

TOWN OF CASSIAN
WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE POLICIES

THE TOWN OF CASSIAN 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 payment 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 CASSIAN is responsible for maintenance of 90 miles of roads. By State Statute 81.85 the Town has three weeks to remove 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 request direct from the public. Requests must come from the sheriff, fire department, etc. The Town of Cassian will not take 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 CASSIAN, The Town Board, and equipment operators ARE NOT responsible for snow from private driveways

SNOW AND ICE DEPOSITING ONTO OR ACROSS PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; Town of Cassian Ordinance 3.07 ordain that is shall be unlawful for any person to deposit by any means snow and or ice from private property onto or across any public street, sidewalk, parking lot, alley or any traveled portion of highway Any person who shall violate this ordinance shall, upon conviction, forfeit a sum as detailed in this ordinance.

ICE REMOVAL: Due to the cost and lack of approved storage building 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 laws that requires the Town to use salt or sand/salt. Sand/salt will only be applied as much as the budget and/or availability allows.

SNOW REMOVAL: The Town Chairperson (or his designee) or the Shop Foreman will decide when the snow removal operations will begin and the Town equipment to be sent out. The Town Chairperson and Shop Foreman have the authority to suspend snow and ice control operations 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. Most cases of damaged boxes are caused by heavy snow hitting the box. The mailboxes are seldom hit by the plow and the Town may assume responsibility after a visual inspection by a Town Representative.

DISABLED VEHICLES: The Town of Cassian road crew has been advised that under NO circumstances may they pull any disabled vehicle out of the ditch because of liability reasons.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: If residents fail to snow plow their driveways and emergency vehicles are called for assistance, Emergency service providers make every effort to gain access to the property. The Town of Cassian is NOT obligated to damage its equipment or risk the safety of its employees in cases where the landowner has neglected to ensure that the property is accessible. Only verified emergency requests from sheriff, police, fire department will be responded to.

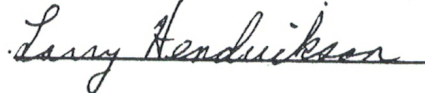
DUE TO A LIMITED BUDGET, SERVICES WILL BE REDUCED ON WEEKENDS UNLESS ROADS BECOME IMPASSABLE OR EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS. NORMAL SERVICE WILL CONTINUE ON MONDAY MORNING.

THE ROADS WILL BE PLOWED FIRST AND THEN SANDING WILL FOLLOW AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.


THE TOWN OF CASSIAN IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE DONE TO VEHICLES PARKED OR PERSONAL PROPERTY ON THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY.

THIS WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE POLICY SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE IN FORCE AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL BY THE TOWN OF CASSIAN BOARD.

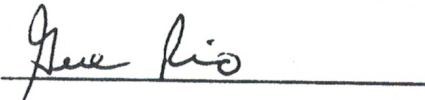
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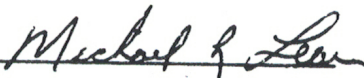
Larry Hendrickson, Chairperson



Gail R. Winnie, Supervisor



Gene Rio, Supervisor

Attest: 

Michael Leair, Clerk