

# **NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP**

## **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**March 6, 2023**

**Mindel called the meeting to order at 7:00 and began with the pledge of allegiance. All members were present.**

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

**Fox made a motion to approve the February 2023 meeting minutes, Support – Green; Approved by all.**

**Local Government:** State Rep. Jerry Neyer was present and discussed the state budget, the battery plant in Marshall, MI and some bills containing tax cuts.

**Public Comment:** Kim Lavigne – concerns about the Coldwater Lake Sewer District; Dan Endres – concerns about the Coldwater Lake Sewer District; John Shirely – concerns about when residents will find out about costs of Coldwater Lake sewer system.

**Treasurer’s Report and Authorization to Pay the Bills** – Checking account: \$23,831.82, Savings account: \$570,386.30; Sewer Checking: \$700,775.73; Sewer Construction Checking: \$1,656.95; Sewer Debt Retirement \$158,903.85; Sewer RRI: \$11,172.47; CD’s: \$675,985.51; Curtiss reported that the March payment on the USDA loan for the sewer was \$10,755.00 (payments are only made twice per year). Motion by Fox to approve the treasurer’s report and to authorize the payment of the monthly bills; Support – Green; approved by all.

**Fire Department Report** – The joint Fire Board meeting was moved to Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the fire barn.

### **10. Old Business**

#### **A. Beal City/ Coldwater Lake Project –**

Beal City gravity sewer (contract 1) – The new pipes on the north end of Winn Rd passed the test and “ready to hook up” letters were mailed to the remaining residents in the sewer district. They will have until June 1, 2023, to connect.

Lift Station (contract 2) – This contract is now complete.

Forced Main to MP (contract 3) – No work was done on this contract in February.

Coldwater Lake – a meeting was held on Feb. 21, 2023, with Pete Lorenz, Joe White, Kim Turner, Heather Curtiss and Charlie Walmsley regarding the easement process for the Coldwater Lake project. A mass mailing will be made to all residents of the sewer district with a letter, an easement and a drawing of where it is anticipated that the grinder station will go on each property. All easements must be secured before the project can go out for bids. We are anticipating starting and completing the project in 2024.

#### **B. Weidman Project** – No enforcement letter from EGLE yet. Pete Lorenz & Heather Curtiss will reach out to Tom Colis, who was the bond attorney on the Beal

City/Coldwater Lake project, to see if he can provide us with information on the types of cooperation agreements Nottawa Township and Sherman Township have to choose from.

**C. Portable Pumps** – The bid from Mersino was \$112,500.00 for the portable pump. There is no guarantee that the pump will be sufficient once Coldwater Lake and Weidman come on board. We will rely on the built-in backup at the pump station for now.

**D. Rothenberger Contract 3 Termination** – tabled to April 2023.

**E. Kim Turner Engagement Letter** – Kim Turner is going to help us with the easement process on the Coldwater Lake project; Marchiando made a motion to approve the engagement letter; Support – Fox; approved by all.

## **11. New Business**

**A. February Pay Estimates, Form 440 Invoices** – Mindel presented the Form 440 invoices. Fox made a motion to approve the Form 440 invoices; Support – Marchiando; approved by all.

**B. Spring 2%** - Motion by Marchiando to submit a request for paving the park parking lot and entrance road and contribute \$40,000 from the township, Support – Fox; approved by all; Motion by Curtiss to submit the road project proposed by the Road Commission (Weidman Rd and Nottawa Rd work) and contribute \$50,000 from the township, Support – Green; approved by all; Motion by Fox to submit the Coldwater Lake Association request for the invasive species work that is needed on Coldwater Lake with a \$4,000.00 contribution from the township; Support – Curtiss; approved by all.

**C. Lawn Mowing, Gravel and Brine contracts, KC Hall Field and Dumpster Agreement** – The language on the lawn mowing bid request was discussed and agreed to – it will be posted on the township website and FB page – they are due by March 27, 2023 for the 2023-2024 seasons. Motion by Fox to approve the 2023 Brine contract with the Road Commission, Support – Marchiando; approved by all. Motion by Fox to approve the Gravel contracts (Denver Rd between Littlefield and Gilmore and Gilmore Rd between Baseline and Jordan), Support – Curtiss; approved by all. Motion by Marchiando to approve the KC Hall Field and Dumpster agreement; Support – Fox; approved by all.

**D. 2023 Budgets** – Carol Green, Nottawa Township Treasurer, submitted her resignation effective March 31, 2023. Motion by Curtiss to accept her resignation, Support – Fox; Green abstained - approved by all others. Motion by Fox to appoint the deputy treasurer, Katie Galinski as the Nottawa Township Treasurer effective April 1, 2023, Support – Marchiando; Green abstained - approved by all others. Motion by Fox to approve the Equity Assessment contract, Support – Marchiando; approved by all; Motion by Fox to accept the budget as presented, Support – Marchiando; approved by all.

**12. Adjournment** – motion to adjourn at 10:06 p.m.

**The next board meeting is Monday, April 3, 2023. \*These minutes will be approved at the April board meeting.**