

Lynden Township Paving Policy

- All new roads in new developments must be paved according to Lynden Township Road Specifications. A signed developer's agreement with an appropriate financial guarantee is required to ensure the proper installation of the road improvements.
- Lynden Township's tarring fund may be used to help fund the conversion of existing gravel roads to asphalt.
- Parcels that receive benefit as a result of a new asphalt road will be assessed for their share of the cost of the asphalt overlay plus half of the administrative costs incurred including engineering, legal, financing, etc.
- The Township will follow the recommendation of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) which states to begin planning for the paving of gravel roads when the traffic count reaches 150 transits per day and to consider paving when the road counts reach 200 transits per day.
- Gravel roads with a traffic count of fewer than 150 transits per day will only be considered for paving if a request is made in accordance with Minnesota statutes. According to statute, a request must be made in the form of a petition signed by property owners constituting 35% in frontage of the real property abutting the road(s) proposed for paving.
- The Township Board may authorize a feasibility study to be completed by the township engineer to estimate the cost of tarring gravel roads that require high maintenance.
- Existing gravel roads providing access to a new development may be required to be paved at the full cost to the developer, which will be included in a developer's agreement.
- Funding for any major road reconstruction projects will be reviewed and determined by the Township Board of Supervisors.