

NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP
Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2026

Galinski made a motion to have Curtiss run the meeting; Support – Schafer; motion approved.

Curtiss called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; Mindel was absent.

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

6. Local Government Recognition and Report – None

7. Public Comment: None

8. Treasurer’s Report and Authorization to Pay Bills – Galinski reviewed the township bank accounts. 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 approved.

9. Board Reports

A. Fire Department Report – 83 calls last month; There were a total of 523 runs in 2025. Harry Schafer named the fire department as the beneficiary of his life insurance policy and they received \$7,450. They plan to buy some new radios with the proceeds. The small pickup truck sustained some damage in the recent ice storm; insurance will pay to fix it. The next meeting is March. 5, 2026.

B. Council of Governments/Isabella MTA meeting – Curtiss reported that the January MTA meeting was hosted by Denver Township and the presenter was Pete Preston, who is contracted to Isabella County for equalization services. He explained the yearly assessment process.

C. Treasurer’s Report – Galinski reported that Winter tax collection, without penalty or interest, ends Tuesday, February 17 at 5 p.m. She will continue to collect taxes until Monday, March 2, 2026, at 5 p.m. but with added penalties/interest. She reported that in 2025, Gov Pros, our online payment platform, was used 94 times by township residents to pay taxes or sewer payments (77 sewer; 17 taxes). This service costs the township \$600 per year. She also reported that the hall was rented 17 times in 2025, but used over 70 times when considering meetings, elections and Board of Review. Lastly, she reported that she is looking into banking options for some of our high value bank accounts as they may lack FDIC protections.

D. Clerk’s Report – Curtiss reported that we will have a May election for Chippewa Hills schools and if there are no Isabella County questions for the ballot then the election will be run by the Mecosta County Clerk as the school is sited in Mecosta County.

10. Old Business

A. Beal City Sewer Project – Waiting for the arbitration date to be set.

B. Weidman Sewer Project – Nothing to report.

11. New Business

A. BOR poverty asset guidelines – Curtiss presented the proposed 2026 Board of Review poverty asset guidelines as provided by the assessor. Schafer made a motion to approve the guidelines; Support – Streng; motion approved.

B. Principal only payment on USDA loan – Curtiss reported that Mr. Campbell, the financial advisor on our sewer projects, has recommended that we make a \$100,000 principal only payment on our USDA loan that financed the building of the forced main to Mt. Pleasant and the Beal City gravity sewer. We currently have \$308,097.81 in the sewer debt retirement account. Galinski made a motion to make a \$100,000 principal only payment on the USDA loan; Support – Schafer; motion approved.

C. Spring 2% application – The board discussed possible 2% projects we could apply for including a portion of the proposed walking path at the park in order to make Fields 3 & 4 more accessible to those with wheelchairs and walkers and leaving room for whatever the Road Commission may propose at our road priorities meeting later this month. Both the Coldwater Lake Association and Weidman Business Association (Mitchell Park) have said they will submit proposals for us to consider and submit on their behalf. These proposals will be taken up at the March meeting.

12. Adjournment – Galinski made a motion to adjourn; Support – Streng, meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Next meeting – Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes will be approved at the March 2026 board meeting.