

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

July 7, 2022

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All board members— present. Others present were: Dareld Schick; Kevin Goforth; Fred Rosebrugh; Bob & Rose Hoover; Rose Quackenbush; Denise Kirsch; Ray Eastridge; Ray Grant; Jody Zimmer; Lesley Murchie; Michelle & Cal Berk.

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

Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to pay bills, with the addition of General ck#3387 to Consumers Energy for \$445.23. Roll Call Vote: Matt, Ron, Reid, Shari, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron reported that he spoke with Mike Kelly regarding the doors at the Transfer Station. Mike stated he can rebuild the door frame for the existing door, entry door to the office. Ron also reported the west side entry door is secured from the inside. Discussion was held.

Ron stated he has not received prices for the sewer system parts. Ron reported that Adam Flory has been contacted and will be at the next Sewer meeting. Dareld Schick stated there is a problem with the sewer line and Howard LaCosse was supposed to get a cost of scoping the lines. Reid questioned if the special meeting would be held before a regular meeting. The costs will need to be obtained for: scoping the lines, new pumps and new valves. Discussion was held. Ron stated the Special Meeting, regarding the sewer system, will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 6:30pm. Ron presented the bids for the parking lots: MidMichigan Asphalt Paving: \$43,331.00 for the hall and \$0.00 at the Transfer Station (they will provide free gravel for the Transfer Station)

Hodgins Asphalt Paving Inc: \$62,000.00 for the hall and \$38,000.00 for the Transfer Station. Discussion was held regarding how this project will be paid. Jan recommended using ARPA funds and the CDs from the General Acct and the Recycle Acct. Dareld Schick stated a tile line needs to be installed to get the water away from the building at the Transfer Station. Reid stated he would like to see both bids the same to be able to compare. Matt questioned how long ago had the hall parking lot been paved. Dareld Schick stated since 1975. It was decided to table this issue until Ron gets more information.

Shari reported the township received the second ARPA payment.

Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: nine (9) fire runs, two (2) in Cumming Twp; the Open House Luncheon on June 25 was a big hit; everything going well.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: waiting for a new truck; everything going well.

Ron stated Jan Thompson is under the weather but wanted to report that the Tire Clean-up was light. Matt stated thank you to the many volunteers who worked the Clean-up. Ron stated Denise Kirsch is the #1 volunteer at the Transfer Station and that he really appreciates everyone that volunteered at the Transfer Station. Matt suggested earmarking ARPA funds for Clean-up next year, if the millage doesn't get passed. Ron stated yes.

Ron stated the BOR will be held on July 19, 2022 at 9:00am. He also stated that the State picked Cumming Township for the AMAR (audit).

Fred Rosebrugh presented the board with a FOIA request for information on the Transfer Station, Recycle Acct, and mileage for all Board members. Shari stated the board needs to discuss the request of fee waiver. Jan questioned why...information has always been given when asked. Jan also explained the previous millages, why they weren't collected and/or renewed. Discussion held regarding the millage.

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Michelle Berk stated since going per bag there seems to be a change in mind set – less garbage being dumped. If a millage is reinstated more garbage will be dumped and there will be illegal dumping. How will excess dumping be stopped. Discussion was held. Shari stated many of the elderly want the millage; Cal Berk stated he does too. Ron stated some restrictions will need to be done, will need to police it somehow. Maybe use key cards, stickers.

Denise Kirsch stated she has lived in Cumming Twp for 16yrs and never paid for trash. When the millage was taken off the taxes, many people got dumpsters. She also stated it needed to be up to the people for a vote. Dareld Schick stated large property owners can write their taxes off. Discussion was held. Kevin Goforth stated the township should promote others to dump, for a fee.

Roger Mayhew introduced himself, as candidate for County Commissioner District #2.

Ron reported that Gary Asel installed four (4) outside lights at the hall. Gary Asel will contact Cal Berk to install the inside lights. Gary Asel and Ron did an inventory of lights, took information to Medler Electric, who was very helpful and gave instant rebates.

Kevin Goforth questioned why wages went up 25% last year, is Smith Bovill on retainer. Jan stated the Township hired Adam Flory, Smith Bovill. Reid stated at \$175 per hr.

Cal Berk asked about an agenda for the Sewer meeting. Shari stated the sewer system is the only item being addressed.

Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to adjourn at 7:38pm.

_____, Clerk