

CUMMING TOWNSHIP  
Regular Meeting

April 6, 2023

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Board members present: R. Quackenbush, Supervisor; J. Fritz, Clerk; S. Denstedt, Treasurer; R. Morrison, Trustee; F. Rosebrugh, Trustee.

Others present were: Jan Thompson; Mark Reilly; Randy McCrite; Michelle & Cal Berk; Lucinda Morrison; Matt Polzin; Pat Robinson; Louanne Rosebrugh; Debby and Ray Grant; Duane Pelfrey; Roger Mayhew.

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

Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to accept the march 9, 2023 Budget Workshop minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Reid made a motion, seconded by Fred, to Accept the March 30, 2023, Budget Hearing minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to pay bills, with the addition of General ck#3555 to Consumers Energy for \$465.72. Reid questioned who Denise Teeples was; Shari stated she is her new deputy. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Shari, Reid, Ron, Jan -All Yes. Motion carried.

Fred reported that there was a meeting with Leo Dion, from RCAP, which was mainly questions and clarifications for the information to apply for the grant. Fred stated the township median wage is \$42,000 and Rose City's median wage is \$22,000; he also stated the average together is \$37,000. This makes us qualify for a grant. Fred also reported that he was contacted by Mike Killackey and there is a major water problem with sewer; there was 189,000 gallons of water in one day. Mike Killackey is taking care of the sewer until Rose City hires a new employee. Fred stated the township needs to do the scoping down the sewer system before the grant is awarded; he suggested to have this done right away. Jan questioned with was being told today, is this a grant or a loan; Fred stated it could be either. Discussion was held. Fred also stated a loan would need to be paid back; Jan stated the payback would need to get through the Sewer Acct, not through the General Acct, in which a Special Assessment would need to be done. Shari stated there isn't enough money in the Sewer Acct. Jan also stated that the board agreed to use \$10,000 for the sewer system, from ARPA funds. Fred reported that the sewer rates will probably increase; Ron stated the last increase was in 1986. Fred stated this may influence the grant and that we will need to follow their guidance. Jan stated that an increase in rates will not increase the revenue for repairs; it will only increase the rates that the sewer users will pay for useage. Fred reported that he spoke with Travis, from USDA, and there may be a grant for \$10,000 - \$14,000 available. Discussion was held. Duane Pelfrey questioned if there is a grant or loan, who is doing the grant writing; Fred stated because we are sufficiently overburdened, there grant writing will be included in the total services. Discussion was held. Shari questioned why is Mike Killackey working on the sewer, what happened to Howard; Fred stated Howard was let go.

Ron read the Ogemaw County Road Commission quote for re-construction of Ogemaw Center Rd, which read: \$633,307.69 for the total, \$433,315.38 for Cumming Township portion. Jan stated maybe we need to look at another road, like Sensabaugh Rd; Shari stated or not to do a road for now. Ron stated he asked the Road Commission for a bid to ditch and gravel Ogemaw Center Rd. Discussion was held. Ron stated there is not enough money in the Road Fund to begin the propose project this year. Ron suggested to do three brines this year to hold the existing gravel roads. Reid made a motion, seconded by Ron, to do two (2) brines this year, and talk about a third brine if necessary. Roll Call Vote: Shari, Ron, Reid, Fred, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Jan reported that Bryan dug 12 inches down, all around where the septic tank is supposed to be but couldn't find the tank. Jan stated that she contacted Mike Kelly and he found the septic tank at three (3) feet down. Mike Kelly also suggested that both ends of the septic tank be exposed so Howard's

Septic could check the baffles before pumping the septic tank. Discussion was held. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan, to contact Mike Kelly to dig the ends of the septic tank to have it pumped out. Roll Call Vote: Reid – Yes, Shari – Yes, Fred – No, Ron – Yes, Jan – Yes. Motion carried.

Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: all is good.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: all is good; received the new truck but waiting for lettering to be done.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: everything is good. Ron reported at the budget workshop the board discussed not opening on Wednesdays and keeping the time from 9am-3pm on Saturdays. Fred stated some people are not paying for their bags. Jan Thompson stated they also don't pay for the correct bag amounts, \$2 for \$4 bag or \$6 bags; she also stated that she will not argue with them. Jan Thompson reported that there is a lot of complaining that the Transfer Station won't be open on Wednesday and shorter hours on Saturdays. Fred stated the people should not sign the sheet; Jan Thompson stated she tried that, but it didn't work. Fred suggested putting in a camera. Discussion was held. Jan Thompson stated she has a deer camera already set up and people are noticing it. She also stated she will not force people to sign in or pay the correct amount, she can only ask them to do so. Jan Thompson stated she was thinking about buying trash cans, the sizes of bags; Fred stated it was a good idea. Matt Polzin suggested using ARPA funds for a camera. Discussion was held regarding cameras and garbage cans. Jan Thompson will get the garbage cans.

Jan stated that she just received a text from Bill Olsen and he wants to remind everyone that the Henderson Lake Weed Treatment 2022 Annual report is available on the Henderson Lake website at: HendersonLake.org. He also stated that the township website is being used a lot.

Ron reported at the budget workshop the board decided not to collect the Fire millage for 2023; this was due to the amount of money in the Fire Fund and a major purchase is not expected in 2023. Ron stated that the board may or may not collect the millage in 2024; this millage expires in 2028.

Roger Mayhew gave the Commissioners' report, which included: no study on the Juvenile Center; authorized the sale of property in Prescott; approved the Conduct Policy; applications received for the Transit Committee and Opioid Committee but have not chosen the committees; Rose City received DBA; Camp Grayling wants to double its size; property off Rifle River Trail cannot get rid of the high banks. Discussion was held. Roger Mayhew also included: working on the budget, in the red \$50,000; ARPA money is in the General Fund; Kalkaska County inmates will be housed in the Ogemaw County Jail; ordinances that are not enforceable were dropped; discussions were held regarding taking ARPA funds to balance the budget, the County does not have a limit to use the funds. The County received nearly \$4.1 million ARPA funds.

Jan asked Fred if he got the key to the storage closet, if he was in the storage closet, and if he took someone in the storage closet with him; Fred stated yes to all questions and he state that Randy McCrite was in the storage closet with him. Jan stated he had 10 yrs worth of information, what was he looking for in the storage closet; Fred stated past checks. Jan asked Fred if he took pictures or copies; he stated he took copies and would give copies to Jan. Jan stated that she or Shari should be in the storage closet with whoever wants to be in there; they are responsible for all the financial records.

Cal Berk questioned General ck#35721; Jan stated it was an error on the sheet, it should be ck#3571.

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Pat Robinson question money transferred to the Tax Acct; Shari stated it was deposited into the General Acct by the State, as reported before. Pat Robinson also questioned page 5 of the F-65; Shari stated we don't have that information in hand so will look into this.

Cal Berk questioned the past Consumers bill; Jan gave him the March information. Cal Berk stated that he wants February information. Jan and Shari stated we do not get all the Consumers bills in time for the meeting, but need to pay the bills before the next month otherwise late fees will be added to the bills, so the board approves to pay the bills when received.

Louanne Rosebrugh stated the last time she rented the hall the vacuum didn't work. Ron stated he threw a vacuum away, but one worked this month. Discussion was held.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan, to adjourn at 7:32pm.

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