

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

July 2, 2024

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:29pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All board members present.

Others present were: Jim & Norma Morris; Lois Rohl; Danette Jansen; Chris Jansen; Ray Eastridge; Rose Quackenbush; Jan Thompson; Jane & Jim Redmond; Corinne & Charlie Maher; Randy McCrite; Lucinda Morrison; Louanne Rosebrugh; Ray Gant; Phil Durst; Michelle & Cal Berk; Bill & Wendy Clark.

Shari questioned if there were any additions to the agenda; Fred stated he would like to add discussion regarding ARPA Funds.

Fred stated there is a correction to the previous monthly meeting minutes. Fred made a motion, seconded by Shari, to accept the previous monthly meeting minutes, with the following correction: page 2, paragraph 2: ...campaigning; he would... to: ...campaigning. Motion carried. Reid made a motion, seconded by Fred, to approve the Special Sewer Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to pay the bills. Ron questioned if the GFL bill included Clean-up; Jan read the GFL bill. Reid questioned the bill for Smith Bovill PC; Jan read the Smith Bovill PC bill. Ray Grant questioned if the FOIA bills have been paid; no, they haven't. Discussion was held. Roll Call Vote: Reid – Yes; Ron – Yes; Fred – No; Shari – Yes; Jan - Yes. Motion carried.

Fred reported that the Special Sewer meeting on June 13, 2024 was a good meeting. He stated the direction of the repairs will be through a loan from the General Fund. Ron reported that the township attorney suggested we include the vacant properties in the cost of the repairs; it gives value to the property. Jan stated the attorney also stated we can charge the vacant properties for the cost of the repairs, or we can decide not to charge for the repairs. Jan stated we cannot call it a Special Assessment. Fred stated the next Special Meeting for the sewer district is July 18, 2024 at 6:30pm. Fred also stated that he hasn't received warranty information, re-building of the pumps, and other information. Fred reported that Rose City changed G&S Tool to one (1) property Commercial and one (1) property Industrial.

Fred reported that the lights in the hall have not been repaired; someone needs to go into the attic to check the wiring.

Fred reported that the parking lot is done.

Fred questioned where the township is with the ARPA Funds; Shari stated that the balance is \$1,490.41, which she suggested transferring into the Recycle Acct, to help with the Clean-up. Reid made a motion, seconded by Fred, to transfer the balance of the ARPA Funds, from the General Acct, to the Recycle totaling \$1,490.41.

Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: Nine (9) runs, one (1) Cumming Township; going good.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: everything going well; the Transfer Station was power washed and thoroughly cleaned; there were three (3) 40-yd, one (1) 30-yd, the compactor filled for Clean-up, two (2) metal trailers to Rifkin, and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a semi full of tires, which were 35 over what we collected two (2) years ago. Jan Thompson stated we had to close early for the large items, due to being full; the volunteers found some empty spots to get more items in. She reported that she had Great Volunteers; there are great residents in Cumming Township! Jan Thompson thanked all those who volunteered. Ron reported there was an issue with the locks at the Transfer Station; Jan Thompson's key wouldn't fit into the lock. He stated he tried his key, but it didn't

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work, so they tried a key for the second lock. Ron also stated that someone removed the township lock and put another lock on the gate; Fred was also there to help with the lock. Discussion was held. Ron reported that nothing was vandalized, just the lock.

Jan questioned if there will be a July BOR; Ron stated no, with the new changes the Assessor can take care of most matters.

Bill Olsen gave the HL Weed Control report, which included: first treatment was June 10, the next weed treatment will be in the middle of July; the lake looks great; the loons have nested again and have a surviving chick.

Phil Durst introduced himself, he works with MSU Extension and the EDC. Phil Durst presented Ogemaw County Fair catalogs; spoke about diseases in cattle and poultry, but at this time, these animals will be past quarantine before the Ogemaw County Fair. He gave information regarding where these diseases started in Michigan. Phil Durst presented a flyer regarding the USDA Wildlife Services wanting to take deer in Klacking and Cumming Townships in July and August 2024; this is due to one (1) deer in Klacking Township testing positive for CWD in the fall of 2023. Jan questioned if the brochure stated which sections will be affected; Reid stated the NW sections – 25 sections, 75 deer, 3 per section total. Phil Durst reported that the EDC works with businesses to strengthen business in the County; he presented an EDC flyer. Ron reported that he received an email from Rich Castle, Consumers Energy, regarding a \$100,000 grant for Child Care within 11 counties. Ron thanked Phil Durst.

Ron stated there is no commissioner, due to the change of the Commissioners' meetings from day to night.

Ron also stated he saw an article regarding GFL being bought out by Priority Wase from SE Michigan.

A letter from the DNR was read, regarding forest lands. Jan questioned if the roads were brined before the 4th of July; no, they weren't.

Jan read a letter from the Ogemaw County Road Commission.

Charlie Maher reminded everyone to VOTE; there is a proposal for the OCOA. Ron also stated there is a Road Millage for the township; it could not be called a renewal because it expired in December 2023, but it is the same millage as we had.

Ray Grant suggested holding a meet and greet for all the township candidates. Discussion was held; Ron stated it could be held after the August 1, 2024 regular meeting. Phil Durst volunteered to be a moderator.

Jan stated there has been misinformation going around; she has been contacted by quite a few people stating that they have been told that there are missing township checks. This information is incorrect; if there were missing township checks, the Auditor and the State would report it.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to adjourn at 7:14pm.

_____, Clerk