

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; John & Sonia Lingenfelter; randy McCreite; Kathy Morrison; Lucinda Morrison; Rose Quackenbush; Norma & James Morris; Corinne & Charles Maher; Bruce Grabarkcewicz; Ray Grant; Ray Eastridge; Michelle & Cal Berk; LeRoy Minto; Fred & Louanne Rosebrugh; Duane Pelfrey; Jill & Matt Pollard; two (2) individuals on ZOOM.

Shari made a motion, seconded by Ron, to accept the October 2, 2022 Election Commission meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

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

Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to pay bills. Roll Call Vote: Matt-No, Ron-Yes, Shari-Yes, Reid. Ron questioned the Pontem Software, was it for annual support; Jan stated yes. Ron stated the Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards PC bill was for the 2021-2022 audit and is in line with other audits. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Shari, Reid, Matt, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Claudia Miller, auditor from Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards PC, presented the 2021-2022 audit ending March 31, 2022. She stated that the township had a clean audit (unqualified opinion). Claudia went over the financial sheets, reports, notes and letters. She stated there must be a report that the Clerk and Treasurer's Balance Statement is included in the financial reports. Ron questioned if there were any discrepancies; Claudia stated no. Claudia stated she would give the board a few days to look over the 2021-2022 audit before uploading the audit to the State. Ron thanked Claudia for putting in the extra work due to circumstances beyond our control.

Ron reported that the sewer connection was damaged at Duane Pelfrey's property; Green's Contracting repaired the connection. Ron stated that Matt Miller has expressed that the sewer users should pay for the costs. Ron contacted the township attorney; he stated that utility companies usually will step up and pay for the damages. Matt Miller also suggested that the lines be flushed and scoped; flushing before scoping, as there could be several spots where there is leakage. According to Matt Miller, the sewer lines were never recorded with MISS DIG. Ron stated there needs to be more research done, and we haven't been presented with a bill from Green's Contracting. Discussion was held regarding a Maintenance & Repair fund and a Special Assessment for the Sewer District; this will be set up with the help of the township attorney. Duane Pelfrey stated that only the drain line needs to be scoped. Reid made a motion, seconded by Shari, to approve Ron to work with the township attorney, Adam Flory, for the sewer district issues. Roll Call Vote: Reid, Shari, Matt, Ron, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried. Reid stated the vacant land property owners should pay. Duane Pelfrey stated it could only be charged certain a percentage, to increase the property value.

Jan presented the cleaning bid from Rebecca Vorva. Discussion was held. Ron stated to table this issue, he will contact Rebecca Vorva.

Jan reported that she spoke with Consumers Energy regarding the streetlight at Sage Lake and Sensabaugh Roads. Consumers Energy stated the project went to scheduling and it should be installed in 18 business days, approximately November 21.

Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: three runs, one (1) in Cumming Twp; showed the fire equipment to the students at the Rose City School. Reid presented the Rose City Area Fire Board 2023 budget. Ron read the separate municipalities contributions, all based on taxable value, Rose City pays 10% over due to housing the Fire Dept in the City. The budget also includes the expenses for six (6) trucks and employee wages. The total Budget is: \$141,159.00, Cumming Township portion: #34,383.00. Ron made a motion, seconded by Reid, to accept the proposed 2023 Rose City

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Fire Board Budget, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Matt, Reid, Ron, Shari, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron stated there was nothing new at OCOA.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: going well; the flag is down so Jan Thompson needs supplies to fix the flagpole; she has helpers lined up to fix it. Jan made a motion, seconded by Matt, for Jan Thompson to purchase supplies needed to fix the flagpole. Discussion was held regarding the recycled oil. Roll Call Vote: Reid, Shari, Matt, Ron, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron stated he will contact the individual regarding the blight issue.

Ron spoke with Mark Surbrook regarding moving the Sheriff's office into the annex; the County is looking at all the options. Ron reported that Cindy Scott retired from the Treasurer's office after 37 years of service.

Cal Berk stated that last month's minutes stated the F65 report was submitted, but it wasn't filed; he has information that it was not filed. Jan stated the 2021 F65 report was filed.

Shari read a letter to the public.

Corinne Maher questioned what is happening with the lights in the hall. Ron stated he will contact Gary Asel.

Jan made a motion, seconded by Shari, to adjourn at 7:22pm.

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