

NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP

Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2025

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

Galinski made a motion to approve the agenda, Support - Streng; motion passed.

Galinski made a motion to approve the January 2025 meeting minutes with the amendment of the correct Joint Fire Board meeting date; Support – Streng; motion passed.

6. Local Government Recognition and Report – Brian Smith, the new Isabella County Administrator, introduced himself.

7. Public Comment: 1. Jean Natzel – Coldwater Lake sewer; 2. Mark Homuth – Coldwater Lake sewer; 3. John Wixson – Coldwater Lake sewer; 4. Karen Schafer – Coldwater Lake sewer; 5. Ian Kabell – Coldwater Lake sewer; 6. Martha Zuhlke – Coldwater Lake sewer; 7. Ron Shirely – Coldwater Lake sewer; 8. Mike Pung – Coldwater Lake sewer; 9. Don Schneider – Coldwater Lake sewer; 10. Jim Jacobs – Coldwater Lake sewer; 11. Patty Carrick – Coldwater Lake sewer; 12. Chris Natzel – Coldwater Lake sewer; 13. Melissa Utt – Coldwater Lake sewer; 14. Jerry Kabell – Coldwater Lake sewer; 15. Kim Lavigne – Coldwater Lake sewer; 16. Paul Weber – Coldwater Lake sewer; 17. Fred Hazen – Coldwater Lake sewer; 18. Steve Morgenstern – Coldwater Lake sewer.

8. Treasurer’s Report and Authorization to Pay Bills – General checking: \$10,651.52, General savings: \$632,706.71; Online Bill Pay: \$8.86; Sewer Checking: \$117,524.62; Sewer Construction Checking: \$0.00; Sewer Debt Retirement: \$273,316.90; USDA Restricted RRI: \$94,602.43; Sewer CD Savings: \$729,961.27; Sewer Savings: \$485,281.86; Sewer Good Faith Savings: \$2,316.84. Curtiss reviewed the monthly bills. Streng made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report and to authorize the payment of the monthly bills; Support – Schafer; motion passed.

9. Board Reports

A. Fire Department Report – Next regular meeting is Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 7 p.m. followed by a Joint Fire Board Meeting at 8 p.m. with both townships to discuss the new Earned Sick Time Act and firefighter pay.

B. Council of Governments/Isabella MTA meeting – no report.

C. Treasurer’s Report – Galinski reminded everyone that the last day to pay winter taxes without penalty is Friday, February 14, 2025, she will have office hours at her house from 9 am to 5 pm. Payments must be **received** by February 14th, not postmarked. She has a drop box near her front door where payments may be left.

D. Clerk’s Report – Curtiss received notice from the County that we will have a May 2025 election. At this time there will be 3 school millages, and they apply to Chippewa

Hills, Mt. Pleasant and Farwell voters. The deadline to get an item on the ballot is Tuesday, February 11th.

Curtiss, Galinski, Schafer and Streng attended the township road priorities meeting with the Road Commission and discussed the brine program, gravel road program, 2025 road construction (Meridian from Beal City Rd to M-20) and the state of the township's roads overall.

10. Old Business

A. Beal City/Coldwater Lake Sewer Project – Beal City – The lawsuit against Rothenberger/Hanover Insurance continues and a pretrial is scheduled for the end of February and trial dates in March. Coldwater Lake – the court date for the eminent domain action for Country Lane was rescheduled for February 7, 2025; Still awaiting the EGLE permit.

B. Weidman Sewer Project – Nothing to report.

C. Mowing Contract – After reviewing the three bids we received, Streng made a motion to award the contract to Ben Matthews; Support – Schafer; motion passed.

11. New Business

A. Per Diem Policy – Curtiss presented the per diem and mileage reimbursement policy; Galinski made a motion to approve the policy as presented; Support – Schafer; motion passed.

C. Spring 2% – We discussed resubmitting the walking path project and asking that our unused bridge money to applied as well. Kory will see if any of the numbers from the fall request need to be updated. We will approve requests and township contribution at the March 2026 meeting.

D. 2025-2026 Budget discussion – Streng made a motion to add the May 2% award to the income line item; Support – Schafer; motion passed. Streng made a motion to move money from the Fire Improvement line item to Fire Payroll line item, as well as money from Contingency to the remaining overbudget items; Support – Schafer; motion approved. The board reviewed the general and sewer budgets.

12. Adjournment – Streng made a motion to adjourn; Support – Schafer, meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Next meeting – Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

- These minutes were approved at the March 2025 board meeting.