

CUMMING TOWNSHIP  
Regular Meeting

August 4, 2022

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All board members– present. Others present were: Dareld Schick; Tino Franciosi; Mary Rankey; Ken Wangler; Rose Quackenbush; Jan Thompson; Shirley & Bob Clark; Fred Rosebrugh; Ray Grant; Michelle & Cal Berk; Mary & Edward Caveney; David Bramer; Duane Pelfrey; James Morris.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to accept the July 7, 2022, Election Commission meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

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

Reid made a motion, seconded by Shari, to accept the July 21, 2022, Special meeting minutes, with the following correction: paragraph 4, ...their bid was \$23,000 for the vacuum and \$21,000 for the camera... to: ...their bid was \$230.00 per hr for the vacuum and \$215.00 per hr for the camera.... Motion carried.

Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to pay bills. Ron questioned if the Road Commission check was for brine; yes, it was. The GFL bills were discussed. Shari stated one was paid from the Recycle Fund and one was paid from the ARPA Funds. Roll Call Vote: Matt, Shari, Ron, Reid, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron suggested that the township pays the cost for scoping and jetting for the sewer system; this will be paid out of ARPA funds. He reported that he contacted Mike Short for a bid to landscape at the hall, to get the water away from the building. Discussion was held. Dareld Schick questioned putting up eave troughs; Fred Rosebrugh stated a couple people said eave troughs won't hold up. Discussion was held regarding sloping away from the hall. Discussion was held regarding the bid for the parking lot from Mid-Michigan Paving; the new bid is \$53,000. Ron stated the bid is comparable to Hodgins Asphalt Paving, with the exception of the Transfer Station, Mid-Michigan's bid is \$0.00, and Hodgins' bid is \$38,000. Ron stated he would like to get a couple more bids for scoping and jetting the sewer system. Discussion was held. Cal Berk questioned if anyone knew the flow on the pump; Ron stated that Howard LaCosse would have that information. Discussion was held regarding the ARPA funds and the scoping and jetting of the sewer system; that is a part of infrastructure. Ron stated a special assessment will need to be set up for sewer repairs and maintenance. He also stated that more bids will be gathered for scoping and jetting. Ron questioned what to do with the parking lot; Matt stated he is not in favor of asphaltting this year. Shari stated more bids need to be gathered to get the water away from the hall. Ron suggested Matt and Reid meet with Mike Short, and others, to see what should be done at the hall. Ron reported that Mike Kelly has not repaired the door at the Transfer Station.

Red gave the RC Fire report, which included: 13 runs, three (3) in Cumming Township; when a firefighter goes to a fire and uses certain items, those items are not wanted in the fire hall, so the Fire Dept wants to add on to the existing building or move. Ron questioned how big of an addition. Reid stated a locker room, showers, conference room. Discussion was held.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: the assistant director has taken another job, they hired Diana Sutherland as the assistant director; a food truck was ordered months ago, but the OCOA has not found a truck yet; everything going well – numbers are rising but had to cut home deliveries to three (3) days per week.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: everything is going ok. Ron stated the recycling program is through City of West Branch, he read a letter updating their service.

Jan stated, due to the AMAR which is the evaluation of assessing by the State, there was one (1) word that needs to be changed on the resolution and on the Federal Property Income Guidelines.



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Jan made a resolution, seconded by Shari to accept the Resolution #2022-0804, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Reid, Matt, Ron, Shari, Jan – All Yes. Resolution adopted.

Jan made a motion, seconded by Ron, to approve the Federal Property Income Guidelines, as presented. Shari stated this item was the only thing that from a perfect AMAR score. She also stated Allison tries for a perfect score and does a good job. Roll Call Vote: Shari, Ron, Matt, Reid, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron stated homestead exemptions are no longer going through the BOR, if the Assessor can take care of it; therefore, the July BOR was cancelled and the December BOR may not need to be held.

Ron reported he received a signed complaint for Blight for a property on Esmond Rd. He stated that he contacted Jim Briese, who will walk him through the process of cleaning up the blight. If not cleaned up, Jim Briese stated to go to court.

Jan presented the 2022 L-4029 and the Check List for County Apportionment. Jan made a motion, seconded by Ron to accept the 2022 L-4029 and the Check List for County Apportionment, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Shari, Ron, Reid, Matt, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Shari reported that the QuickBooks is outdated; the tech cannot download on the new laptop. She stated that QuickBooks costs \$50-\$100. Shari made a motion, seconded by Ron, to purchase QuickBooks. Roll Call Vote: Reid, Ron, Matt, Shari, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron questioned Dareld Schick and Duane Pelfrey what they thought about the repairs and upkeep of the sewer system. Dareld Schick stated the repairs need to be done. Dareld Schick questioned if the pressure line needs to be scoped. Duane Pelfrey stated an assessment needs to be done. Shari questioned if an amount should be added to the quarterly payments for the expenses. Jan stated these items need to be discussed at the sewer users meeting and the meeting needs to be scheduled as soon as possible. Fred Rosebrugh questioned what the whole problem was; discussion was held.

Jan reported that she contacted ZOOM to see if the Township had an account; we do not. Discussion was held regarding holding ZOOM meetings; Ron stated there are a few people who would like to join the meetings by ZOOM. Reid questioned if it was legal to hold ZOOM meetings. Jan stated MTA doesn't support virtual meetings, but many municipalities are still holding virtual meetings. Jan stated ZOOM 1 Pro-unlimited would cost \$149.96 annually or \$14.99 per month. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan, to subscribe to Zoom, at the cost of \$149.96 annually. Roll Call Vote: Shari, Reid, Ron, Matt, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan, to adjourn at 7:37pm.

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