

CUMMING TOWNSHIP  
Regular Meeting

June 2, 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; Jan Thompson; Carl Graf; Ron Vaughn; Rose Quackenbush; Chase Wiltse; Fred Rosebrugh; Ray Eastridge; Ray Grant; Michelle & Cal Berk; Lesley Murchie; Jody Zimmer; Pat Robinson; Gary & Judy Asel; Charlie & Corinne Maher.

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

Reid made a motion, seconded by Ron, to accept the May 16, 2022 Special Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to pay bills, with the addition of General ck#3376 to MTA for \$105.00 and General ck#3377 to USPS for \$58.00. Roll Call Vote: Matt, Reid, Shari, Ron, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Jan stated she did not receive a test message, from Fred Rosebrugh, with the information to gather a bid for cleaning; she stated she would have responded to an email. Also, the company name she was given for this company was incorrect. Jan reported that she contacted Rebecca Vorva, from Vorva Custom Cleaning and a quote was submitted. Ron read the quotes for cleaning the hall. Ron made a motion, seconded by Reid, to accept the quote from Vorva Custom Cleaning to clean the hall, using ARPA funds. Roll Call Vote: Reid, Shari, Ron, Matt, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron reported that he contacted one (1) business regarding new doors at the Transfer Station; Jan Thompson stated she contacted four (3) businesses; no one installs security doors, including Kelly Construction (he can only get fiberglass doors, with a window at the very top of the door). Ron and Jan Thompson will discuss this matter and get back to the board. Discussion was held.

Discussion was held regarding tools at the Transfer Station. Shari made a motion, seconded by Ron, to purchase tools, at the cost of \$200.00, for the Transfer Station, using ARPA funds. Roll Call Vote: Ron – Yes, Matt – Yes, Reid – No, Shari – Yes, Jan – Yes. Motion carried.

Jan reported that the laptops have been ordered. Tom Spencer, the IT employee at the Courthouse, will install the software.

Jan reported that Frontier installed the internet on June 1; they advised not going with Frontier email. Jan stated she was in contact with Bill Olsen; he is looking into the Township's GoDaddy account to get email, which will be a .org domain.

Ron questioned if there is a streetlight at Sensabaugh Rd and Sage Lake Rd; there is not. Jan reported that the M33 email was down for eight (8) weeks, when it became available, she contacted Consumers Energy, everything has been completed. We are now waiting for the streetlight to be installed. Discussion was held regarding the Consumer poles that have not been moved along Esmond Rd.

Ron reported a meeting was held with a few of the sewer users, a few concerns were discussed, more information will be gathered. Matt questioned if the next meeting regarding the sewer system could be held before or after the regular meeting. Discussion was held.

Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: 10 fire runs, three (3) in Cumming Township; on June 25, from 10am-2pm, an Open House will be held for the new fire truck.

Ron gave the OCCA report, which included: new stoves were installed; a report was received from Alpena Commission on Aging regarding their programs; questions were discussed regarding 911; Ogemaw County has Enhanced 911, where anyone can call 911 and they will gather the person's abilities.

Jan reported that Allison sent in the paperwork for the first part of the ARMA audit. She also reported that the July BOR will be held on July 19 at 9:00am.

Ron gave the Blight report, which included: he is watching a property, where they may be moving; he also received a complaint regarding raw sewage, there is no evidence, but he is watching it.

Ron reported that Carl Graf has requested a variance for his property at Henderson Lake. Carl Graf stated he built a shed 27 ft from the water and a complaint was filed; he is working with Ryan Veeder from Building and Zoning. Matt and Ron looked at said property; the shed is not blocking any of the neighbors' view. Shari questioned if any neighbors are in favor of the variance; Carl Graf stated, yes and letters will be sent to Building and Zoning. Reid questioned who filed the complaint; Carl Graf stated his neighbor filed the complaint. Discussion was held. Shari made a motion, seconded by Matt, to approve Carl Graf's application for variance for the shed on his property at Henderson Lake. Motion carried.

Ron reported that with the issues regarding the Sewer District, he feels the township needs an attorney that is not the same attorney as the City of Rose City. The current township attorney is the same attorney as the City of Rose City. Ron stated the township needs an attorney who has a background in various township issues, so he contacted Smith Bovill from Saginaw. Adam Flory is the attorney that is approved by Smith Bovill. Ron read the cover page, which included the municipalities they work for, and the rate will be \$175.00 with no charge for phone calls and emails. Ron stated Smith Bovill is a broad-spectrum firm. Matt questioned if there a need for a new attorney now; Shari stated the township should have an attorney in case issues arise. Reid stated the township needs an attorney for the sewer issues. Ron made a motion, seconded by Reid, to retain Smith Bovill, Adam Flory, as the township attorney. Roll Call Vote: Shari, Matt, Ron, Reid, Jan – All yes. Motion carried.

Jan gave the following information regarding New Voter Registration Cards: she contacted Spectrum Printing, in which she received information about said company from Foster Township; they submitted a quote for \$564.50 for the set-up, cards, and postage for 650 voters; as of today there are 647 voters in the township. The new voter registration cards are required by the State, but the State is not reimbursing the Townships, as they have done in the past. Ron made a motion, seconded by Matt, to purchase new voter registration cards, from Spectrum Printing, using ARPA funds if allowed. Roll Call Vote: Reid, Matt, Ron, Shari, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron Vaughn gave the Commissioners' report, which included: readyrating.org has an emergency action plan, Ron questioned if Ogemaw County MTA has received any information regarding this. They are not active, at this time. Appointments to boards have been made; refinancing of a Bond has been completed; the Building code for small homes, travel trailers, etc. was voted down; ARPA funds were spent for two (2) vehicles; ARPA funds will be used to repair the Annex Building ceiling, purchasing of GPS for county vehicles which other entities can go to 911 and pay their portion to receive the GPS system and purchasing a new x-ray machine for the Courthouse; waiting for the second half of ARPA funds; Commissioners scored which items, out of 20 items, to address by priority; State is issuing Opioid funds to the County, which will be used for training, contribution to STING, and other items; a draft resolution has been sent to the County attorney to update the ORV ordinance. Discussion was held. Pat Robinson questioned if the library elevator has been repaired; Ron Vaughn stated it is on the list for repairs.

Ron reported that he and Gary Asel will do an inventory of the lights at the hall and take the count to Medler Electric; some rebates will be through Medler Electric and some through Consumers Energy. Ron gave a thank you to Matt Polzin for purchasing and spreading 5 yds of limestone at the Transfer Station and repairing holes at the Hall parking lot.

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Ron stated at the May meeting there were a few questions regarding the money transferred from the Recycle Fund to the General Fund; Shari stated this was due to money paid from General Fund that should have been Recycle Fund.

Ron also stated the Board went with Frontier for internet service because there aren't a lot of options in this location.

Ron stated brining was done before Memorial Day; Charlie & Corinne Maher stated O'Neil Rd was not brined, Ron will contact the Road Commission. Ron stated he and Dareld Schick attended the last Road Commission meeting.

Ron questioned if anyone knew about the pavement torn up on Wiltse Rd; Gary Asel stated it was from a piece of machinery. Ron contacted the Road Commission, as did Jan.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: going well; the oil was changed and the employee from Speed Tech stated the compactor looks great; there is a sign-up sheet at the Transfer Station for Clean-up and the Tire Clean-up. Shari stated dumpsters need to be ordered for Clean-up; Jan Thompson stated they are already ordered.

Cal Berk questioned if anyone knew the price of an AED; he stated there should be one at the hall. Ron Vaughn will talk to Emergency Management. Shari stated there should also be an AED at the Transfer Station.

Jan reported there was an article in the Ogemaw Herald, after the May meeting, that started with addressing her absence at the May meeting; Jan stated she had no choice to miss the meeting. The article went on to state she had the articles of discussion, which Jan stated was incorrect, the articles of discussion were given to the board. Jan also stated she contacted the reporter at the Ogemaw Herald and told her that the article was incorrect.

Cal Berk questioned, with the paving of Esmond Rd, would there be a streetlight; Reid stated no. Cal Berk the questioned if anyone knew what the Road Commission was doing on Pettit Rd; Ron answered no. Discussion was held. Sage Lake Rd to Wiltse Rd were made a Class A road.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan, to adjourn at 7:54pm.

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