

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

July 6, 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; Dareld Schick; Matt Polzin; Rose Quackenbush; Bob & Kam Hutchins; Debby and Ray Grant; Randy McCrite; Pat Robinson; Roger Mayhew; three (3) ZOOM.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda; Fred stated the lock change on the storage room.

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

Ron reported that he had a discussion with Adam Flory, Township Attorney, regarding the bills that come in late and bills that need to be paid before the next meeting. Adam Flory suggested to adopt the Post Audit Resolution Policy; Ron read said Post Audit Resolution Policy. Ron stated that Adam Flory recommended adopting the Post Audit Policy Resolution, authorizing the Clerk to pay bills due and bills that need to be paid before the next meeting. Discussion was held. Reid stated he doesn't know why we need to adopt the resolution; bills are being paid and Jan is doing a good job. Fred stated the resolution is too broad. Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to adopt the Post Audit Policy Resolution, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Fred – No; Ron – Yes; Shari – Yes; Reid – No; Jan – Yes. Resolution adopted.

Reid questioned if the ARPA payment to GFL was for scoping and cleaning the sewer lines; Fred stated yes, it is the balance due as GFL didn't bill correctly last month. Jan stated the GFL payment in Recycle is not for clean-up, but the normal pick up of trash. Fred stated General ck#3611 for \$2,900.00 should be \$2,885.11 and General ck#3612 for 722.87 should be \$537.79.

Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to pay the bills with the corrections of General ck#3612 and General ck#3613, as stated above. Roll Call Vote: Reid, Shari, Fred, Ron, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Bob Hutchins, from the Historical Society, thanked the board for letting him speak. He gave the history of the Historical Society, as follows: 1978, the Historical Society was formed; 1988 the museum was formed; 2012 the Museum House was donated; 2015 the Museum House was opened to the public. Bob Hutchins reported there is historical and genealogy information at the Historical Society. He also reported there is Music on the Porch on Tuesday, July 11. Kam Hutchins introduced herself and stated that Cumming Township has a significant impact on the history of Ogemaw County, mostly made up of agriculture. She also stated that articles are written on the stones houses in the County and there are many stone houses in Cumming Township; these houses are not built anymore. Kam Hutchins also spoke about the Centennial Farms in the County and that many are not registered. She left information regarding Centennial Farms, Driving Tours, Sponsorships. Kam Hutchins stated the Township could join the Historical Society as members.

Fred reported that we are still waiting to hear from Leo Dion regarding the Sewer Usage fees. Fred spoke with Chase Wiltse regarding the pumps; they have not been pulled. He also spoke with Mike Killackey, who stated the controls are not in bad shape.

Ron reported that he consulted with Adam Flory, regarding the storage room lock; the Clerk should be in attendance when looking at the records. Ron stated he gave permission to change the lock. Fred questioned why the lock was done without asking the Board. Shari stated that he went in the storage room with a resident. She also stated that during the 2020 elections, township and personal information was handed out, which compromised accounts. Ron stated he apologies for not bring up the storage room key change. He also so reiterated that Adam Flory advises the Clerk to be present when going through records.

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Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: slow; six (6) runs, one (1) Cumming Twp; the \$40,000 Fire Grant was submitted; most municipalities are leaning toward a 15% increase, one (1) leaning toward a 10% increase. Discussion was held. Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to accept no more than a 15% increase unless one or more municipalities go with a 10% increase, than vote 10%. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Reid, Fred, Shari, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: everything is good; Clean-up was great and thank you to all the volunteers; three (3) roll-offs and one (1) compactor was filled for Clean-up.

Ron stated as of now, the July BOR will not be held.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: 80-90 people are being served for lunch at the OCOA site; a celebration was held in honor of Carol Gillman's 50th year serving TRIO/OCOA.

Ron reported that he attended the MTA meeting, which included: State Representative Mike Hoadley, Dr. Quinn and Chair of the Board from KCC were to be in attendance, but had to cancel; Mike Bowers, Emergency Management Director gave a slide show regarding what to do during an active shooter situation.

Shari reported that the County wants all municipalities to go to ALLPAID for payments, this is free to the municipalities, but the payer will have 3% added on to payments that use credit cards. Shari stated she would need training and a card reader would need to be purchased. Discussion was held. Shari stated she only has about five (5) people that want to pay by credit card.

Jan reported that the election equipment was taken to Klacking Township so ElectionSource could do Preventative Maintenance; all municipalities had to have the Preventative Maintenance done. She stated that the Twp election equipment is in good condition.

Roger Mayhew gave the Commissioners' report, which included: a variance is being sought for a slaughter house on M55; variances for Green power, windmills and solar, are being sought along the M55 and M33 corridor; approval was given for a snowmobile for the Sheriff's Dept; approval was given for the Administrator to also be the County Controller, which balances the budget and has more financial duties; ARPA monies to be used to balance the budget has not been approved; emails and servers have been covered through ARPA funds; most of the ARPA funds that have been spent were approved before this Commission was formed, there is 1.2 million ARPA funds remaining; a committee of 11 was formed to handle the Opioid lawsuit monies, a body monitor was rejected as only certain expenses are allowed. Discussion was held.

Matt Polzin questioned if there was a formal or informal policy to contact the township attorney; are there any forms or documents to complete for date and time. He also questioned if counters were placed on roads, as the Ogemaw County Road Commission stated there would be and if anyone from the Board has drove the roads with the Road Commission. Reid stated the drive would be in the fall. Pat Robinson stated the township records were public records and belonged to the residents of the township. She also stated if a board member asks for records, what is wrong with giving them to the board member. Pat Robinson stated that under the Clerk's FOIA policy and procedures, all board members must be trained or there isn't a cost for the FOIA. She also stated that the FOIA from last year, all records were not received.

Fred Rosebrugh questioned if private companies could be hired to do the roads; Reid stated yes, but the County Road Commission pays a portion of the costs. Dareld Schick stated it should be looked in to.

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Seal coating bids were received for the Transfer Station: Horizon Seal Coating, \$2,700 and DeMatio Sealcoating, \$2,903. Discussion was held. Jan questioned the funds being used for the seal coating; Ron stated ARPA funds will be used. Ron made a motion, seconded by Reid, to approve the bid from Horizon Seal Coating, for \$2,700, to seal coat at the Transfer Station. Roll Call Vote: Shari, Reid, Fred, Ron, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Jan made a motion, seconded by Fred, to adjourn at 7:26pm.

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