

NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP
Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 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 - Schafer; motion passed.

Streng made a motion to approve the February 2025 meeting minutes; Support – Schafer; motion passed.

6. Local Government Recognition and Report – None.

7. Public Comment: 1. Donna Land – Coldwater Lake sewer; 2. Patty Carrick – Coldwater Lake sewer; 3. Kim Lavigne – Coldwater Lake sewer; 4. Ian Kabell – Coldwater Lake sewer.

8. Treasurer’s Report and Authorization to Pay Bills – General checking: \$29,597.16
General savings: \$604,773.18; Online Bill Pay: \$12.34; Sewer Checking: \$114,270.80; Sewer Construction Checking: \$0.00; Sewer Debt Retirement: \$280,304.29; USDA Restricted RRI: \$94,905.05; Sewer CD Savings: \$732,296.35; Sewer Savings: \$486,834.23; Sewer Good Faith Savings: \$2,324.25. 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, March 6, 2025, at 7 p.m. and there is a Joint Fire Board Meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2025, to approve the 25-26 budget.

B. Council of Governments/Isabella MTA meeting – Last month’s meeting was hosted at the Commission on Aging and Jennifer Crawford, the director of the COA gave a presentation on the programs they provide. They are always in need of drivers for both medical appointments and meals on wheels delivery. Please contact the COA if you are interested.

C. Treasurer’s Report – Tax collection changed to the county as of March 1st. Galinski will settle with the county sometime in March. The county “buys” all the unpaid summer and winter 2024 taxes from the townships so that townships are made whole. The county then does the collection on those unpaid taxes.

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 Board of Review will meet at the hall on Monday, March 10, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 12, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Property owners can appear in person to appeal their assessment, or they can appeal in writing. Written appeals must be received by March 10th.

10. Old Business

A. Beal City/Coldwater Lake Sewer Project – Beal City – The lawsuit against Rothenberger/Hanover Insurance continues. The Pretrial was held February 28, 2025, and some progress was made. The trials dates were moved from March to May 2025.

Coldwater Lake – the court granted the right-of-way easement for Country Lane on February 7, 2025, and we received the EGLE Part 41 permit on February 27, 2025. The engineers are working on getting all the documents together to submit to the USDA to get final approval to go to bid.

B. Weidman Sewer Project – Nothing to report.

C. Spring 2% - Curtiss made a motion to ask for the money to build the walking path in the park and contribute \$30,000 in township funds and the remaining \$20,569.75 from the leftover bridge funds; Support – Galinski; motion approved.

11. New Business

A. Township Park Ball Fields – Galinski presented some plans the Beal City Little League has regarding the ball fields at the park. More information is needed about the size, scope and price of the plans.

B. Shawn Wheat Contract for Sewer Maintenance – Curtiss made a motion to approve the 2025 contract with Wastewater Operational Strategies (Shawn Wheat); support – Galinski; motion approved.

C. Brine Contracts – Curtiss made a motion to approve the 2025 brine contract with the Isabella County Road Commission; support – Galinski; motion approved.

D. Certifications for Approval – Curtiss read the 5 certifications required by the USDA for the bidding process; Galinski made a motion to approve the certifications; support – Streng; motion approved.

E. Township Sick Leave Policy – Schafer made a motion to approve the township sick leave policy; support – Streng; motion approved.

F. 2025-2026 Budget – Streng made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 township budget; Support – Galinski; motion passed. Streng made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 sewer budget; Support – Galinski; motion approved.

12. Adjournment – Curtiss made a motion to adjourn; Support – Streng, meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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