

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

May 2, 2024

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; Randy McCrite; Ray & Debbie Grant; Bill & Wendy Clark; Lucinda Morrison; Matt Polzin; Linda Hall; Rose Quackenbush; Bob Hoover; Pat Robinson; Louanne Rosebrugh; Breck Gildner; Michelle & Cal Berk; Bruce & Cheryl G.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda; there were no additions. There were none.

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

Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to pay the bills, with the addition of a Transfer from the Sewer Assessment Acct to the Sewer Acct, in the amount of \$3,000. Reid questioned what the amount, in the General Acct, from Municipal Underwriters was for; Jan stated insurance throughout the township. Ron questioned if the income for the Transfer Center was correct; Shari stated yes, for March. Ron reported that the bill for \$863.65 in the General Acct was for the electric work on the bathrooms. Ron questioned what the bill from Fick & Sons was for; Jan stated it was a January bill that the township did not receive. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Shari, Reid, Fred, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Fred reported that he and Ron met with Jeremy Card, Rose City Mayor, and they do not want to go in the direction of Act 425, nor Annexation. Discussion was held regarding sewer usage, pumps, and the control panel. Fred stated he has two (2) bids for pumps and a control panel, pending site visits, in the amount of \$51,000 and \$67,000. Ron stated that Fred studied Act 425, which is used around the State, when a City and other Municipality share a tax base; it would eventually be annexed by the City. He also stated that there would be 16 additional mills for the sewer users, they would not like that. The City would have the expense of all repairs if annexed. Ron reported that Rose City is dealing with the Metcalf Dam, which turned out to be a very large project. Ron and Fred discussed the sewer users will need to pay a repair and a maintenance fee. Discussion was held regarding taking a loan from the General Fund, with interest, to pay for the pumps and control panel. Discussion was also held regarding how many years it would take for the pay-back. Fred stated he would like to take this information to the sewer users, and would like to charge \$150 per quarter, in addition to the sewer useage charge, for each sewer user. Ray Grant questioned what happened to the Grant; Fred stated the USDA pulled out. Ron stated given the attendance at Special Sewer meetings in the past, rates should be established, and options drawn up before a meeting is held. Ron questioned if letters needed to be sent; Jan stated yes. Discussion was held. Cal Berk questioned why not change Act 420, it has not been changed in years. Discussion held. A Special Sewer Meeting will be held on May 23, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Ron reported the bathroom lights have been installed.

Fred reported that Mid-Michigan Asphalt will begin paving the hall parking lot in June.

Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: eight (8) fire runs, none for Cumming Township.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: the main heat pump went out on the main building, it will be repaired at the cost of \$15,000; the Head Cook will take over the ordering of food and supplies, while the Assistant Head Cook will take the Head Cook position until someone is hired; an individual was hired for the Adult Day Care. Discussion was held regarding Adult Day Care.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: going pretty good; the phone should be disconnected, due to all the metal and poor reception. It was agreed to have the phone

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disconnected. She also reported that an incident that happened on 4/20/2024: a regular customer threw bags into the compactor and only had a large bill to pay, there was not enough change in the cash register to give him change, so he paid \$1, and she paid \$1 (out of her own money). Someone thought she was letting people not pay, but again, it was her own money. The customer paid her back on 4/27/2024. Reid stated that if someone goes to the Transfer Station and does not have money, do not charge; Jan Thompson stated that is what she does, and tells them they can pay next week. Jan Thompson also reported that last month someone stated there isn't enough people that use the Transfer Station, so she gave the following information: there are 717 residents in Cumming Township, 303 households; there are 274 signatures on the sign-in sheets at the Transfer Station, 145, new customers, 129 repeat customers, and looking for more customers to come in now that the warm weather is setting in. That makes 1/3 of the residents using the Transfer Station. Jan Thompson stated bag counts do not matter because they weigh different; GFL charges by total weight. Tire Clean-up will be June 15, 9am-3pm. Clean-up was discussed. Clean-up will be held June 15, 9am-3pm also. Ron questioned that the tire clean-up is for anyone, correct; Jan Thompson stated yes. She also stated the Tire Clean-up is through an EGLE Grant.

Bill Olsen gave the HL Weed Control report, which included: no weed control going on yet, should begin mid-June; Jan gave him the amount that is available from Cumming Township and he will contact Rob Reid for the amount that will be available from Hill Township – these amounts will be adequate this year; the loons have returned.

Jan presented the agreement from Schulze, Oswald, Miller, and Edwards for the audit; she read the headings in the agreement and stated the audit cost will not exceed \$6,875 plus the cost associated with GASB implementations. Fred questioned if this is an agreement to do the audit; Jan stated yes. Ron stated when he was with the County and used a different accounting firm, the charges were the same. Jan made a motion, seconded by Reid, to accept the agreement from Schulze, Oswald, Miller, and Edwards, with cost not to exceed \$6,875 plus the cost associated with GASB implementations. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Shari, Ron, Reid, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried. Ray Grant questioned how often the audit is done; Shari stated every other year, with a mini audit the odd year.

Breck Gildner stated the Commissioners' day meeting changed to a night meeting, held at 5:30pm.

Michelle Berk addressed the situation regarding the filing of her paperwork to run for office. She turned in her paperwork on 4/13, there was an error and Jan missed it; she received this information the day after the deadline. Breck Gildner passed out information to those affected with errors and stated she also sent emails to them; she will send the township's email tomorrow (5/3). Breck also stated that these individuals have options to get on the August or November ballots. Breck reported this did not just happen in Cumming Township. Much discussion was held.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to adjourn at 7:27pm.

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