

24-1235. Same; township roads; permit application; authority and duties of board of township trustees; publication and notice.

(a) Upon application of the board of directors of any watershed district, the board of trustees of any township is hereby authorized to permit the intermittent closing of any township road located within the boundaries of such watershed district whenever in its judgment it is necessary to do so and when the road will be intermittently subject to inundation by flood waters retained by an approved watershed retention structure.

(b) Before any permit may be issued for the temporary inundation and closing of such a road, an application for such permit shall be made to the board of trustees of the township involved by the watershed district. The application shall specify the road involved and shall request that a permit be granted to the district to allow the intermittent closing of the road.

(c) Upon receipt of such an application, the board of trustees shall give notice of the proposed action by publication once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, and such notice shall contain a description of the places of beginning and the places of ending of such intermittent closing. In addition to such publication, the board of trustees shall give notice to all public utilities or common carriers having facilities located within the rights-of-way of any roads being closed by mailing copies of such notice to the offices of such public utilities or common carriers located within the county, or if no office is located within said county, then to the office of such utilities or common carriers located nearest to said county. Not sooner than three (3) days after the last publication and not sooner than fourteen (14) days after the mailing of such notice, such board may issue its permit with respect to such road.

History: L. 1974, ch. 270, § 2, March 8.