

NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP
Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2026

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

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

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 – There were 47 calls last month (35 were medical). They have two new firefighters and 6 current members are taking classes. They purchased a training door to work on making entries into buildings. The next meeting is March 5, 2026.

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

C. Treasurer’s Report – Winter 2025 tax season ended March 2, 2026 – any outstanding property taxes now must be paid to the county. The township sent out 1,686 winter tax bills and 1,555 were paid on or before March 2nd.

D. Clerk’s Report – There will be a May 5, 2026, election for Chippewa Hills schools and in person voting will be consolidated with Sherman Township – the same as the November election was. Voters who need an absentee ballot should contact the Clerk for an application.

10. Old Business

A. Beal City Sewer Project – Arbitration is set for April 7-9, 2026.

B. Weidman Sewer Project – Nothing to report.

11. New Business

A. 2026 Brine contract – Mindel presented the 2026 Brine contract from the Road Commission for two applications at 2500 gallons per mile and 42.31 miles at a cost of \$40,363.74 for the township; Schafer made a motion to approve the contract; Support – Curtiss; motion approved.

B. 2026 Gravel Road contracts; Mindel presented the 2026 Gravel Road contracts from the Road Commission for Vandecar between Baseline and Jordan and Denver between Vandecar and Nottawa for 1000 tons of gravel per mile at a cost to the township of \$12,201.91 for each mile; Streng made a motion to approve both contracts; Support – Schafer; motion approved.

C. 2026 Chip Seal Project – Curtiss and Schafer presented a proposal from the Road Commission to split the cost of chip sealing Jordan Road from Gilmore to Littlefield Rd. at a cost to the township of around \$22,000. After discussion the board decided not to pursue this project at this time.

D. Shawn Wheat Contract Renewal – Mindel presented the 2026 contract for Shawn Wheat, the operator of the sewer system. There are no changes from the 2025 contract. Galinski made a motion to approve the contract; Support – Schafer; motion approved.

E. Election Worker Wage Resolution – Curtiss presented a resolution to raise election worker wages to \$15.00 per hour and chairperson(s) to \$17.00 per hour; Mindel called a roll call vote; resolution was approved.

F. Spring 2% application – Curtiss made a motion to request funds to build a paved path at the park in order to make Fields 3 & 4 more accessible to those with wheelchairs and walkers with the township contributing \$14,581.50 towards the cost; Support – Streng; motion approved. Curtiss made a motion to request funds to repave Johnson Road between Weidman Rd and Beal City Rd with the township contributing \$40,000 towards the project; Support – Schafer; motion approved. Schafer made a motion to submit the request from the Coldwater Lake Association for milfoil removal; Support – Galinski; motion approved. Curtiss made a motion to submit the request from the Weidman Business Association for tree cutting/trimming/stump grinding at Mitchell Park; Support – Streng; motion approved.

G. 2026-2027 Budget – The Board worked through the proposed 2026-2027 budget; Curtiss made a motion to approve the proposed budget as amended; Support – Schafer; motion approved.

12. Adjournment – Curtiss made a motion to adjourn; Support – Galinski, meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting – Monday, April 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

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