

**NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**January 3, 2024**

**Mindel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and began with the pledge of allegiance. Pat Marchiando was absent; all other members were present.**

**Fox made a motion to approve the agenda with the change to No. 9 from Fire Board Report to Board Reports with three subcategories, Support – Galinski; approved by all.**

**Fox made a motion to approve the December 2023 regular meeting minutes, Support – Galinski; approved by all; Fox made a motion to approve the December 2023 special meeting minutes, Support – Galinski; approved by all.**

**6. Local Government:** None

**7. Public Comment:** 1. Chris Natzel – Coldwater Lake sewer; 2. Jerry Kabel – Coldwater Lake sewer; 3. Jean Natzel – Coldwater Lake sewer; 4. Patty Carrick – Coldwater Lake sewer; 5. Betty Wawersik – Coldwater Lake sewer; 6. Pat Schafer – Coldwater Lake sewer; 7. Paul Cole – Coldwater Lake sewer; 8. Kim Lavigne – Coldwater Lake sewer; 9. Ian Kabel – Coldwater Lake sewer; 10. Diane Pitts – Coldwater Lake sewer; 11. Anne Groves – Coldwater Lake sewer; 12. Ralph Groves – Coldwater Lake sewer.

**8. Treasurer’s Report and Authorization to Pay Bills** - Checking account: \$47,333.50, Savings account: \$517,613.71; Online Bill Pay: \$1.00; Sewer Checking: \$353,007.19; Sewer Construction Checking: \$0.00; Sewer Debt Retirement: \$326,571.68; USDA Restricted RRI: \$84,793.67; CD’s: \$695,333.95; Sewer Savings: \$502,478.21 Motion by Fox to approve the treasurer’s report and to authorize the payment of the monthly bills; Support – Galinski; approved by all.

**9. Board Reports**

**A. Fire Department Report** – Galinski and Fox reported a short meeting was held in December 2023 and the January 2024 meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2024.

**B. Township Hall 2023 Rental Report** – Galinski reported that the hall was rented 30 times in 2023 which resulted in \$1,500.00 in rental income.

**C. Fairview Cemetery 2023 Report** – Curtiss reported that 17 cemetery lots were sold in 2023 resulting in \$2,350.00 in income (11 were sold to township residents and 6 were sold to non-Township residents). We had 6 burials in 2023 – two full burials and four cremains burials.

**10. Old Business**

**A. Beal City/Coldwater Lake Sewer Project** – No updates for Beal City; Work continues on final engineering plans and permits for Coldwater Lake.

**B. Weidman Sewer Project** – No news from EGLE

**11. New Business**

**A. January Pay Estimates, Form 440, Amendments** – None.

**B. Chippewa Hills 2024 Summer Tax Collection Agreement** – Fox made a motion to approve the summer tax collection agreement with Chippewa Hills school district; Support – Curtiss; approved by all.

**C. Sexton 2024 Rates and modification of how foundations are handled** – Fox made a motion to approve the 2024 Rates from Dave Dowell, the cemetery sexton; Support – Galinski; approved by all. Curtiss explained that Dave would continue to pour foundations for the cemetery, but they will now be ordered and paid for through the township and the fees passed on to Dave. (The same way burial fees are handled). This is a change suggested by the Michigan Township Association to all townships.

**D. Board of Review Poverty Guidelines Resolution** – Curtiss read the 2024 Board of Review Poverty Guidelines Resolution; Fox made a motion to approve the resolution; Support – Galinski; Mindel took a roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays; 1 absent. The resolution was adopted.

**E. 2024 Budget Discussion** – tabled to the February 2024 meeting.

**12. Adjournment** – Fox made a motion to adjourn; Support – Galinski, meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.