

Royalton Township Board of Supervisors Road Inspection Minutes
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Approved

The annual road inspection began at 10:15 a.m., Monday, 27 April 2026, with Chair John Graham, Supervisor Jeff Schlaeger, Supervisor Pete Belland, Road Superintendent Dan Saumer, and Clerk Duane Swanson participating. Notice of this inspection had been published and posted according to law.

The delegation toured each of the 27.0 miles of township roads. Superintendent Saumer drove, starting with an odometer reading of 5,230. The main purpose of the road inspection was to review the roads for which the township is responsible. Special attention was paid to the condition and need for culverts, ditching, brushing, tree removal, and graveling. The inspection also included a review of properties that had potential zoning issues, particularly excessive amounts of disabled vehicles, garbage, or parcels with people living in campers. All roads, regardless of jurisdictional oversight, were reviewed for zoning concerns.

A road notes spreadsheet delineating extended road plans will be developed. In general, no brushing will be done in 2026. It was noted that the west end of Maple Shores Drive had apparently not been brushed in 2025. Roads on schedule to be graveled in 2026 are 540th Street west, Butterfly Road, Apple Road, Raspberry Road south, and Homer Road. Spot graveling may be considered for the central part of Pine Bough Road and for 540th Street east at the intersection with Elmcrest Avenue. The delegation specifically reviewed the 2025-installed turnaround on Sage Drive and found it to be good. The mailbox currently in the turnaround on Robin Drive should be considered for moving.

The delegation reviewed culvert and ditching projects completed in 2025 and found them to be working as planned. Specific attention was given to the new culvert at 4441 Buffalo Road (Martin's) (monitoring will continue to ensure that it is draining properly); to the ditching and culvert work at 5789 Hummingbird Road (Douse's) (appears to be working); and to the potential for a new field driveway culvert on the east side of Raspberry Road north (new culvert to be supplied by owner and which may require additional ditching). Possible installation of a culvert on Bluebell Road should be reviewed.

No contracted tree cutting was recommended for 2026. It was noted that the owners of 9842 Riverbed Lane had moved some of their trees that were formerly in the road right-of-way; more need to be removed. Superintendent Saumer was asked to remove individual trees on Mystic Dove Drive (lying in ditch) and Bayberry Road (overhanging road).

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The board reviewed signage throughout the township and found the changes made in 2025 were good. The delegation concluded that a Royalton Township entry sign should be erected at the boundary between Pokegama Township and Royalton on Sherwood Street. As part of this process, the board should consider potential replacement of/upgrades to numerous other “boundary” signs. Superintendent Saumer received approval to replace the curve signs on Apple Road with winding road signs.

During the road inspection, several properties were found to have more abandoned or junked vehicles than permitted by the town’s ordinances, potential blight issues, or possible health and safety violations. The delegation specifically noted the proliferation of parcels on which people appeared to be living in campers. These issues will be reviewed by the board after codification and study by the office.

At 3:15 p.m., the road inspection concluded, with Superintendent Saumer’s odometer reading 5,322.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk

John Graham, Chair/Supervisor

Jeff Schlaeger, Vice Chair/Supervisor

Pete Belland, Supervisor