

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

February 6, 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; Jane & Jim Redmond; Ray & Debby Grant; Rose Quackenbush; Michelle & Cal Berk; Kathy Morrison; Cristina Curtis; Corinne & Charlie Maher; Pat Robinson; Bob Hoover; Duane Pelfrey; Ron Chapman; Linda Hall; Joey Clark.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda; there were none. Fred stated he has a quote from Consumers Energy, for a streetlight in Rose City. Teena stated she has information regarding a CD that is maturing.

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

Jan T made a motion, seconded by Teena, to accept the January 7, 2025 Special meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Ron addressed the Ogemaw County Road Commission bill; Jan F read a letter explaining said bill. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Teena, to pay the bills. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Ron, Teena, Jan T, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Teena reported the General CD is maturing on February 18, 2025; she has contacted the bank. Rates for the CD are as follows: one year, 4.6%; 180 days, 0.51%/ Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred, to approve that the Treasurer renew the General CD at the best interest rate. Roll Call Vote: Jan T, Teena, Ron, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Jan F questioned what the bill from Li'l Willies was for; Fred stated it was for pumping out the pits so the new pumps could be installed. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Ron, to approve the bill to Li'l Willies, for \$350.00. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Teena, Jan T, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried. Fred stated that Kennedy Industries may take this amount off their bill.

Jan F stated we should transfer the loan of \$60,000 from General Fund to the Sewer Fund; this is a four-year loan (2026-2029), 3% loan with 2025 being a non-interest loan. Jan made a motion, seconded by Fred, to transfer \$60,000 from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Jan T, Teena, Ron, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Fred reported that the new are installed and running good. He stated that the old pumps cannot be rebuilt. Fred also stated that there is a lot of grease being dumped into the sewer system. Discussion was held. Fred will check into the grease problem. Fred stated if there is an emergency, Chase Wiltse will be the first call and he (Fred) will be the second call.

Fred stated that he contacted Flooring International for a quote for all flooring at the hall; it is approximately \$35,000. Jan F reported that she and Joey Clark pulled back a corner of the carpet in the hall and it was in pieces; this was sent in for testing and came back as asbestos. Fred stated he spoke with Mid State Asbestos regarding the testing; Jan F stated that all the floors should be tested. Joey Clark agreed that all the floors should be tested, the adhesive may have asbestos. Fred stated that there is a solid sub-floor. Fred also stated that testing could be done when the carpet is pulled up. Discussion was held. Joey Clark stated that the meeting room is in the quote. Fred made a motion, seconded by Ron, to have asbestos removal done and to accept the bid for flooring from Morse Clark Furniture, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Teena, Jan T, Fred, Ron, Jan F - All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron stated that the Clerk is currently using Pontem Software, but have a quote, of \$28,675.00, from BS&A Software; he also stated that we are the last municipality to change to BS&A Software. Teena questioned if it was necessary to change; Jan stated no, it's not necessary. Jan stated it is up to the board if we should change. The board will look at this during the Budget Workshop.

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Fred reported that he received a quote, for \$100, from Consumers Energy for the streetlight at Casemaster Dr and M33; there will be a monthly surcharge of \$10-\$11 per month. Jan F questioned why we are paying for the streetlight; Fred stated it is for a new pole and a new light. Fred made a motion, seconded by Jan F, to approve the quote of \$100, from Consumers Energy, to install the new pole and streetlight at Casemaster Dr and M33. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Fred, Teena, Jan T, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Mel Killinger gave the RC Fire report, which included: 106 fire runs in 2024; received funds for five (5) new gas meters to detect gas leakage; received grant for air compressor to fill 4500# air packs; grant was written for six (6) high-band radios; all lights at the fire hall have been changed to LED; received new lockers; received a 2024 DNR grant for four (4) turn-out gear and 18 jugs of fire fighter foam; received a firehouse sub grant for battery operated jaws of life; all trucks have reflective tape on the front and back, required; one (1) fire truck needs repair on the fuel tank.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: the audit was presented, everything is looking good; in 2024, 68,473 home meals were served and 15,000 congregate meals were served; there are more people attending the meals; the average donation for a meal is \$1.57; the building loan should be paid off this year, repairs will need to be done.

Jan T gave the Transfer Station report, which included: everything is going good, she presented totals for the month; Jan T stated the stripping on the west garage door has come off, they tried to put the stripping back on, but the garage door is rusted out. Jan T stated she would like to get a quote for a new door. Also, the east garage door is going bad. The board unanimously stated to get a quote for the garage doors.

Ron stated the dates for the March BOR are set; Jan F stated the BOR dates are posted. Ron also stated BOR training is February 12, 2025.

Ron reported that he spoke with Dean Coleman regarding hiring him as Blight Officer; Dean will think about it and let Ron know.

Bill Olsen gave the HL Weed Control report, which included: the 2024 water quality report was just released; they received an A rating. This report includes various elements of the lake. Bill Olsen stated they are still waiting for the 2024 summary maps of weed control. Bill Olsen reported that the Henderson Lake Weed Control Special Assessment is lapsing, ending in 2025; he will coordinate with Jan F regarding the Special Assessment. Ron questioned what would need to be done for the special assessment; Bill Olsen stated public hearings would need to be held. Bill Olsen also stated the results of the special assessment are very positive. Jan F stated that Cumming Township and Hill Township have held combined Public Hearings.

Jan F reported there will be a May Election for WBRC Schools, this is a renewal of a Sinking Fund. Fred stated we could put a proposal for a Road millage on the ballot. Jan F stated if we put the Road millage on the May ballot, we will not be reimbursed by WBRC Schools. Discussion was held. Jan T stated if we put the Road millage on the ballot, why not put a millage on for the Transfer Station; it was stated that we could talk about this later. Discussion was held. Fred made a motion, seconded by Ron, to put a 2.300 Road millage on the May ballot; this would generate approximately \$94,162.20. Roll Call Vote: Jan T – No, Fred – Yes, Ron – Yes, Teena – Yes, Jan F – No. Motion carried.

Jan F reported that All-Ages Recreation is accepting applications for the Summer Recreation Program. She stated if anyone knows someone who may want to apply, please contact the City of Rose City for an application. Jan would also like to post this on the township website.

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Ron questioned if there is any more talk on the Community Center; Fred stated they are getting paperwork together; Jan F stated WBRC Schools wanted to wait until May.

Jan F stated that Rebecca Vorva is giving up her cleaning jobs and will no longer clean the township hall. Jan suggested getting letters of application sent to the PO Box; she also suggested putting this on the website.

The Budget Workshop will be held on March 13, 2025 at 6:30pm. The Budget Hearing will be held on March 27, 2025 at 6:30pm.

Teena reported that Nicole Curley was in an accident near McKellar Road and Rose City Road in 2023; she received a collection notice but wasn't notified before this. Nicole Curley stated that she was not at fault and wondered why the other person involved wasn't billed. Teena stated the collection was on hold and the RC Fire Dept is looking into it. Jan F suggested that Teena look at the fire run records and work with the RC Fire Dept.

Pat Robinson suggested that the hall be closed for rentals in April; Fred stated that the rental schedule will be looked at before doing the flooring.

Jane Redmond questioned if the Transfer Station was ever going on the ballot for a millage. Discussion was held. Michelle Berk questioned if a millage were passed for the Transfer Station only Cumming Township residents should use the Transfer Station; Jan F stated a system would need to be used for Cumming Township and out-of-township residents would be charged.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan F, to adjourn at 7:47pm. Motion carried.

_____, Clerk