

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

May 4, 2023

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Board members present: Ron, Jan, Reid, Fred – Present. Shari – Absent.

Others present were: Jan Thompson; Matt Polzin; Roger Mayhew (Commissioner); Pat Reinke and Klint Marshall (Ogemaw Road Commission; Debby and Ray Grant; Randy McCrite; Jane and Jim Redmond; Lucinda and Dan Morrison; Corrinne Maher; Pat Robinson; Bill and Wendy Clark; Michelle & Cal Berk; Jorayne and Bob Wyman; Bob Hoover.

Fred stated he has a correction to the minutes: page 1, paragraph 4, ...working on the sewer, ... to: ...working on the sewer.

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

Jan made a motion, seconded by Ron, to pay bills. Discussion was held for Willard's Equipment Co; it was for the replacement of hoses at the Transfer Center. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Reid, Ron, Jan -All Yes. Shari – Absent. Motion carried.

Ron introduced Pat Reinke and Klint Marshall from the Ogemaw County Road Commission; they were present to speak about the costs of re-construction and paving of roads. Pat Reinke reported there are many items which affect road costs: equipment rates, diesel; gravel; sand is hard to find. Pat Reinke stated Gravel re-construction could be done in place of re-construction and paving. Reid questioned the creek at Ogemaw Center Road; Pat Reinke stated the cost could be overshot. Asphalt costs would cost \$120,000 for Ogemaw Center Road. Reid stated many residents on Sensabaugh Road was unhappy with the gravel; he stated it seemed like cheap gravel. Ron questioned if brining the roads help to hold them; it was stated yes and three (3) brines would be best. Discussion was held. Reid questioned if most traveled roads should be paved first; yes and traffic counts will be done this year. Pat Reinke stated Gravel and Ditch projects are filled for this year. Ron questioned if rebuilding roads was hard with the DNR and EGLE; yes it is. Reid questioned if we picked a year to gravel and ditch for next year, would we get this year's costs; Pat Reinke stated costs are used for the year it is done. Ron questioned if limestone was used in Ogemaw County; Pat Reinke stated it can be done but it cannot be brined and is very dusty, the limestone comes from Omer. Jan questioned if the gravel that was put on Sensabaugh Road in 2021 could be used if re-construction was done; Pat Reinke stated it would be minimal. Discussion was held. Pat Reinke stated cracks will be filled on paved roads this year. He also stated a ride around could be done with a board member. Klint Marshall stated after the traffic counts are done, the Road Commission will recommend the most used roads to do first. Discussion was held; Klint Marshall also stated brining is a safety factor. Ron questioned the board what they think about a third brine; Reid stated we said that we would think about it. Pat Reinke asked if the township decides on a third brine, to let the Road Commission know just after July 4th. Ron thanked Pat Reinke and Klint Marshall for attending the township meeting.

Fred presented bids for scoping and cleaning the sewer lines; he stated that Mike Killackey has worked with all of the companies. Fred reported that Mike Killackey is going to check the water flow to see if he can see where the water is coming from. Discussion was held. Ron will contact Duane Pelfrey about the water flow. Fred made a motion, seconded by Reid, to accept the bid from A1, for scoping and cleaning the sewer lines. Roll Call Vote: Reid, Fred, Ron, Jan – All Yes. Shari – Absent. Motion carried. Fred also presented the Rose City Sewer Rate Study; the recommendation is for gradual rate increases. He stated that a study is being done of expenses for Cumming Township and recommendations will follow. Fred also stated that the township needs to keep track of all expenses. Fred reported that the maintenance fund was also discussed. Jan stated she was happy that the maintenance fund was discussed because she was going to bring it up.

Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: all is good; a lot of fire runs.

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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. Reid stated he was at the plaza and Horizon Seal Coating was sealing the parking lot; they gave a bid to fill the cracks at the Transfer Station. Ron stated he will get a couple more bids. Fred asked Jan Thompson to give a total amount received at the Transfer Station. Jan Thompson stated people are complaining the ending time of 3:00pm; sometimes they are lined up and she doesn't leave until 4:00pm. She also stated they are complaining about no Wednesdays. It is working though; discussion was held about the time changes. Discussion was held regarding people not paying the correct amount for their trash. Jan stated the township could tell them they can't use the facility or turn them into the authorities. Jan Thompson stated she changed some of the charges due to the size of truck beds and how much is being put into the trucks; she also stated new residents are coming in and people are cleaning out. Jan Thompson reported she bought trash cans, for bag sizes, and it is working.

Michelle Berk questioned getting reports. Jan stated she had quarterly reports and other reports but no one questioned or commented on them, so she only gives the board the quarterly reports. Residents can ask to look at them or get copies. Michelle Berk also questioned there wasn't a Treasurer's report, is it because Shari wasn't in attendance; Jan stated yes.

Bill Olsen gave the HL report, which included: ice is off the lake as of late March; first treatment should be early to mid-June; last year's report is on the HL website.

Ron stated we talked about a new vacuum last month; Jan reported she has looked at many commercial vacuums priced between \$160 plus. Jan stated there is a nice commercial vacuum around \$210. Reid made a motion, seconded by Ron, to purchase a commercial vacuum for \$210. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Fred, Reid, Jan – All Yes. Shari – Absent. Motion carried.

Roger Mayhew gave the Commissioners' report, which included: Transit was discussed; won't sell the High banks, the Boy Scouts will do the maintenance; working on the contract for the Administrator. Discussion was held regarding the High banks, along with Flowage Lake and the Flowage Lake Dam.

Fred stated he will address the copies he made when Shari is in attendance.

Corinne Maher questioned if the township is getting a grant or a loan; Fred stated it is being worked on. He also stated that the grant is piggybacking on Rose City and grants may be a percentage or 100%; when they say a loan, the sewer users will pay 25% and the grant will be 75%. Corinne Maher questioned if Rose City defaults, would Cumming Twp be stuck with their part; Fred stated no, it is two (2) entities – we pay ours, they pay theirs. Fred reported the scoping and cleaning need to be done so engineers can get a look at what needs to be done. Any debt is not township wide – only those in the sewer district.

Jan made a motion, seconded by Ron, to adjourn at 7:32pm.

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