

CUMMING TOWNSHIP  
Regular Meeting

January 5, 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: Jane & James Redmond; Jan Thompson; Rose Quackenbush; Matt Polzin; Randy McCrite; Gary Asel; Pat Robinson; Corinne & Charlie Maher; Lucinda Morrison; Kathy Morrison; Allison Thompson; Ray Grant; Duane Pelfrey; Michelle & Cal Berk; Roger Mayhew, Commissioner; three (3) individuals on ZOOM.

Fred presented changes to the December 2022 minutes, as follows: page 1, paragraph 4: cross out "but their median wage is to low...through 75% grant". Add, after "quite a few years: The population of the city and number of people that are on the sewer line will be combined. The blended median will be used in determining the percentage for the grant. If the township combines with the city the grant could be 45% to 75%. Also, add: ...Cumming Township's grant portion... to: Cumming Township's estimated grant portion. Reid made a motion, seconded by Ron, to accept the previous monthly meeting minutes, as corrected. Motion carried.

Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to pay bills, with the addition of Fire ck#1084, \$1,500 to the Rose City Area Fire Board, for Fire Runs. Jan reported that General ck#3512 did not have a name listed, nor an amount listed, due to choosing which training the BOR members would attend; this will be discussed during the BOR topic. Discussion was held regarding the Huntington Bank check written to the Recycle Acct; it was for ARPA funds used to repair the door at the Transfer Station. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Ron, Shari, Reid, Jan -All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron reported there will be a meeting with the USDA to assess what the sewer project entails; this will include looking at a survey for the sewer users, billings, etc. Fred stated this survey will state what the township needs to charge for the sewer rates. He also stated the city is the lead on the grant and this study must be done before going any further for the grant process. Discussion was held regarding fees, ordinances, etc. Ron stated the meeting will be held on January 11, 2023, at 2:00pm, at the Cumming Township Hall; Ron will confirm this information.

Ron reported that he spoke with Adam Flory regarding the issue with Spectrum. Pictures from Dareld Schick was sent to Mr. Flory. Duane Pelfrey stated he last time the sewer lines were bore through was approximately in 2021. Ron will contact Dareld Schick regarding the boring of the lines.

Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: one (1) fire run in Cumming Twp; pretty quiet. Ron reported the fire extinguishers were updated.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: a new delivery truck is on the way, the truck had to be upgraded due to availability.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: everything is good; traffic has been light, between 2pm and 4pm, only 4 cars came into the Transfer Station and Christmas Eve between 1:30pm and 3pm, there weren't any cars. Jan Thompson suggested changing the hours on Saturdays to 9am-3pm, for the winter. Discussion was held. Jan Thompson also stated the solar charger and the net for the scrap trailer have been missing for awhile and the person at Rifkin said the netting should be on the loads; she questioned if these items could be replaced. Jan Thompson also stated that Jacob Thompson cannot haul the scrap metal, due to selling his truck; she stated that Virgil Grezesak will haul the metal. Shari made a motion, seconded by Reid, to begin the new winter hours, 9am-3pm, at the Transfer Station on January 14. Motion carried. Ron made a motion, seconded by Reid, to approve Virgil Grezesak to haul the scrap metal. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding the costs of the trailer netting and solar charger; Jan will check for said costs.

Allison gave the Assessor's report, which included: giving information regarding the new Poverty Exemption Guidelines and the Resolutions needed. Reid made a resolution, seconded by Fred, to approve the Poverty Exemption Guidelines Resolution, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Fred,

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Reid, Shari, Jan – All Yes. Resolution adopted. Jan made a resolution, seconded by Shari, to accept the Alternate Start Date for Board of Review, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Shari, Ron, Fred, Reid, Jan – All Yes. Resolution adopted.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan, to appoint the following BOR members: Delinn Keetch, Jan Thompson, Bruce Schneider. Roll Call Vote: Reid, Shari, Fred, Ron, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding BOR trainings. Allison stated that trainings are not required every year, but she feels it is very important to attend every year and she highly encourages the trainings. Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to send the BOR members to the training in East Tawas on January 30, 2023. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Shari, Ron, Reid, Jan – All yes. Motion carried.

Bill Olsen gave the HL report, which included: waiting for the 2022 Annual report from Savin Lake Services.

Fred reported that he attended an MTA training; he stated that our meetings follow the format. Fred suggested that when there are township projects, to run the information with Public Comment. Fred read the responsibilities of the Trustees. He stated that Trustees and Supervisors need to be put on the bank accounts. Shari read information regarding access to bank accounts, from Cindy Dodge at MTA; stating that only the Treasurer is on the accounts, with the Clerk and deputies as signers. Fred made a motion, seconded by Reid, to put the Supervisor and both Trustees on the bank accounts. Roll Call Vote: Ron – No, Reid – Yes, Shari – No, Fred – Yes, Jan -No. Motion defeated. Discussion was held; Jan stated that the board needs to work together and if a board member wants to see the bank statements, they can contact Shari.

Roger Mayhew gave the Commissioners' report, which included: the County is not in a hurry to use ARPA funds. Ron stated the Transit had two (2) millages, one (1) expired in 2022, it fell between the cracks, and the Director didn't realize the expiration date. Allison stated the L-4029 is the form signed every year which lists when millages expire.

Fred stated that Matt Polzin questioned where the ARPA funds were at and what we are doing with the funds. Jan stated that the board has discussed using \$10,000 on the sewer system and fixing the parking lots at the hall and the Transfer Station. She suggested looking at the ARPA funds during the Budget Workshop in March. Discussion was held.

Corinne Maher questioned how many people are on the bank accounts; Shari stated three (3). She also questioned how long are the winter hours in affect? Until May 1. Corinne Maher also questioned how the Transfer Station is doing; it is in the Red. Fred stated he, along with Randy McCrite, is working on a report of the Transfer Station. Said report will look back at the bag count and changes when beginning to pay by the bag. Jan Thompson stated it is still in the Red and people won't pay any more per bag. Discussion was held.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to adjourn at 7:33pm.

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