

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

October 6, 2022

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ron welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated that the meeting was not a Townhall Meeting, but a Board meeting. He also stated that Township business would be taken care of, then there will be Public Comment at the end of the meeting.

Roll Call: All board members— present. Others present were: Thomas Minto; LeRoy Minto; Joe & Ginger Hazlinsky; Duane Pelfrey; Fred & LouAnne Rosebrugh; Charlie & Corinne Maher; Dick Bott; Ray & Deby Grant; Denise Murphy; James Stokes; Lesley Murchie; Arlene & Roger Watson; Peter & Jody Zimmer; Judy Asel; Brian Gilbert; Rose Quackenbush; Randy McCrite; Jim & Norma Morris; Bruce Grabarkiewicz; Theresa & Ken Snider; Robert & Debbie Donaldson; Michelle & Cal Berk; Bob Hoover; Pat Robinson; Dean Clark; Otis Cowles; one (1) individual on ZOOM.

Ron questioned if there was a change to the agenda; with none, the agenda stood as presented.

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

Shari made a motion, with the addition of Fire ck#1082 in the amount of \$1,100.00 to the Rose City Area Fire Board, seconded by Jan, to pay bills. Roll Call Vote: Matt-No, Ron-Yes, Shari-Yes, Reid. Reid questioned the Speed Tech Equipment bill; he questioned if the inspection was done; yes, it was. Reid questioned why 40-year-old hoses were ok and didn't need to be replaced. Jan Thompson explained the situation at the Transfer Station and the clean-up of the oil and water. Matt Polzin stated if the Transfer Station should have been closed, the Board should have known about it; Jan Thompson contacted Ron regarding the closing. Reid questioned the Huntington Bank – Recycle Acct check; it was for the Tire Grant that was deposited into the General Acct. Roll Call Vote: Matt-No, Ron-Yes, Shari-Yes, Reid-Yes, Jan-Yes. Motion carried.

Ron reported nothing has been done with the ARPA Funds. He also reported the sewer system was checked, with a camera, by Lil' Willies from Duane Pelfrey's building to the connection and there is a problem. The Sewer District must take care of the right-a-way. Ron contacted many contractors in the area; Matt Miller is the only one who can work on the project. Matt Miller contacted Miss Dig; they staked out where the utilities are located and figured when the fiber optic was put in, they damaged the sewer line. Ron stated the gas company must be at the site when Matt Miller begins digging; Matt's costs will be a minimum of \$2,000. Ron also stated that Lil' Willies was very thorough. He also stated that the line at Duane Pelfrey's might be a little shallow. Ron reported that the property owners may want to contribute to a Repair & Maintenance Fund; vacant property owners may need to contribute to this fund.

Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: ten runs, two (2) in Cumming Twp; pretty quiet.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: closed the fiscal year and started the current fiscal year; waiting on a new food delivery truck, doesn't look promising.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: going well; closed on Wednesdays.

Ron gave the Assessor's report, which included: Residential Class up 17% (assessments). Ron gave an example of a sale within the township. Discussion was held. Matt Polzin questioned if Allison Thompson is supposed to attend township meetings; it was stated no.

Ron stated nothing on Blight. He also stated we received a good report from Henderson Lake last month.

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Shari stated she would like to see if Rebecca Vorva could clean the hall, on a monthly basis. Matt questioned how it is cleaned now and the amount paid. Shari stated that the renters clean it after they use the hall and other times, she was cleaning it, by the hour, but she doesn't have time to clean the hall. Reid stated the hall should be cleaned for the public. Discussion was held; cleaning the hall once a month prior to the meeting and see how the rentals go. Jan will contact Rebecca Vorva.

Jan presented a price increase for snow plowing, from Mike Kelly. Jan suggested keeping Mike Kelly for snow plowing, as he has always done a great job. Jan made a motion, seconded by Shari, to accept the price increase for snow plowing, from Mike Kelly. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Reid, Matt, Shari, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Jim Morris questioned if everyone's assessment is going up; yes, it is an estimate. Reid stated assessments are based on sales; Jim Morris stated he didn't believe that. Discussion was held. Taxable Value can only increase the rate of inflation or locked in up to a maximum of 5%; Assessment is 50% of True Cash Value. Otis Cowles questioned Taxable Value, Rate of Inflation, and the cost of homes vs. neighborhoods. Discussion was held.

Cal Berk questioned if he could have a copy of the sewer ordinance; Ron stated he could get one after the meeting. Cal Berk questioned if the audit was done; Ron stated it is almost complete. Jan stated the 2020-2021 F65 is complete and filed; the auditor is wrapping up the 2021-2022 audit. Ron stated that the auditor will be at the November meeting.

Brian Gilbert, Ogemaw County Sheriff, introduced himself. He stated it was nice to see so many in attendance. Brian Gilbert also stated his door is always open, just stop by. He reported that there is community policing again. He also reported that he would like to get the inmates out to do roadside clean-up; it hasn't been done since covid started. Brian Gilbert stated October and November is No-Shave months, they are collecting \$20 each month for charity. He again stated that his door is open if anyone wants to stop in.

Debbie Donaldson questioned when can they voice opinions; Ron stated now. She questioned when the trash collection can go back on a millage. Ron stated it was defeated in August. Jim Morris stated he likes the idea of a millage and would like to see recycling, as the Transfer Station was built for recycling. Ron stated Jan Thompson has done an excellent job with the Tire Grant, where we received monies back. Unfortunately, there isn't money in recycling any more. Discussion was held regarding the trouble to get rid of appliances, chemicals, paint, etc. at facilities. Jan stated paint can be taken at the Transfer Station if it has been filled with kitty litter, sand, or dried out. Consumers Energy will take refrigerators, if they run, and give a rebate of \$40. Some refrigeration companies will pump freon out of appliances, then the appliances can be taken to the scrap yard.

Ron stated the LED lights for the hall were reimbursed through Consumers Energy; Gary Asel will install them. Corinne Maher stated that Gary Asel thought a licensed electrician needs to install the lights. Ron will contact Gary Asel.

Jan made a motion, seconded by Ron, to adjourn at 7:08pm.

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