

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

January 2, 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: Mel Killinger; Mark & Marae Candy; Corinne Maher; Ron Chapman; Wendy Clary; Rose Quackenbush; Pat Robinson; Randy McCrite; Ray & Debby Grant; Jim & Jane Redmond; Jim & Norma Morris; Duane Pelfrey; Michelle & Cal Berk.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda; there were none.

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

Jan F stated that General ck#3930 is \$1,007.09 and General ck#3935 is \$160.21; she also stated that a final bill for the Ogemaw Center Rd culvert was not sent in December, so Road ck#1053 will be used when the bill is received.

Jan F made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to pay the bills. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Teena, Jan T, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Teena – Absent. Motion carried.

Fred reported that the new controls for the sewer system should be installed on February 5 and 6; we are waiting on the pumps. Jan F reported that the costs for the sewer users will be re-worked due to a split in one of the properties; there are now 23 units, instead of 22 units. This will be done for the May 2025 billing. Ron stated that he and Fred met with Eric Precord, from MDOT, regarding a sidewalk along M33; sidewalks do not go through Eric Precord. He suggested looking into grants for the sidewalk. Eric Precord stated that MDOT may put underground culverts from R&R Tire/GBC properties, south to Berg's property, at MDOT costs. There is no timeline for this project.

Fred presented paint and flooring samples. Jan F questioned click together flooring, due to the uneven floors, won't they separate? Mark Candy stated filler can be used if needed. Ray Grant questioned the sub floor; Fred stated it was intact. Ray Grant suggested having someone check under the hall for any issues; Fred stated this was done around 2018, there were two (2) companies that found nothing wrong. Discussion was held on product warranty. Mark Candy stated he has been laying flooring for 50 years, when asked if he is licensed and insured, he stated he is licensed. Jan questioned if the kitchen floor was included in the bid; Fred stated no. Fred also stated that the bathroom flooring is included in the bid. Jan T stated if the bathroom is going to be remodeled, it needs to follow ADA guidelines. Ron suggested not doing anything with the bathrooms, not even floors. Discussion was held. Ron suggested checking with Brian Stein, from the Building Dept, regarding ADA guidelines. Fred reported that he spoke with Brett Winslow regarding the hall furnace; he stated there isn't a cold air return; Brett Winslow stated a cold air return can be installed in the office. Jan F presented the MiDEAL agreement, which is a State program for goods and services at the State cost; this costs \$180.00 annually. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to approve the payment to MiDEAL, at the cost of \$180.00. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Teena, Ron, Jan T, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried. Jan F will use the credit card for payment. Corinne Maher questioned if there were any events scheduled at the hall; this will need to be looked at, February 8, there is a rental. Jan T questioned where the \$22,000 is coming from; Fred stated General Fund. Jan F suggested seeing if there is a cost difference from MiDEAL for the purchase of paint and flooring; Fred will check into this. Fred will also check with Brian Stein regarding codes and ADA guidelines.

Fred gave the RC Fire report, which included: 12 fire runs, two (2) Cumming. Mel Killinger reported new lockers were purchased; through a grant, an addition to the fire hall will be made to have his/her bathrooms and showers; fire gear needs to be updated, they are looking at grants; LED grant was used for overhead lights; air compressors and high pressure air tanks will be purchased with at grant; fire calls for 2024 were up 106 fire runs.

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Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: the Christmas Party was held; Carol Gillman had a birthday over the weekend, she is doing a good job.

Jan T gave the Transfer Station report, which included: everything is going good, she presented totals for the month; Ray Grant replaced the door handle, on the back door. Jan T stated there is some concern over the \$2 and \$4 bags; Ray Grant built a frame to check the bags, anything over the frame size is \$6. Ron stated the frame looks good, Jan T stated they would like to use the frame, if approved by the board. The board unanimously approved.

Ron stated the BOR needs to be re-appoint and a new member needs to be appointed, these are two (2) year terms. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to appoint the following individuals to the BOR: Delinn Keetch, Bill Clark, Ray Grant. Motion carried. Ron stated that Allison Thompson sent resolutions and an application for 2025 Poverty Exemptions. Jan F made resolution, seconded by Jan T, to approve the Alternative Start Date for March BOR, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Teena, Jan T, Ron, Fred, Jan F - All Yes. Resolution adopted. Jan F made a resolution, seconded by Ron, to approve the 2025 Poverty Exemption Resolution, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Ron, Jan T, Teena, Jan F – All Yes. Resolution adopted. Jan F made a resolution, seconded by Jan T, to approve the 2025 Poverty Exemption Application. Teena questioned the guideline amounts; Jan stated they are the State guidelines. Roll Call Vote: Jan T, Ron, Teena, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Resolution adopted.

Ron questioned if everyone received a copy of the Blight Ordinance; yes. He reported that Ron Vaughn is not interested in being a Blight Officer, but someone suggested that Dean Coleman may be interested. Ron also stated in the spring, he may need to get out to check blight situations. Complaints are usually filed with the Supervisor, then investigated. Discussion was held. Jan F questioned if something is going on in the township, she reminded everyone that we can't choose who gets a visit. Discussion was held. Fred suggested getting a list of contacts to clean up the individual issues; Randy McCrite suggested putting the contact list on the Spring tax bills. Discussion was held. Wendy Clark questioned if falling down barns are included as blight; they are agricultural, so no. Ron stated we will look at this in the spring.

Bill Olsen gave the HL Weed Control report, which included: the 2024 annual report has not been issued by Savin. Bill Olsen stated that he and Jan F spoke about the Savin 2025 Henderson Lake Contract, they both watch the budget. Bill Olsen questioned Rob Reid, Hill Twp Supervisor, if they should go out for bid; Rob Reid stated the pricing is about the same and if HL is satisfied with Savin, then we will stay with them. Bill Olsen stated HL is comfortable to stay with Savin for 2025. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to renew the Savin Lake 2025 Contract, as presented. Teena questioned the cost of weed treatment; Bill Olsen explained that the costs could fluctuate. Jan stated Cumming Township collects \$11,615 per year, in a Special Assessment. Bill explained that Cumming Township pays 60% and Hill Township pays 40%. Bill Olsen also stated that the following website has facts and history of the weed treatment: hendersonlake.org. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Teena, Jan T, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried. Ron questioned if HL was building an excess from the special assessment; Bill Olsen stated he was watching it.

Ron reported that the Commissioners are meeting tonight; they will be electing a chairperson.

Fred made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to adjourn at 7:31pm. Motion carried.

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