

CUMMING TOWNSHIP  
Regular Meeting

February 3, 2022

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Ron, Jan, Shari – present. Reid and Bill - Absent. Others present were: Matt Polzin; Jody Zimmer; Lesley Murchie; Jan Thompson; Chris Evans, RC Fire Dept Captain; Ray Grant; Ray Eastridge; Chase Wiltse; Shawn Petri; Bob & Rose Hoover; Fred Robinson; Pat Robinson; Tonya Schagel; Gary & Judy Asel; Rose Quackenbush; Bruce Schneider.

Matt Polzin questioned if Bill Healey is going to get paid month after month until he returns to the area. Ron stated he questioned MTA, again, but because he is salaried there isn't anything we can do for this term. Ron also stated that Jan received a text from Bill Healey. Jan read said text, which was a resignation from Bill Healey, effective immediately. Ron reported that Trustees can accept pay per diem; the Board may make a resolution after November 20, 2024, to go per diem for Trustees. Shari made a motion, seconded by Ron, to accept the previous monthly meeting minutes, as distributed. Motion carried.

Shari made a motion to pay bills. Jan questioned if Summit Fire checked the fire extinguishers at the Transfer Station; Ron stated yes. Jan seconded the motion to pay bills. Roll Call Vote: Shari, Ron, Jan – All Yes. Reid, Bill – Absent. Motion carried. Shari reported that the bill for the Ogemaw County Road Commission was the balance due for the Highland Pines overlay.

Ron reported that Gary Asel researched on-demand hot water heaters; the cost would be \$899.00 plus valves, pipes, and installation. Ron stated he checked with a former Building Inspector and the township must use a licensed individual to install a new hot water heater. Chase Wiltse stated a water softener should be used if installing an on-demand hot water heater. Ron stated we need to research a traditional hot water heater. Ron reported the faucet and pipes in the kitchen are being worked on, waiting for a couple parts.

Ron read the City of West Branch Recycling Program update.

Chris Evans, RC Fire Dept Captain, presented specs of the new fire truck. He gave the tentative date of the second week of April to receive the new truck. Jan questioned if it will be fully equipped; Chris stated yes. He also stated that he will keep the township updated.

Ron gave the Ogemaw Commission on Aging report, which included: the two (2) new board members were present at the meeting; the Administrative Assistant is giving her resignation; there are 20-45 people per day attending the center for meals and two (2) delivery trucks delivering meals; a grant was received for a new stove and looking to update the cooler and freezer; Tuesdays are casual and they wear pajamas.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: everything is going well; there have been a few things going on with equipment, but everything is back on track. Jan presented information for a Recycling Grant and stated she would like to look into the grant. This would be a Small Community Grant.

Ron gave the Assessor's report, which included: the BOR members are taking their trainings.

Ron reported he is gathering information regarding Gypsy Moth Spraying. He stated he has two (2) names of companies that does the spraying and will put it on the website. He also stated that Foster Township uses a company with a helicopter; he is looking into this. Ron reported that an individual on Flynn Rd spoke with the Extension Conservation District, regarding using an organic approach. Ron stated spraying is expensive and if it rains, money is thrown away. Bob Hoover stated ariel spraying only works on the crown of trees.



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Ron reported that the Township Board has 45 days from today to fill the Trustee vacancy. A notice will be posted and published for the open position of Trustee; letter of applications will be sent to Ron Quackenbush. Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to accept Bill Healey's resignation. Motion carried.

Chase Wiltse, Rose City Councilman, introduced himself and stated he is running for District 2 County Commissioner.

Shawn Petri, COOR ISD Superintendent, introduced himself and stated he is running for 99<sup>th</sup> District House of Representatives.

Pat Robinson questioned if the township was able to get money from the American Rescue Act. Shari stated yes and that she presented the Board with a packet to look at during the Budget Workshop. Pat questioned if the information would be shared; Shari stated yes.

The Budget Workshop will be held on March 9, 2022 at 6:30pm  
The Budget Hearing will be held on March 30, 2022 at 6:30pm

Lesley Murchie introduced herself and stated she is running for Township Clerk.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to adjourn at 7:02pm. Motion carried.

  
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*approved 3/3/2022*