

NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP

Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2023

Mindel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and began with the pledge of allegiance. Marchiando was absent. All others were present.

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

Fox made a motion to approve the July 2023 meeting minutes, Support – Galinski; Approved by all.

Local Government: Terry Hutchinson, our County Commissioner, reported that the new jail project is on-going, and the walls are going up; and legislation regarding septic systems has been introduced in the Michigan legislature which would apply statewide if passed.

Public Comment: 1. Patty Carrick – Coldwater Lake sewer questions; Donna Land – Coldwater Lake sewer questions; 3. Kim Lavinge – Coldwater Lake sewer questions; 4. Mary Lou Essex – Coldwater Lake sewer questions; 5. Tim Marchiando – Coldwater Lake and Beal City sewer questions.

Treasurer's Report and Authorization to Pay the Bills – Checking account: \$44,016.60, Savings account: \$813,009.14; Sewer Checking: \$286,808.88; Sewer Construction Checking: \$1,660.42; Sewer Debt Retirement: \$360,392.35; USDA Restricted RRI: \$84,136.07; CD's: \$683,998.73; Motion by Fox to approve the treasurer's report and to authorize the payment of the monthly bills; Support – Curtiss; all approved.

Fire Department Report – the new truck has arrived, and they have a possible buyer for the old truck; they are making progress on selling the old fire barn to the Lions Club.

10. Old Business

A. Beal City/ Coldwater Lake Sewer Project – Beal City/Force Main to MP – a lawsuit will be filed soon against Hanover (bond company) and Rothenberger; Coldwater Lake – we've now obtained about 75-80% of the 400 easements. Third and final letters will be sent out to the residents who have not signed their easements – probably by the end of the month. That process continues.

B. Weidman Sewer Project – The Drain Commissioner, along with Pure Plumbing, continue to pull samples from both township drains for testing.

C. Park Sign Upgrades – Sign replacement was discussed. Mindel will meet Galinski at the park this week to measure and will go to Straus's to see what type of bricks or blocks are available to build the sign with.

11. New Business

A. July Pay estimates, Form 440, Amendments – Curtiss made a motion to approve the Form 440 invoices; support Galinski; approved by all. Curtiss made a motion to approve engineering amendment #22; support Fox; approved by all.

B. Fall 2% - Galinski and Curtiss presented ideas for park upgrades that we could apply for 2% money for, including sealing and striping the basketball court; adding pickleball courts beside the basketball court; buying mulch for the playgrounds and adding a walking path around the park. Mindel will investigate how much it will cost to engineer the path.

C. Credit Card – The only credit card the township had was a Staples Card and they discontinued that card. It ended on 7/31/2023. We are investigating a credit card from Isabella Bank. This issue is tabled to September.

D. Over Budget Items – Fox made a motion to approve the budget amendments to deal with the over budget items; support Galinski; approved by all.

E. Online Bill Pay – Curtiss and Galinski presented the information we learned from Invoice Cloud regarding online bill payments. They have a second Zoom call with them on August 22nd. They will also reach out to the company that the county is using. Tabled to the September meeting.

F. FOIA policy – we discussed possible updates to the FOIA policy. We will investigate to see if the MTA has a more recent sample policy available. Tabled to the September meeting.

12. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

- Next meeting: Tuesday, September 5, 2023
- These minutes will be approved at the September meeting.