

NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP
Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2024

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

Galinski made a motion to approve the agenda, Support – Curtiss; approved by all.

Galinski made a motion to approve the February 2024 meeting minutes, Support – Curtiss; approved by all.

6. Local Government: None

7. Public Comment: 1. Chris Natzel – Coldwater Lake sewer; 2. Kim Lavigne – Coldwater Lake sewer; 3. Ian Kabell – Coldwater Lake sewer; 4. Jillaine Marquiss – Coldwater Lake sewer; 5. Patricia Carrick – Coldwater Lake sewer; 6. Jeff Dyer – Coldwater Lake sewer.

8. Treasurer’s Report and Authorization to Pay Bills – General checking: \$64,068.38, General savings: \$467,826.67; Online Bill Pay: \$4.04; Sewer Checking: \$300,515.91; Sewer Construction Checking: \$0.00; Sewer Debt Retirement: \$351,134.62; USDA Restricted RRI: \$86,532.27; CD’s: \$699,973.78; Sewer Savings: \$506,116.11. Curtiss presented the check registers for the general checking account and the sewer checking account; Motion by Galinski to approve the treasurer’s report and to authorize the payment of the monthly bills; Support – Curtiss; approved by all.

9. Board Reports

A. Fire Department Report – A joint fire board meeting regarding the 24/25 budget will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the fire hall. As a general note – Galinski reported that the park clean up day by the Beal City Little League is Saturday, April 13, 2024, and the board set our own clean up day at the park for the same day and time.

B. Council of Governments/Isabella MTA meeting – Nothing to report.

C. Winter Tax Collection Report (Treasurer) – Galinski reported that the Winter 2023 tax collection season had come to an end, and she would be settling up with the county soon. They will pay any deficiencies, so townships are made whole. The county will then seek collection from the parcels that did not pay.

D. February 27, 2024, Election report (Clerk) – Curtiss reported that the township had 752 total voters for the Feb. 27, 2024, Presidential Primary (out of 1,869 total registered voters).

10. Old Business

A. Beal City/Coldwater Lake Sewer Project – No updates for Beal City; Work continues on final engineering plans, resolutions of necessity and permits for Coldwater Lake. Good Faith offers went out to 9 parcels on Country Lane for private road easements last week.

B. Weidman Sewer Project – Testing continues at various drain sites on the Nottawa side of Woodruff Road.

11. New Business

A. Road Brine and Gravel Road Contracts – Galinski made a motion to approve the Road Brine Contract; support – Curtiss; approved by all. Curtiss made a motion to approve the Gravel Road contracts; support - Galinski; approved by all.

B. Auditor Letter of Engagement – Curtiss made a motion to approve the letter of engagement from Boge, Wybenga & Bradley; support – Galinski; approved by all.

C. AT&T Metro Act Renewal – Curtiss made a motion to approve the renewal of the AT&T Metro Act permit; support – Galinski; approved by all.

D. Spring 2% projects – We will be submitting a request on behalf of the Weidman Community Center (Weidman Business Association); Curtiss made a motion to approve a request for funding for Winn Road (Rosebush to Vernon) with a \$40,000 contribution from the township; support – Galinski; approved by all; Galinski made a motion to approve a request for a drinking fountain with bottle filler for the park with a \$1,000 contribution from the township and engineering fees for a walking path around the park with a contribution of \$3,000 from the township; support – Curtiss; approved by all.

E. Sexton resignation – Our sexton, Dave Dowell, submitted his resignation in February. The supervisor has been searching for possible replacements.

F. Budget Hearing – Our millage rate for 2024 is .9914 of a mill; Curtiss made a motion to adopt the general township budget as presented; support – Galinski; approved by all; Galinski made a motion to adopt the sewer budget as presented; support – Curtiss; approved by all.

1. Resolution to Establish Township Clerk's Salary – Galinski moved that a resolution adjusting the Clerk's salary to \$18,000 per year be adopted; support – Mindel; Roll Call vote: Galinski – yes; Mindel – yes; Curtiss – abstain; Fox & Marchiando – absent. The supervisor declared resolution 2024-6 adopted.

12. Adjournment – Curtiss made a motion to adjourn; Support – Galinski, meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Next meeting – Monday, April 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

- These minutes will be approved at the April 1st board meeting.