

NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2022

The meeting opened at 7:00 with the pledge of allegiance. Fox absent.

Green made a motion to approve the agenda, Support – Marchiando; Approved by all.

Green made a motion to approve the March 2022 meeting minutes, Support – Marchiando; Approved by all. Marchiando made a motion to approve the March 2022 special meeting minutes, Support – Green; Approved by all.

Local Government: Dave Livermore from the Road Commission was present. We had a discussion about several roads, including Winn and Nottawa. He reported they are very close to finalizing an agreement with APEX for money to fix roads that were damaged during windmill construction.

Public Comment: Resident Stu Rau spoke of his frustration with the state of his property with the ongoing sewer project.

Treasurer's Report and Authorization to Pay the Bills – Checking account: \$2,235.88, Savings account: \$649,431.08; Sewer Checking: \$61,209.92; Sewer Construction Checking: \$1,141.08; Sewer Debt Retirement: \$65,416.15; Sewer RRI: \$6,702.10; CD's: \$824,005.05; Reviewed bills to be paid; Motion by Marchiando to approve the treasurer's report and to authorize the payment of the monthly bills; Support – Green; all approved.

Fire Department Report – Green and Livermore presented a request that we consider raising the pay of the firefighters/first responders. We reviewed a spreadsheet regarding current pay and proposed pay. A Joint Fire Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Barn to vote on this proposal.

Old Business

A. Beal City/Coldwater Lake Sewer Project – Pete Lorenz presented an update: Beal City gravity sewer – the company finished the video of the gravity sewer today; engineers reviewed the video of Winn Rd on Friday and saw some concerns that they will address with Rothenberger. Lift Station – the pump station contractor and supplier are working with DTE to get 1 lb. of gas pressure from the gas company for the backup engine (currently .5 lb.). Pete is trying to coordinate with Rothenberger and the pump station supplier and contractor to do a second start up at the lift station. Line to MP – there needs to be a startup done on the sustaining valve – trying to coordinate with Rothenberger to have this done at the same time as when the second startup is done for the pump station because the operation of the two components affect one another.

Our attorney, Dave Stoker, appeared by Zoom – he advised that there must be a balance between the sustaining valve and the pump in order for the line to MP to be considered operational. He suggested not changing the substantial completion date of Feb. 9, 2022, for contract three, for startup of the pressure sustaining valve since it has already been installed and the startup would be just for making adjustments

to it. Even though it would not change the substantial completion date, he suggested not issuing the substantial completion certificate until the system was operational.

B. Portable Pumps – Pete spoke to Mersino following our meeting last month. They would need to add \$1,800 on to the price and there is currently no pump in the area they could use for a demonstration. They are looking and will get back to Pete. Kory advised Pete to ask if there is a used pump for sale that we could get at a better price. He will ask.

C. Rothenberger Claim – Pete has received the claim, Kory has not yet. Marchiando made a motion to refer the claim to the engineers and attorneys for review and opinion before making a decision on them, Support – Green; Approved by all. Marchiando made a motion to table the substantial completion request, Support – Green; Approved by all.

D. Spring 2% requests – the requests for Winn Road grind and pave from Weidman to Rosebush was made (\$50,000 match from Nottawa Twp. and \$75,000 from ICRC), as well as paving the back lot and driveway of the park (\$20,000 match from Nottawa Twp.)

New Business

A. April Pay Estimates – None.

We then reviewed amendment eight to the owner-engineer agreement. A motion to approve that amendment was made by Marchiando; Support – Green; all approved. Green made a motion to approve the sewer construction invoices, Support – Marchiando; all approved.

B. Appoint Election Workers – Curtiss presented Resolution 2022-3 appointing a Receiving Board for 2022 and appointing Judy Schumacher, Ginny Rau, Rosy Curtiss, Denise Hall, Jessica Phinney and Jessica Manley as election inspectors for the May 3, 2022, election. The resolution passed 4 ayes, 0 nays, adopted.

C. Park – Earl Schafer resigned his position in park maintenance. The Gould's are interested, and we will talk further with them about taking over the cleaning and trash disposal at the park. The Gould's will continue to lock/unlock the park each day.

Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Nex meeting: Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather A. Curtiss, Clerk

- **These minutes are unapproved. They will be approved at the May 2022 board meeting.**