

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All board members— present. Others present were: Lesley Murchie; Jody Zimmer; Bruce Schneider; Larry Tabaka; Pat Robinson; Ray Grant; Ray Eastridge; Kevin Goforth; David Bramer; Fred Rosebrugh; Rose Quackenbush; Cal Berk; Dan Morrison; Kathy Morrison; Walt & Claudia Sammut; Chris Evans (RC Fire Chief).

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

Discussion was held regarding the costs per bag at the Transfer Station. Jan Thompson stated she misunderstood the cost per bag and will change the postings. Also discussed was the postings of meetings; all regular meetings are posted on the website, as well as other meetings. Shari made a motion, seconded by Ron, to approve the Budget Workshop minutes, as presented. Motion carried. Ron apologized that he didn't realize the printer was down, so couldn't print the information to have at the back table for the Budget Hearing. Shari made a motion, seconded by Reid, to approve the Budget Hearing minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Shari made a motion to pay bills, with the addition of Recycle ck#2172 to GFL for \$98.37, still had some credit this billing, and Recycle check#2173 to Gary Asel for \$48.99. Jan seconded the motion to pay bills. Roll Call Vote: Matt, Shari, Reid, Ron, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Jan presented the bid from Best Cleaning, to clean the township hall. Discussion was held; other bids will be gathered. Ron questioned the bookings for hall rentals; Shari stated there is one (1) in April. Jan stated the Election is May 3.

Jan presented the Speed Tech Equipment bid for the compactor oil/water problem at the Transfer Station; she suggested using ARPA funds to fix the oil/water problem. Jan Thompson explained the oil/water problem; she stated it hasn't been checked in four (4) years. Shari made a motion, seconded by Ron, to accept the bid to fix the compactor oil/water problem at the Transfer Station, with ARPA funds. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Shari, Reid, Matt, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding repairs at the Transfer Station.

Jan reported that M33 Access looked at the Wi-Fi situation at the hall and recommended a new router. Jan stated a new router would be around \$100 at Walmart. Ron made a motion, seconded by Reid, to purchase a router at Walmart. Roll Call Vote: Reid, Ron, Matt, Shari, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried. Jan also reported that the M33 Access email has been down for 3-4 weeks, she has called multiple times a week. Jan stated when the email is back on-line, she will ask for a credit on the township account. Discussion was held about checking into a different internet service; Jan will check with Frontier.

Jan reported that the information for the streetlight at Sensabaugh and Sage Lake Roads is in the township email. Jan would like to take action to pay for the installation of the streetlight and for Ron to sign the contract to add the street light to the township account. Jan made a motion, seconded by Matt, to pay \$100 for the installation of the streetlight at Sensabaugh and Sage Lake Roads, and for Ron to sign the contract. Roll Call Vote: Shari, Ron Reid, Matt, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron stated the brining was discussed at the Budget Workshop, for two (2) brines: before Memorial Day and before the Fourth of July. Ron also stated that he was contacted by an individual on Peters Road and was told that Churchill Township will be brining Peters Road for the third brine. Ron made a motion, seconded by Reid, to accept the 2022 Brine Order from the Ogemaw County Road Commission. Roll Call Vote: Reid, Shari, Matt, Ron, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: two (2) fire runs, one (1) in Cumming Twp; everything is good. Chris Evans, RC Fire Chief, reported the first update on the new truck was given; this week

the decaling should be completed; RC Fire Dept representatives will be inspecting the truck on May 2, 3, and 4; should receive the truck a week after the inspections. He also reported the truck is being built in Florida by Holt Fire. Ron stated that the municipalities contributed a total of \$600,000 for the new truck; Reid stated the truck will be certified forever if certifications are kept up to date.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: not a lot going on.

Matt read a recap from helping at the Transfer Station for a few days, see attachment. The concerns at the Transfer Station, from others, were: only takes one (1) person to work there; not helping the handicap and elderly; if Transfer Station is short, use General Fund money. Jan Thompson stated there was only four (4) weeks that two (2) people were working at the Transfer Station, and she remembers when there were two to three (2-3) workers; she also stated that the handicap and elderly are helped. Ron reported that other townships use General funds for their trash, but it is part of the General Tax Base. Shari stated the Transfer Station was built by Grants and township funds, also millages were passed. Other discussion was held regarding looking where money was lost; using the Transfer Station CD; illegally dumping; reports, showing the last year the millage was collected to present. Jan stated that years ago there were two (2) millages for the Transfer Station, but there was quite a bit of extra money, so a past board voted not to collect one of the millages. This was done knowing that when the other millage was up for renewal something would need to be done to collect what was needed to keep the Transfer Station running. Ron stated the board has the right to not collect if funds are not needed. Ron also stated the CD will help if the compactor needs replacement. Fred Rosebrugh questioned how old the compactor was. Ron stated 40 years; Fred Rosebrugh agreed that the CD should be for replacement. Ron stated some sort of card would be needed to help keep illegal dumping in check. Bruce Schneider suggested charging \$1.00 for kitchen bags, 13 gallon; Jan Thompson stated she was going to ask the same thing. Bag fees were discussed; Jan Thompson will change the postings. Ron suggested going back to the original bag fees, use from General Fund if needed. Walt Sammut suggested putting a millage on the ballot, let the taxpayers vote; if it fails, go to another avenue. Discussion was held. Ron stated the general consensus was to limit bags, control illegal dumping, and have a free clean up. He then stated that a millage needs to be put on the ballot. Jan gave figures for 1 mil, 1.25 mills, and 1.5 mills. Discussion was held regarding the number of mills needed; Ron stated 1.25 mill needs to be put on the ballot, totaling \$41,572. Ron read the millage request. Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to have a 1.25 millage put on the ballot, for the Transfer Station. Roll Call Vote: Ron – Yes, Shari – Yes, Reid – No, Matt – No, Jan – Yes. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding the bag fee for up to 13 gallon bags. Jan made a motion, seconded by Ron, to change the bag fee for up to 13 gallon, \$1.00 and 14-33 gallons, \$2.00, all others remain the same. Roll Call Vote: Shari, Matt, Reid, Ron, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Jan Thompson reported that the Scrap Tire Grant was received and the pick up will be June 25 from 9am-5pm. She also gave information regarding the Scrap Tire Grant. Discussion was held regarding people going curb-side for trash because of the costs of the bags at the Transfer Station.

Jan suggested holding a free clean up days, using ARPA funds. Reid made a motion, seconded by Matt, to hold a free clean up days, using ARPA funds. Pat Robinson suggested holding it the first of May, since people are used to it. Jan stated she would like to hold it the week before the tire collection, so the taxpayers could bring in tires. Discussion was held; the Clean-up will be held Friday, June 17 and Saturday June 18, from 9am-5pm both days. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Matt, Shari, Reid, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried. Jan Thompson questioned if she should start collecting tires now; it was decided not to. Jan Thompson would like to put out a volunteer list; the board will check into using volunteers. Dan Morrison stated there will need to four (4) people working; it will be busy. Discussion was held regarding builders dumping; this will not be allowed.

CUMMING TOWNSHIP  
Regular Meeting

April 11, 2022

Jan gave the Henderson Lake report, which included: Bill Olsen emailed today that the 2021 Henderson Lake survey is on the website: hendersonlake.org

Shari questioned if anyone has heard from Allison; Ron stated no. Ron stated an All-Ages Recreation Committee Member needs to be named. Jan stated she will be the All-Ages Recreation Committee Member.

Chris Evans reported that he just received a message that an Open House for the new fire truck will be on June 25, 2022.

Ron stated a meeting needs to be set up for the sewer users. He also stated that he will contact Howard LaCosse to get prices for parts for the sewer system, to be purchased with ARPA funds. Ron stated everything that is collected from sewer usage goes to the City of Rose City, and there is a need for a rainy day fund for major repairs. Jan stated the repair fund has been talked about but a meeting was never set up. It was questioned what would be the idea of using ARPA funds. Ron stated that infrastructure is a part of the ARPA funds. It was unanimously decided to hold a meeting for the sewer users on May 16, 2022; Jan will notify the sewer users.

Cal Berk stated that Highland Pines will be torn up soon; Ron will contact the Road Commission. Jody Zimmer stated that Consumers need to move the poles along Esmond Road before the paving starts.

Fred Rosebrugh presented information through Consumers Energy to replace the township hall lights. He stated that an electrician needs to be contacted for a bid, then take the bid to Medler Electric to get the rebate that the township will receive. Cal Berk stated that James Parrish is an electrician. Jan Thompson thanked Jan Fritz for bringing up Clean up days, using ARPA funds. She stated many people have been asking about clean up.

Ron stated he received an unsigned letter and read his letter back.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan, to adjourn at 8:33pm.

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