

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

February 2, 2023

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All board members present. Others present were: Jan Thompson; Randy McCrite; Debby and Ray Grant; James and Norma Morris; Pat Robinson; Duane Pelfrey; Cal Berk; Winston Colclasure; Roger Mayhew, Commissioner; three (3) individuals on ZOOM.

Fred questioned the issue with Spectrum; Jan stated Spectrum damaged the connection to the sewer line at Duane Pelfrey's property. Jan also stated that we received reimbursement, \$2,000, from Spectrum for the work done by Green Contracting. Ron made a motion, seconded by Reid, to accept the previous monthly meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Fred questioned if all the information was sent to for the sewer survey; Jan stated yes. Reid made a motion, seconded by Fred, to accept the January 11, 2023 Special meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to pay bills. Reid questioned the bill to Ogemaw County Treasurer; Jan stated it was for the Rifle River Drain millage. Discussion was held. Roll Call Vote: Shari, Fred, Ron, Reid, Jan -All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron reported that we are waiting for the sewer survey. Discussion was held regarding the grant. Jan stated she looked into an EGLE grant but only found grants for new construction or sewage laying on top of ground, so we don't qualify. Fred stated if we don't go with the City of Rose City for the grant, we probably won't qualify or will only get 40% of the grant. Discussion was held.

Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: a plaque was presented to the Township; six (6) fire runs, one (1) fire run in Cumming Twp; the City of Rose City approved the RC Fire Dept to add on to the south side of the fire hall. Discussion was held regarding the longevity of the RC Fire Dept.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: everything is good; Speed Tech did the preventative maintenance, suggested repairs were distributed to the board. Speed Tech stated the compactor is in great condition, except the hoses. Jan Thompson also stated that if someone other than Speed Tech replaces the hoses, Speed Tech will forfeit the maintenance agreement. Ron stated this will be tabled. Ron stated that he was at the Transfer Station at 3pm and one (1) resident was very disgruntled about the change of hours; the next Saturday, the same resident apologized.

Bill Olsen gave the HL report, which included: the lake is frozen; still waiting for the 2022 Annual report from Savin Lake Services.

Jan reported that the Budget Workshop and Budget Hearing need to be scheduled. Discussion was held. Jan made a motion, seconded by Reid, to hold the Budget Workshop on March 9, 2023 at 6pm and the Budget Hearing on March 30, 2023 at 6pm. Motion carried.

Fred presented information from MSU Extension, they will be holding a Fruit Tree Renovation Workshop at Cumming Township Hall on March 11, 2023 from 9am-12pm. Fred stated that Jan said non-profits can rent the hall at no cost, once per year; Jan stated yes. Fred gave information regarding said workshop.

Ron reported that he received an email from the Ogemaw County Road Commission regarding cost-sharing on overlay at 50%/50% Class A roads and 45%/55% other roads. Discussion was held.

Fred stated that the Clerk and Treasurer are required to have deputies and Jan needs to have a deputy; Jan stated she knows that she needs a deputy and has feelers out for a deputy. Ron stated that clarification was received regarding township officers on bank accounts; he read information from MTA stating no Trustees and Supervisors on bank accounts. Fred stated Mike, from

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MTA stated pictures and copies could be taken of bank statements; Jan stated, again, that Fred could contact Shari to see the bank statements. Discussion was held. Shari reported that she polled other townships to see who was on their bank accounts, no one had Trustees or Supervisors on accounts.

Roger Mayhew gave the Commissioners' report, which included: nothing for this meeting. Ron questioned grant writing for the County; Roger stated he would like county employees to take classes for grant writing, further education is good. Ron stated if there was some one in-house to write grants it would be a good thing. Jan questioned if the County Administrator could do the grant writing; Roger stated maybe his secretary. Reid stated that grant writing is time consuming, and people don't understand why grant writers are paid so much, but it is worth it.

Jim Morris questioned the check written for the RC Fire Board; Shari stated it was for the semi-annual maintenance payment and three (3) fire runs. Jim Morris questioned how many fire runs for the year; Shari stated it varies and it is for fire runs and accidents. Discussion was held. Jim Morris questioned if the township pays for fire runs; Shari stated the township pays for fire runs, then bills the individual. Duane Pelfrey stated there are four (4) municipalities that keep the RC Fire Department running; Ron state that is correct. Jim Morris questioned how many taxpayers are in Cumming Township; Shari stated 818 parcels.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to adjourn at 7:17pm.

_____, Clerk