

NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP
Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2024

Mindel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, all members were present.

Marchiando made a motion to approve the agenda, Support - Fox; approved by all.

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

6. Local Government: None

7. Public Comment: 1. Jerry Kabell – Coldwater Lake sewer; 2. Ian Kabell – Coldwater Lake sewer; 3. Ron Shirely – Coldwater Lake sewer; 4. Karen Schafer – 4/2/24 Isabella County Commission Meeting; 5. Jeff Dyer – Coldwater Lake sewer; 6. Kim Lavigne – Coldwater Lake sewer; 7. Melissa Utt – Coldwater Lake sewer.

8. Treasurer’s Report and Authorization to Pay Bills – General checking: \$39,924.58, General savings: \$677,901.00; Online Bill Pay: \$4.10; Sewer Checking: \$342,221.19; Sewer Construction Checking: \$0.00; Sewer Debt Retirement: \$276,326.94; USDA Restricted RRI: \$86,855.37; CD’s: \$702,152.07; Sewer Savings: \$508,005.89. Curtiss presented the check registers for the general checking account and the sewer checking account; 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 – A joint fire board meeting was held on 3/14/24 to approve the 24/25 budget. The Fire Chief, Dave Livermore, also shared a list of fire trucks and when they will need to be re-certified or replaced.

B. Council of Governments/Isabella MTA meeting – A Council of Governments meeting was held on 3/20/24 and the featured speaker was Bob Willoughby, the Isabella County Drain Commissioner. Nottawa Township has the most drains of any township in Isabella County. He wanted us to share with our residents that in order for him to investigate a drain he needs a report or complaint from a resident.

C. Final Winter 2023 Tax Collection Report (Treasurer) – Galinski reported that she had settled with the County, and they had paid the taxes of those who were delinquent for 2023 and the county will take care of collection on those.

10. Old Business

A. Beal City/Coldwater Lake Sewer Project – Beal City - Mediation will take place on May 6th in the lawsuit against Rothenburger; Coldwater Lake - Work continues on final engineering plans and permits for Coldwater Lake and we were awarded our Wetlands Permit from EGLE. Mindel signed the permit. The residents who were mailed good faith offers have a few more weeks to accept those.

B. Weidman Sewer Project – Testing continues at various drain sites on the Nottawa side of Woodruff Road; the person doing our testing is looking for other labs as the City of Mt. Pleasant site can only do 10 samples per day.

C. Spring 2% Projects - Mindel completed the spring application and submitted a request on behalf of the Weidman Community Center/Mitchell Park and for the township, a road project for Winn Rd. from Rosebush Rd to Vernon Rd, a drinking fountain for the park and engineering costs for a walking path at the park.

11. New Business

A. Shawn Wheat contract renewal – Marchiando made a motion to renew Shawn Wheat’s contract (Beal City sewer system operator); Support – Fox; approved by all.

B. Approve Vaughn Jenkins as sexton – Motion by Fox to approve Vaughn Jenkins (Jenkins Lawn Care and Snow Removal) as the sexton for Fairview Cemetery; Support – Marchiando; approved by all.

C. KC Hall contract renewal – Motion by Fox to renew the contract with the KC Hall to share the dumpster and rent the baseball field; Support – Curtiss; approved by all.

D. Sewer Late Payment Policy and Overdue Accounts to the Treasurer Policy/Procedures – Motion by Marchiando to make the sewer late fee applicable 30 days after the due date of the bill; Support – Fox; approved by all. Curtiss received an email from the MTA regarding the overdue accounts and will forward it to our attorney for an answer on how to proceed.

E. Cemetery Ordinance Review – we reviewed the current ordinance, passed in 1997, and highlighted a few areas to consider. Tabled to May.

F. Overbudget Items – Motion by Fox to approve budget amendments to cover the overbudget items; Support – Marchiando; approved by all.

G. CD Renewal or Transfer into a Savings Account – Motion by Fox to transfer the CD’s when they mature, into a Municipal Savings Account at Isabella Bank; Support – Marchiando; approved by all.

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

Next meeting – Monday, May 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

- These minutes will be approved at the May 6th board meeting.
- Park clean up day is Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.