

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

December 1, 2022

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: R. Quackenbush, Supervisor; J. Fritz, Clerk; R. Morrison, Trustee, F. Rosebrugh, Trustee – present. S. Denstedt, Treasurer – absent. Others present were: Ron Vaughn, Commissioner; Jan Thompson; Matt Polzin; Randy McCreite; Rose Quackenbush; Ray & Debby Grant; Louanne Rosebrugh; Pat Robinson; Lucinda Morrison; Kathy Morrison; Michelle & Cal Berk; Mike Bowers, County Management Director; two (2) individuals on ZOOM.

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

Jan stated General ck# 3492, for \$56.12, payable to Gary Asel needs to be added to the bills. Jan made a motion, seconded by Reid, to pay bills. Fred thanked Jan for having the bills to look at; Jan stated the bills are always at the meetings. It was questioned if the \$2,000 bill to Green Contracting was for the work done; it was stated yes. Jan pointed out the transfer from the Sewer Assessment Acct to the Sewer Acct, to cover the \$2,000 bill. The attorney bill was questioned; Jan stated it was for Sewer information and the FOIA that wasn't billed yet. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Ron, Reid, Jan -All Yes. Shari – Absent. Motion carried.

Fred reported that he is checking into a USDA Grant for the sewer repairs. He stated this grant will need to be combined with the City of Rose City. USDA has been talking with Rose City for quite a few years, but their median wage is too low. If the Township combines with Rose City, we will use Cumming Township median, \$40,000, and Rose City median, \$20,000. If only Cumming Township receives the grant, it will only be paid at 40%; if the township combines with Rose City, it will be a 75% grant. Fred stated Cumming Township's grant portion of the project would be \$75,000 - \$80,000; this includes: Engineering Fees, \$20,000 - \$30,000 (paid when project is completed); Camera and Scoping, \$10,000 - \$12,000; Controls, \$20,000; Pumps (re-built), \$10,000; Attorney fees, \$10,000. Discussion was held. Fred reported there will be a meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022, at the USDA office in West Branch.

Ron brought up a Special Assessment for the Sewer District; Jan stated if the Township goes with a grant, we do not need a Special Assessment. Jan also stated that we need to look at the Sewer Ordinance to add maintenance & repair fees to the sewer billing. Discussion was held. Fred suggested having the City of Rose City take on the sewer billings, fees, RC maintenance, electricity, and maintenance & repairs. Discussion was held.

Ron reported that he spoke with Rebecca Vorva, regarding the hall cleaning quote. Ron told Rebecca Vorva that the hall didn't need to be cleaned every month; she stated that would be ok, just give her a few days' notice. Discussion was held. Reid made a motion, seconded by Fred, to accept the quote of \$150.00, from Rebecca Vorva, to clean the township hall, when needed. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Fred, Reid, Jan – All Yes. Shari – Absent. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding checking the hall after it is rented to make sure it is clean, or the deposit is not refunded.

Ron reported that Gary Asel has changed the lights, to LED, throughout the hall. If anyone wants the 4' "old" style lights, they are free. Ron stated that Gary Asel will change the back door light and change the light switches for the bathrooms.

Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: nine (9) runs, mostly down power lines, one (1) car accident in Cumming Twp; the parade was being held tonight in Rose City.

Ron stated there will be a Christmas Party soon at OCOA.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: everything is good. Jan Thompson suggested closing at 3:00pm on Christmas Eve day and New Year's Eve Day. Ron made a motion,

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seconded by Reid, to close the Transfer Station at 3:00pm on Christmas Eve day and New Year's Eve Day. Motion carried.

Ron gave the Assessor's report, which included: December BOR will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 9:00am. Ron read a letter from Allison Thompson, in response to the October 2022 minutes, questioning the assessor attending board meetings. Reid stated when Allison Thompson was hired, the board did not require her to attend board meetings, she would attend if needed.

Ron stated the individual, with blight, is making progress.

Ron introduced Mike Bowers, County Management Director, who was in attendance to present Cumming Township with an AED. Mike Bowers stated the AED was one (1) of three (3) AED's he received from the Homeland Security Grant; the other two (2) were presented to the RC Area Fire Dept. Mike Bowers gave instructions how to use the AED. He stated that Ogemaw County has a 30% survival rate using AED's. The battery life of the AED is four (4) years, expires 8/1/2026. Discussion was held regarding a case for the AED. Mike Bowers stated anyone that wants to learn CPR, he can be contacted. He also stated there is a group of people who help/respond to emergency situations; if interested, use the following email: ogemawcert@gmail.com. Mike Bowers stated if the AED gets used, contact EMS or Mike and they will refurbish the AED. Ron questioned a generator at the OCOA building, since it would be a gathering space during a natural disaster; Mike Bowers stated yes, a generator would be advisable. Mike reported a generator would cost \$45,000 - \$50,000; he will ask the advisory committee to look at getting a generator for the OCOA building. Mike stated the OCOA building is the most sufficient building in Ogemaw County. Reid made a motion, seconded by Ron, to purchase a box for the AED. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Reid, Fred, Jan – All Yes. Shari – Absent. Motion carried.

Ron Vaughn gave the Commissioners' report, which included: extremely slow; re-appointed two (2) individuals for the Land Bank; agreement will be up for vote for court-appointed attorney; purchased three (3) radar units for Sheriff's Dept; jail medical costs are looking good, cost \$10,000 more, but billed to other counties for their inmates, insurance in effect for two (2) years; High Banks, Rifle River Trail, needs the stairs replaced, they are looking into a conservatory to turn the area over to the conservatory or sell to an individual; GPS will be placed in all 21 County vehicles, at the cost of \$3,800 per year for all vehicles; Ogemaw Hills facility will may be turned over to the group; Rea Animal Shelter contracting with the Ogemaw County Animal Control for \$7,500 and taking up to 75 dogs and each cat per year; new security screening at the Courthouse, everything and everyone will use the security screen. Ron thanked the Cumming Township Board for his four (4) years as Commissioner; he stated that he is going back to work for the County. Ron thanked Ron Vaughn for helping to get the AED and for his service. Reid thanked Mike Bowers for the AED and Cal Berk for bringing up the issue of having an AED in the hall.

Matt Polzin stated the Board may need to look at AARPA funds, what and how to spend the funds. Fred stated he would like a guideline for the ARRPA funds. Discussion was held on the ARRPA deadline.

Jan made a motion, seconded by Ron, to adjourn at 7:44pm.

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