## CUMMING TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Ron, Jan, Shari, Fred - present. Reid – Absent.

Others present were: Jan Thompson; Jim & Jane Redmond; Randy McCrite; Louanne Rosebrugh; Jim & Norma Morris; Ray Grant; Rose Quackenbush; Corinne Maher; Pat Robinson; Linda L. hall; Teena & Ron Chapman; Duane Pelfrey; Theresa Kline.

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

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

Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to pay the bills. Ron questioned the GFL bill; Jan stated it was for two (2) pickups. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Ron, Shari, Jan – Yes. Reid – Absent Motion carried.

Fred reported that the sump pump was installed; the electrical outlet needed replacing so an electrician was called. Fred also reported that Kennedy Industries stated the pumps are 12 to 14 weeks out; the control panel will be repaired soon. Jan explained the transfer from the Sewer Assessment Fund to the Sewer Fund; this was for the expenses sump pump and electrical that was installed. Jan presented the breakdown of the quarterly expenses and the 4-yr loan for the sewer users; she suggested beginning with the billing changes, including the \$35 per quarter for the Repair Fund, as of January 1, 2025, which will be billed out in May 2025. Fred made a motion, seconded by Shari, to accept the breakdown of quarterly expenses, the 4yr loan, and the Repair Fund as presented. Roll Call Vote: Shari, Ron, Fred, Jan – Yes. Reid – Absent. Motion carried.

Fred questioned if the board was ready to get bids for the hall; Ron said yes, starting with the floors. Jan suggested looking at the kitchen floor, to make sure there isn't asbestos. Discussion was held. Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred, to get bids for flooring and painting, at the hall. Motion carried.

Fred spoke with Mike Babcock, Churchill Twp, and stated there isn't an agreement for Peters Rd brining; Fred will speak with the Road Commission. Theresa Kline stated she spoke with the Churchill Twp Clerk and said an agreement was offered for the brine. Jan question who was offered the agreement; no one from the board received an agreement. Discussion was held. Fred will speak with Churchill Twp on Monday. Shari questioned brining from Gerald Miller Rd to O'Neil Rd; Jan stated that all roads are to be continuous brining. Ron stated most gravel roads are ok with two (2) brines, but East Peters Rd may need to be brined three (3) times.

Ron reported that he was contacted by Gary Wangler regarding the Rose City Fire Dept. He is burning behind the barn, people call in, and the fire dept is showing up. Ron suggested that he call 911 to report that he will be burning so the fire dept is alerted. Ron reported that Rose Twp and Hill Twp is in the process of purchasing the Lupton Fire Dept. Discussion was held.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: going good; number of meals served is phenomenal.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: going ok; took in approximately \$2,300 in trash last month; the prices were increased for large items; Fred stated he read a statement last month regarding board members working as an employee; Jan read from the April/May 2024 MTA magazine that board members may work as employees. Fred stated he spoke with two (2) townships and the stated board members may work as employees.

Ron spoke about Blight. Jan stated the township needs a new blight officer; she suggested contacting Ron Vaughan; Ron will contact him. Fred questioned how blight was handled; Jan stated

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a complaint form is filed with the Supervisor. Ron stated blight is a tricky situation: a complaint is filed, then they complain about other residents, but complaint forms are not submitted. Fred suggested putting a letter out to all township residents, for blight solutions. Ron questioned if it could be included in the winter tax bills. Discussion was held. Shari stated the letter must be done by November 1 and it will cost to have the letter in with the winter tax bills. Fred stated maybe we need to think more about the letter before putting it out. Jan suggested putting something on the website. Ron suggested putting a newsletter in the winter tax bills, with the following information: the hall rental, Transfer Station, contacts for cleaning up properties, Clean-up, etc.

Ron stated Gladwin County will take Ogemaw County inmates. Corinne Maher questioned what will happen with the jail; the sheriff's office in the old building will be moved into the current jail building. The old building will be torn down. There will be enough room for 72-hr holding for inmates. Discussion was held.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to adjourn at 7:17pm. Motion carried.

Ron re-opened the meeting at 7:18pm.

Fred reported that he spoke with Eric, from Alpena MDOT, he will be in Rose City to look at the ditching along M33, in the Sewer District. Eric would like to meet with the board on October 15 at 10:00am.

Shari made a motion, seconded by Fred, to adjourn at 7:21pm.

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