

CUMMING TOWNSHIP  
Regular Meeting

January 6, 2022

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Ron, Shari – present. Reid and Bill - Absent. Others present were: Rose Quackenbush; Ron Vaughn, Ogemaw Co Commissioner; Ray and Debby Grant; Gary and Judy Asel; Kevin Goforth; Randy McCrite; Matt Polzin; David Bramer; Jody Zimmer; Lesley Murchie; Mike Hoadley, Mayor of AuGres and candidate for State Representative; Michelle and Cal Berk; Pat Robinson.

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

Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to approve the December 20, 2021 Special Meeting minutes, as distributed. Motion carried.

Shari reported that \$913.00+ was paid to GFL with the December bills, then there was an auto-payment directly paid from the checking account for the same amount of the bill paid; she is still checking into this matter. Ron questioned the Fire Runs; Jan stated there were three (3) outstanding fire runs to be paid. Jan reported that she worked 126.75 hrs. in 12 days during December; she turned in the paperwork for the 2020-2021 F65 and the paperwork for the 2021 W2's to the Auditor on December 29, 2021. She stated the books were in an awful mess. Jan also reported that the quarterly reports for the Federal Income Taxes and the State Income taxes were not reported, only one (1) payment was submitted for each. She also stated that the UIA quarterly reports were not submitted. All quarterly reports are now completed. Jan stated she contacted all the vendors to make address/contact changes and to get any outstanding balances due to current. The sewer bills have been recalculated and will be adjusted with the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, February 10, 2022 bill. She suggested if there are any credits after the February billing, those should be refunded to the sewer users. Ron made a motion, to pay bills. It was questioned if Bill Healey is still being paid; Ron answered yes. It was also questioned if the residents knew he would be gone when he was voted in and are there any by-laws regarding this. Ron stated that the township goes by the MTA rulings, we must pay Bill and he hasn't heard that he can't be paid. It was questioned if there is a way, he can do his duty and how many meetings can be missed. Ron stated the laws state a person cannot vote virtually. He also stated the Commissioners are holding zoom meetings. It was stated that someone knows a township that holds zoom meetings. Jan seconded the motion to pay bills. Roll Call Vote: Shari, Ron, Jan – All Yes. Reid, Bill – Absent. Motion carried.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: everything is going well; the phone went out, but is fixed; the overhead doors aren't working properly, she called Charlie's Overhead Door but they are out ill and she called others that Rose City Ace recommended. Jan stated that she called Speed Tech, there were loose wires in the top of the door; they fixed what was needed, oiled and lubricated everything and a part will be ordered in case this happens again. Jan reported that Speed Tech offers a contract for the compactor, which we have, there is still oil and water in the basement that needs to be cleaned out or the compactor could quit. Jan also reported that Speed Tech offers a maintenance agreement for the overhead doors, the cost is \$105 per door. Ron stated the overhead doors have been there for a long time and that the cost of the maintenance agreement is a lot of money. Discussion was held regarding residents to help with the overhead doors. Jan reported the EGLE grant for scrap tires will be completed, with the help of Ron Vaughan, and sent in. The grant will be for \$500 to help pay for tires and an extra \$500 free for the first cleanup of tires. A processor company will pick up the tires at no cost to the township; this will be done in two (2) days. Discussion was held regarding charging for tires; the decision was not to charge since the collection will be through a grant. Shari stated this collection should be for Cumming Township residents only. Discussion was held. Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, authorizing Jan Thompson to apply for the EGLE tire grant. Motion carried.

Ron gave the Ogemaw Commission on Aging report, which included: two (2) new board members were appointed.

Jan presented the Resolution for Poverty Exemption. Jan made a resolution, seconded by Ron, to accept the Resolution for Poverty Exemption, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Jan, Shari – All Yes. Reid, Bill – Absent. Resolution adopted. Ron gave examples for poverty exemptions. Jan read the Resolution for Alternate Start Date for Board of Review. Jan made resolution, seconded by Shari, to accept the Resolution for Alternate Start Date for Board of Review, as distributed. Roll Call Vote: Jan, Ron, Shari – All Yes. Reid, Bill – Absent. Resolution adopted.

Mike Hoadley, Mayor of AuGres and candidate for State Representative introduced himself. He stated he was running for the new 99<sup>th</sup> District, which was caused by redistricting; this happens every 10 years. Mr. Hoadley stated he is running as a Republican, based on allegiance to the Constitution, not people. Discussion was held regarding District changes. Mr. Hoadley also stated he was impressed by the great attendance at the meeting.

Shari stated she is interested in becoming the Liquor Inspector. It was questioned what the Liquor Inspector does. The Liquor Inspector checks establishment quarterly, sends forms to the State Liquor Commission; this is a paid position, \$50 per quarter, to check three (3) establishments. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan, to appoint Shari as the Liquor Inspector. Motion carried.

Ron stated the Board of Review members need to be appointed. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan, to appoint the following individuals for the Board of Review: Fred Robinson, Delinn Keetch, and Jan Thompson. Motion carried.

Ron Vaughn gave the Commissioners' report, which included: as of January 1, 2022, the Commissioners cannot vote on zoom; at the meeting on 1/6/2022, the West Branch Library stated the elevator has failed and it will cost \$89,000 to be repaired, they would like the Commissioners to use a portion of the ARAP funds to help; the Ogemaw Transit presented their budget which is mostly ran by grants, it was approved; the ORV ordinance is being looked at to maybe add longer hours, all townships should receive information, also, MI Works is supposed to be used for a Sheriff officer but Kirtland Community College may have recruits that must work ORV roads; the night patrols is running with two (2) officers, two (2) officer from the jail have been certified; the County hired new attorneys from Cole, Stoker, and Toskey; Discussion was held regarding the Rifle River drain issue. The Kirtland Community issue was questioned. Ron Vaughn stated it is still being worked on, but the Commissioners cannot get involved; residents must file petitions and follow through.

The following questions were asked by residents: Was \$2,600 was paid to catch up the paperwork for the clerk? What was caught up, anything from prior clerk, why wasn't it caught? Does the Supervisor rule over the clerk? Ron stated yes, \$2,600 was paid to catch up the paperwork for the clerk. He also stated the work wasn't done by the prior clerk, so there was quite a bit that needed to be caught up. Ron reported that township clerks are individually elected; each township office has their owns duties and comes together to make decisions. Shari stated she checked to see if everything was balancing, between the clerk and treasurer, and was told everything was good. At one point she was off in an account, so she knew they weren't balanced. It was stated that a report needs to be done every month. Jan stated that Shari does create a report every month. It was questioned what we do to make sure this doesn't happen again. Shari stated she would report issues at the meetings, but it seemed she wasn't believed. Jan explained the reports. It was stated the residents want more transparency, a quarterly report with income and expenditures. Jan stated she carries all bills with her to the meetings and can be looked at. Ron asked Mike Hoadley what he did in his office. Mike Hoadley stated they held meetings with reports, but said any report generated is only as good

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as the person entering the data. He also stated that having accountable people and trusting in the people doing the job helps. Discussion was held why the previous clerk was paid this month. Ron stated the clerk is salaried and this check covered through December 31, 2021. Ron stated training is available for all township officials; Shari stated the previous clerk did not take advantage of the trainings. Ron will get a list of all township officials' duties.

Ron reported he received a letter from the Michigan Dept of Environment, stating the Transfer Station is in compliance; a compliance of inspection was completed.

Ron also reported he received a letter from LouAnn Rosebrugh stating there wasn't hot water at the hall when rented; Reid was called, and he turned on the hot water heater. She also stated the faucet is broken under the sink in the kitchen and there is mold, the vacuum didn't work, and the outside light didn't work. Shari stated she doesn't know why the hot water heater was off again, the vacuum is only one (1) year old and when she changed the bag it worked great. Discussion was held regarding the hot water heater; a price will be obtained for a new hot water heater, maybe an on-demand hot water heater.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to adjourn at 7:45pm. Motion carried.

*Janice A. Fritz*  
*approved 2/3/2022*

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