30 yrs)
- We want a professional company like Ruds, back. Get rid of township grader. (Penn & Logan/ 15)
- * Please **DO NOT** spend a huge sum of money with only 7 people at a township meeting, as you did with a purchase of land for a "Park"!! This should have been on a Ballot! So everyone in Town-ship could vote!.....Do NOT raise taxes! Period! For anything! (250th St/ 29 yrs)
- Jonquilt Ave. and CR 2 intersection should have a light. (Jonquil Ave/ 5 yrs)
- Xerxes between 245th and CR.2 gets very bad. (245th/ 12 yrs)
- Dodd expansion: Please help us keep the current right of way. Not 30 additional feet on each side.(25xxx Dodd Blved/ 31 yrs)
- 247h/Lyn inside corner needs repair.....summer sweep corner 91/ 247th...and sweep corner 91/ Emerald, riding motorcycle can be very scary. (Opal Ave/10 yrs)
- These roads (Woodland Rd & Plateau Dr.) are very dark. We would like to see you look at putting in a few street lights. There have been recent thefts in cars on the street. (Woodland Rd/ 8 mo)
- Cars come quickly over the hill by my house going East the hill had been reduced slightly during the road construction--not enough! I need to cross the road for the mail box. (87xx 240th St E/ 45 yr)
- Let's spend township money on the roads NOT on the township park. (Jonquil/ 7 yrs)
- Intersection of 29 and Pillsbury is a hazard-----needs a light or round a bout. (Forest Cr/ 24 yrs)
- Hire a professional road engineer to solve the problem between Hanson's and Setterholm's. The road needs to be elevated at least 2 feet above swamp level! Not a new problem--one that has been shelved for 30 years or more! But, it doesn't say to pay to complain----
history!.....
At one meeting we attended, some people rallied to get new curbs on their paved and got them. While the rest of us have to live on poorly maintained gravel rods. We pay high taxes too!(230th St E/ since 1985)

- * Intersection of Co 29 and Kenrick (Pillsbury) needs at least right turn lanes. However a "round-a-bout" would be best. Too many dump trucks, school buses and too many deaths. (France Cr/ 12 yrs)
- * Don't forget we are only a township--not a city. We moved out here to avoid the high services and taxes of a city. (Dupont Ave/ 24 yr)
- Suggestion: Bill operating businesses on accordance to employee numbers using the gravel road. Then bill the rest of us next.....30 trips a day vs 2 trips. (Dupont)

- Corner of Xerxes and Liver Lane is basically blind from both directions. High speed users use oncoming alone. Going to be a bad head on! Some did is going to kill some old person in a head on! (Livery Ln/ 18 yrs)

- I appreciate you asking these questions. (Woodland Rd/ 20 yr)

- * (Have you ever attended a township meeting?) It was so negative and mean spirited I didn't go back. Need new membership! (270th St/ 10 yrs)

- * Roads have been maintained in very poor condition since Rud was let go. Winter grading leaves a lot of rock in grassy ditches along with dirt and gravel. Roads are muddy and have been almost impassable. Have had the grader grade off the dust coating. The township supervisor who was the grader had no idea what he was doing.---made roads worse. THEN he had the attitude of "HOW DARE WE COMPLAIN!" . Please go back to using the PROFESSIONALS!! (250th St/ 25 yrs)

- * "Why or why can we not get someone to cut back all the growth (mostly volunteer growth) impeding on to the road ways of Aspen, Ironwood and Woodhill.....(full letter attached) (AspenRd/ 31y

- *Again, thank you for serving and asking us residence our thoughts. (J. J/ Aspen Rd/ 31 yrs)

NOTE: Comments were omitted if already recorded and redundant on the same form, if unreadable handwriting or obscene. Any other omissions are unintentional.

March 6, 2013

To: New Market Township

From: Scott O.

Re: Township Road Maintenance Survey

I have enclosed a write up about dust control methods and advantages to gravel roads. Now I'm pretty sure you all are already familiar with this information and the only reason I bring this to your attention is that I have seen this work in rural Northern Minnesota where we previously lived. The township did a study and cost analysis on the maintenance of equipment, fuel, & labor of grading the roads and adding the class 5 gravel on a yearly basis vs. Using Magnesium Chloride. In short, the cost of the magnesium chloride was actually cheaper. Before the using of magnesium chloride, they were grading our roads about once every other week and after using and applying magnesium chloride correctly, they only graded our road 3 times the whole summer/fall season.

The key and I repeat, the key is to properly apply it in the steps presented in the write up with the exception is rolling of the road and keeping the traffic off. The 1st year the township applied it, they just sprayed it on the road like the New Market Township did last year and it kept the dust down for a while but did not alleviate the need for grading. The next year they applied it as described in the write up. This project started up as a pilot project for just a couple of gravel roads in the township and turned into a township wide yearly project.

I understand that the price of magnesium chloride is EXPENSIVE especially it being up-front costs vs. Maintenance costs spread over approx. four months or so. I just would like for you to consider it and look at a cost analysis and even what kind of a customer (the people that live on the gravel roads) satisfaction you may get of feedback.

Thanks,

Scott O

Beard

3/13

New Market Township,

As stated in our returned survey, we have lived here (in the same house) for 31 happy years and love the Township. We for the most part always felt the township is well managed and thank those that have served and are serving. We do have some thoughts we would like to offer for your consideration:

#1.(and top of our list) Why oh why can we not get someone to cut back all the growth(mostly volunteer growth) impeding on to the road ways of Aspen, Ironwood and Woodhill (or in other words Woodhill Acers). I have watched school buses, snow plows; delivery trucks and basically anything larger than a pickup get scraped, sideswiped and damaged by overhanging growth; even when the drivers take drastic measures to avoid this impeding growth by driving on the wrong side of the road. To my mind the drivers should not be forced to do something wrong and unsafe to avoid damage to their vehicles. Even the street signs are obstructed. About 6 years back trimmers came through and we thought we were going to get some real attention in this matter.... The trimmers spent about 2 hours clearing around the signs and bushwhacking some of the minor growth back but no real attention and cut back to allow unobstructed use of these roads. The growth is worse than ever. Can we PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE get some real growth cut back so passage to our homes can be done without,risk of damage to our vehicles?

#2.Crack sealing was done on the above listed roads last fall. Thank you. Unfortunately a good bit of it is now in the ditch. In my mind it was done way to late in the year and way too cold (weather wise) to get a good set (but then I am no expert). A few weeks later the snow plow came through and peeled it off. Kind of a waste.

#3. I am sure I am in the minority on this but you do not have to use so much salt as far as I am concern. Salt is terribly hard on roads, vehicles, plants and our wet lands. I figure any Minnesotan should be able to adjust their speed and driving to travel safely on snow pack especially in our neighborhoods.... But then there is always that guy out there that thinks he has got to have a dry street 30 minutes after it gets done snowing so he can speed off to the mall. BTW, I think you folks are doing an excellent job of getting the plows to us in a timely manner, THANKYOU!

Again, thank you for serving and asking us residence our thoughts.

Respectfully, Jeff J

March 11, 2013

Thank you for doing the road survey.
I have some comments related to road maintenance.

Winter:

On a gravel road, plowing after a 2" snowfall usually ends up pushing most of last summers' gravel into the ditch, especially after the first snow of the season. I would suggest plowing after 3", at least until a base is established. If the intent is to have gravel exposed as a winter driving surface, then the annual ritual of spreading gravel in the spring followed by pushing most of it into the ditches will continue.

Summer:

Dust coating is only effective up to the point where the road needs to be graded. Then it progressively gets less effective based upon methods of grading. If grading is performed between the treated sections, gravel always gets carried onto the treated section, burying it. When the treated section gets to the point of needing grading, the dust coating gets mixed with untreated gravel then deteriorates to the point of being ineffective.

At best, six or so weeks after treatment, it's pretty much gone.

In a dry year such as 2012 we had lots of dust.

Usually grading lasts about one day. Because of the high traffic on 250th St, washboard reappears soon after. Grading just prior to rain is just plain folly. My vehicles get coated with mud and I leave piles of it wherever I park. It appears to me that on one hand we erect silt fences to protect lakes & streams from runoff, while the wind and vehicles spread dust and mud everywhere.

Thank you for your time,
Steve M