

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

June 1, 2023

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All board members present, (Shari @6:58pm). Others present were: Jan Thompson; Dareld Schick; Debby and Ray Grant; Rose Quackenbush; Bill and Wendy Clark; Pat Robinson; Chase Wiltse; Matt Polzin; Lucinda Ray Eastridge; Louanne Rosebrugh; Michelle & Cal Berk.

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

Jan made a motion, seconded by Ron, to pay bills. Fred stated the GFL bill was not billed correctly; he will contact GFL. Ron stated the check was issued for the GFL received. Jan asked Fred to let GFL the current check is in the mail. Roll Call Vote: Reid, Fred, Ron, Jan -All Yes. Shari – Absent. Motion carried.

Fred reported the scoping and cleaning the sewer lines has been done; he stated that they didn't find anything major wrong. Fred also stated we need to wait for a good rain to see if anything to happen. Fred reported that Mike Killackey said a manhole was probably open. There are two (2) leakages, not enough to cause such a large amount of water. Discussion was held regarding the main does go across M33 and the Plaza is connected to the Township. There is also a line to the south for future connections. Dareld Schick questioned how much water goes into the manholes with no gaskets; Chase Wiltse stated not much, not a large quantity. Dareld Schick questioned if the gaskets should be replaced; Chase Wiltse stated the gaskets are usually repaired with silicone. Ray Grant questioned if there was any illegal dumping; Chase Wiltse stated probably not. Dareld Schick questioned if the sewer users will be able to see the films/video; he also questioned if Berg's is tied into the sewer system. Chase Wiltse stated everything will be changed and the films/video will be available to the Township. Chase Wiltse presented a proposal to clean the pumps, for \$914.70; pump two (2) is running slower than pump one (1). He stated that he and Mike Killackey will do the cleaning. Dareld Schick questioned if there is a spare pump for the township; Chase Wiltse stated no. Chase Wiltse gave emergency information. Discussion was held regarding cleaning; Chase Wiltse stated the proposal is for cleaning only. Fred made a motion, seconded by Reid, to accept the proposal for cleaning, at the cost of \$914.70. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Reid, Fred, Jan – All Yes. Shari – Absent. Motion carried. Chase Wiltse gave Ron two (2) keys to the panel box at the lagoon system.

Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: slow month; two (2) runs at no charge. Reid presented a flyer for the Second Annual Pancake Brunch & Open House; Jan will have the flyer posted on the website. Reid also presented a proposed increase in Maintenance Fees for the Rose City Area Fire Dept. Ron stated that the current amounts are \$1.00 for each \$1,000 taxable value, which has been the same for quite a few years and isn't keeping up with expenses. He also stated that when the Dept was first created, the amount was based on assessed value. Ron reported that the board voted not to collect the Fire millage for 2023-2024. Discussion was held.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: all is good; a lot of people are attending meals; the Nutritionist is planning to retire this fall; still waiting on the lettering for the new truck.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: everything is good; she spoke to a few of the people not paying the correct amount and two (2) are now paying the correct amount, one (1) is not; the bag totals were presented and Jan Thompson stated the largest day was Saturday, May 27 at \$463; there are several volunteers set up for Clean-up; she has looked into recycling and reported the list; she stated she is still looking for someone to take tv's and microwaves. Jan Thompson will have a list of recycling at the Transfer Station and will give a list to Jan for the website. Fred stated TR Timber is collecting tires on June 3; they have multiple costs according to tire sizes.

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

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Bill Clark questioned what is brining; Reid stated the township has approximately 14 miles of gravel roads that are treated. Bill Clark questioned if chemicals were used and he had never heard of brining; Ron stated that chemicals and water is used.

Bill Olsen gave the HL report, which included: there hasn't been weed control on the lake yet, the weeds need to be visible to be treated; the lake is good; the fish population is strong; treatment is working well for the lake. Ray Grant questioned if anything is being done with the public access at the lake; Bill Olsen stated the DNR owns a parcel on the south end and cannot develop this area because the loons are nesting there. Bill Olsen also stated the loons have nested there again this year.

Fred stated there are missing checks in the records he researched and he thought checks were written after the meetings. Jan stated she only wrote checks after the meetings when there was an emergency, with a majority vote of the board. She also stated that the Clerk's monthly payment reports had checks that were added at the meetings. Discussion was held.

Pat Robinson questioned if the Consumers Energy bills could be added to the next month's report. She also questioned if Shari wasn't in attendance, could the Treasurer's report be sent for the meeting or have the Deputy attend. Shari stated the Deputy doesn't have to attend meetings because they cannot vote.

Ron questioned what the big deal was about seeing the bills. It was stated that the people have a right to see the bills, they are taxpayers. Ron stated many townships don't have the bills or even the monthly payments report at meetings.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan, to adjourn at 7:24pm.

_____, Clerk