

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

April 3, 2025

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All board members present.

Others present were: Jane & Jim Redmond; Mel Killinger (RC Fire Dept); Mark McIsaac (RC Fire Dept); Rose Quackenbush; Ray & Debby Grant; Corinne Maher; Jim Morris; Pat Robinson; Louanne Rosebrugh; Matt Polzin; Ron Chapman; Trish Anderson.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda; Fred he would like to talk about how raises are handled. Ron stated the agenda stood as amended.

Jan T made a motion, seconded by Ron, to accept the previous monthly meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to approve the Budget Workshop minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to approve the Budget Hearing minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Fred questioned the Recycle check to the General Fund, in the checks issued after the March 3, 2025 meeting; Jan stated it was for payroll taxes and was approved at the March 3, 2025 meeting. Jan made a motion, seconded by Teena, to the bills. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Fred, Teena, JanT, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Fred reported that he has not heard from Kennedy Industries regarding the control panel; he also hasn't received the bill for repairs.

Ron stated we received a new layout for the kitchen, from Fred, and questioned how many cabinets we need. Discussion was held. Fred stated the cabinets would cost \$7,439 from Home Depot and \$4,500 from Grand Stone. Jan F questioned if we could use open shelves with countertops instead of cabinets. She also stated that we don't need upper cabinets; nothing is stored in the cabinets. Ron questioned what could be done because of the asbestos; Fred stated that if nothing goes into the walls, we don't need to test for asbestos. Discussion was held. Ron stated the bid for flooring in the meeting room needs to be abated. Teena stated Miller Construction does abatement; Ron stated he does not like to do it. Fred stated we could lay flooring over the existing carpet. Danny Morrison stated to do it right; he trusts Joey Clark, from Morse Clark furniture. Ron stated before we commit, he would like to see the total cost of the hall repairs. Fred stated he received a bid from Hi-Tech for encapsulating the crawl space, at the cost of \$3,300. He also reported we will have to add a sump pump with a crock because there is water in the crawl space. Mel Killinger and Mark McIsaac left at 6:45pm due to an emergency call. Ron stated we need to contact Brian Stein, Ogemaw County Building Inspector. Jan T questioned if Fred looked at the furnace; he stated yes. Jan T stated the furnace room will need to be abated; it has asbestos in it. Discussion was held. Ron questioned when the repairs are complete, how much are we investing. Fred reported that he replaced ceiling tiles in the office and one fell again; there is a leak in the roof.

Ron reported there will be three (3) brinings this year. Fred will contact Churchill Township to see if they will pay half of the costs.

Jan F reported we received two (2) letters of application for hall cleaning; neither one had the amount they would charge for cleaning. Discussion was held. Jan will contact the individuals for their charges for cleaning.

Fred gave the RC Fire report, which included: five (5) runs, one (1) Cumming Township. Ron reported that he and Fred met with Rob Reid, Hill Township Supervisor, and Shelley Maleski, Rose Township Supervisor, regarding Cumming Township being serviced by the Lupton Fire Dept. They would like to

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service Sections 1,2,11,12,14, and State Land 22 and 23, at the cost of \$10,000. Ron gave the history of the Lupton Fire Dept servicing Cumming Township. After speaking with RC Fire Dept, Ron stated we would leave the Sections along Sage Lake Rd to Wiltse Rd with the RC Fire Dept. Lupton Fire Dept was offered \$8,500. Ron also stated that he spoke with Allison Thompson, Assessor, regarding the taxable value. Teena questioned if we are splitting the cost for fire coverage between RC Fire Dept and Lupton Fire Dept; Ron stated that both fire depts would be called out at the same time, with each giving Mutual Aid when needed, so he suggested to leave the cost for the RC Fire Dept as budgeted for this year. Discussion was held. Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred, to contract with the Lupton Fire Dept, at the cost of \$8,500, and to leave the RC Fire Dept as is in the current budget for 2025-2026. Roll Call Vote: Teena, Ron, Jan T, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Jan T gave the Transfer Station report, which included: doing pretty good. She also reported that there was a compactor problem; when GFL removed the compactor they cleaned out the area and turned on the compactor. Jan contacted SpeedTech, who listened to the compactor and stated that it seems ok. SpeedTech will do the regular maintenance in May and make sure everything is running correctly. Ray Grant stated there have been discrepancies with the amount Teena deposits. Discussion was held. Ray Grant stated he and Jan T count the money together, so he doesn't know how it can be off. He also stated that he doesn't want this to be an issue in the future. Ron stated that Jan T is stepping back a little so he would like to hire Debbie Grant as an alternate at the Transfer Station. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to hire Debbie Grant as an alternate at the Transfer Station. Motion carried.

Fred reported that when wages were increased, it wasn't done right. He stated the Supervisor should present the resolution, wait 30 days. Fred questioned the Annual Meeting; Jan F stated we haven't held an Annual Meeting in many years, as it was changed; we hold the Budget Hearing. Jan F also stated that she also contacted MTA regarding the Salary Resolution and received a different answer, regarding wages, than Fred. Discussion was held. Ron stated he will contact MTA. Jan also stated that we no longer need to bring up wage increases in February, as in the past.

Pat Robinson thanked Teena for doing well in her first tax season. She also asked to have the new shelves in the kitchen covered with formica, for easier clean-up. Pat Robinson with the Road Millage on the May ballot, shouldn't a letter go out; Ron stated yes, he has a letter to present. Connie Malecek stated open shelving would be better in the kitchen than cabinets.

Ron read the proposed letter regarding the Road Millage for the May election. Bill Olsen questioned if it was a reinstating or renewing millage; Ron stated it is reinstating. Teena stated the number of mills and the estimated revenue should be in the letter. Discussion was held. Ron will re-write the letter and send it to the voters, 10 days to two (2) weeks before the election. Teena stated she will print the mailing labels; Jan F will get the voter list to Teena. Connie Malecek stated she received her AV ballot; she questioned how the millage will generate \$94,000 in the first year; Ron gave information regarding taxable value and how the millage is figured. Rose Quackenbush questioned getting paper and envelopes for the millage letters; Jan F will get these items to her, along with stamps. Discussion was held regarding using the Chamber bulk mailing; we will use regular postage.

Jan F made a motion, seconded by Teena, to adjourn at 7:28pm. Motion carried.

_____, Clerk