

# **NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP**

## **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**October 2, 2023**

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

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

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

**Local Government:** Jerry Neyer, Michigan House Representative – gave election bill update and green energy agenda update.

**Public Comment:** 1. Patty Carrick – Coldwater Lake sewer; 2. Karen Schafer – Coldwater Lake sewer; 3. Abby Sellers – Coldwater Lake sewer; 4. Anne Groves – Coldwater Lake sewer; 5. Andrew Wittbrodt (4-H Camp Board) – Coldwater Lake sewer; 6. Chris Natzel – Coldwater Lake sewer; 7. George Montie – Coldwater Lake sewer; 8. Melissa Utt – Coldwater Lake sewer; 9. Kim Lavigne – Coldwater Lake sewer; 10. Donna Land – Coldwater Lake sewer; 11. Ian Kabell – Coldwater Lake sewer; 12. Lenny Hyatt – Coldwater Lake sewer; 13. Randy Pulcifer – Coldwater Lake sewer; 14. Ongria Dow (4-H Camp Board) – Coldwater Lake sewer; 15. Jillane Marquis – Coldwater Lake sewer; 16. Jim Lucka – Coldwater Lake sewer; 17. Jean Natzel – Coldwater Lake sewer; 18. Chris Simon – Coldwater Lake sewer; 19. Tiffany Pickler – Coldwater Lake sewer; 20. Wendy LeBouton – Coldwater Lake sewer; 21. Mary Michener – Coldwater Lake sewer; 22. Steve Morganstern – Coldwater Lake sewer.

**Treasurer’s Report and Authorization to Pay the Bills** – Checking account: \$29,795.70, Savings account: \$700,930.37; Sewer Checking: \$243,415.95; Sewer Construction Checking: \$1,610.13; Sewer Debt Retirement: \$322,602.02; USDA Restricted RRI: \$81,934.81; CD’s: \$688,569.54; Motion by Fox to approve the treasurer’s report and to authorize the payment of the monthly bills; Support – Marchiando; all approved.

**Fire Department Report** – The old heavy rescue was sold, and the Department was awarded four \$10,000 grants for fire equipment.

### **10. Old Business**

- A. Beal City/ Coldwater Lake Sewer Project** – Beal City/Force Main to MP – nothing to report; Coldwater Lake – the easement acquisition process continues.
- B. Weidman Sewer Project** - Awaiting testing results from the Sherman Township side.
- C. Park Sign Upgrades** – tabled to November. The Oct. 14th park clean up date has been canceled. We will reschedule in the spring.
- D. Fall 2%** - The application included engineering fees for a walking path around the park; invasive species removal in Coldwater Lake and repairs/improvements at the Weidman Community Center and Park.

**E. Online Bill Pay** – Galinski did a presentation on the two choices: Invoice Cloud and Gov Pros. Motion by Fox to approve using Gov Pros for online bill pay; support Marchiando; approved by all.

**G. FOIA policy** – Curtiss did a presentation on what other nearby townships are charging for their hourly FOIA rate; Motion by Fox to set our hourly rate at \$15.00 per hour for FOIA labor costs; support Marchiando; approved by all.

## **11. New Business**

**A. October Pay estimates, Form 440, Amendments** – None.

**B. Mt. Pleasant Abstract on Cemetery** – Mt. Pleasant Abstract found that the township owns 3 more acres of land than we currently have fenced. This was discovered when the farmland around the cemetery sold this spring. There appears to be a missing deed from sometime between 1928-1944. We will need to hire a real estate attorney to secure our interest in those three acres. We will budget for that in the 24/25 budget and table this to April 2024.

**C. Video Monitoring at hall ballot box** – A new ballot drop box will be installed at the Hall and it needs to be under video surveillance by Dec. 14, 2023. Mindel will seek a bid/quote on getting that installed.

**D. USDA Resolution** – Curtiss read Resolution 2023-3; Fox made a motion to approve; support Marchiando; a roll call vote was taken – 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**12. Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

- Next meeting: Monday, November 6, 2023
- These minutes will be approved at the November meeting.