

NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP
Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2025

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

Streng made a motion to approve the agenda, Support – Schafer; motion passed.

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

Schafer made a motion to approve the August 2025 public hearing minutes; Support – Streng; motion passed.

6. Local Government Recognition and Report – Frank Engler, chair of the Isabella County Commission – he discussed the Coldwater Lake sewer project and the county’s plan for the Coldwater Lake Family Park and he took questions from the audience.

7. Public Comment: 1. Ian Kabell – Coldwater Lake sewer; 2. Jean Natzel – Coldwater Lake sewer; 3. Tim McCullough – Coldwater Lake sewer; 4. Shelly Short – Coldwater Lake sewer; 5. Patty Carrick – Coldwater Lake sewer; 6. Ron Shirely – Coldwater Lake sewer; 7. Brad Hall – Coldwater Lake sewer; 8. Jillaine Marquiss – Coldwater Lake sewer; 9. Kim Lavigne – Coldwater Lake sewer; 10. Lisa Schneider – Coldwater Lake sewer; 11. Chris Natzel – Coldwater Lake sewer

8. Treasurer’s Report and Authorization to Pay Bills – Galinski reviewed the township bank accounts and the monthly bills. Curtiss reviewed the monthly bills; Streng made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report and authorize the payment of the monthly bills; Support – Schafer; motion passed.

9. Board Reports

A. Fire Department Report – There were 40 calls last month; the department has one new certified first responder and one in training.

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

C. Treasurer’s Report – No report.

D. Clerk’s Report – Curtiss reported that the 24/25 audit is complete and we passed both phases; Reminded everyone that there is a Nov. 4, 2025, election for Chippewa Hills voters only and that the Mecosta County Clerk consolidated the election so that all in-person voting will be done at the Sherman Township Hall. Voters will receive postcards from the Mecosta County Clerk regarding the location change.

10. Old Business

A. Beal City/Coldwater Lake Sewer Project – Beal City – Mindel reported that arbitration on Contract 3 (Force Main to MP) will likely happen in December. Coldwater Lake – see New Business (A) below.

B. Weidman Sewer Project – Nothing to report.

C. Fall 2% Projects – Mindel reported that the two projects discussed at the September 2025 board meeting were submitted in the Fall 2% application process.

11. New Business

A. Coldwater Lake Sewer Numbers - the board reviewed the numbers (\$30,000 special assessment) and advice from the financial consultant and bond counsel; Motion by Schafer to discontinue the Coldwater Lake sewer project; Support – Streng; motion approved.

B. 9 Day Early Voting Agreement – Motion by Streng to give Curtiss the authority to sign the 9-Day Early Voting Agreement on behalf of Nottawa Township; Support – Galinski; motion approved.

C. Katie to Sign Donation Docs – Motion by Curtiss to give Galinski the authority to sign documents from the Beal City Sesquicentennial Committee for a donation to the township; Support – Schafer; motion approved.

D. Natzel Opinion – Motion by Curtiss to direct the township attorneys to write a letter to Jean Natzel detailing their findings following her ethical complaint; Support – Galinski; motion approved.

12. Adjournment – Curtiss made a motion to adjourn; Support – Schafer, meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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

- These minutes will be approved at the November 3, 2025, meeting.