

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

September 7, 2023

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Ron, Jan, Shari, Fred - Present. Reid – Absent. Others present were: Jan Thompson; Randy McCrite; Matt Polzin; Ray Grant; Ray Eastridge; Lucinda Morrison; Pat Robinson; Louanne Rosebrugh; Michelle & Cal Berk; two (2) ZOOM.

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

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda; Fred stated he would like to talk about deputies.

Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to pay the bills. Matt Polzin questioned the bill from the township attorney; Jan read said bill. Roll Call Vote: Shari - Yes, Fred - No, Ron - Yes, Jan – Yes. Reid – Absent. Motion carried.

Fred reported that the pumps haven't been worked on yet. He stated that Leo Dion is working on the sewer rates and the Cumming Township maintenance fees. Discussion was held regarding the Cumming Township maintenance fees and having Leo Dion involved in this. Fred stated a new pump will be \$13,000, if needed to be replaced. Fred also reported that the line at G&S Machine was repaired by Green Contracting. Fred questioned if the township has received a thumb drive from GFL Environmental for the scoping; everyone answered no.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: everything is going well: the old food truck is for sale.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: going good; EGLE sent paperwork for the 2024 tire grant, which needs approval, a date to hold the tire collection, and Ron's signature to submit the grant. Discussion was held; the grant covers the cost of the trailer, hauling and delivery. Jan Thompson stated the cost is paid upfront, then the township will be reimbursed. Shari questioned if the trailer will be picked up after it is full; Jan Thompson stated no, it will be only for one (1) Saturday. She also stated that we can collect outside of the township, using "Community Tire Clean-up". Discussion was held regarding tire size, rims, and when full to stop the collection. Jan Thompson reported there is a new hauler this year. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan, to approve the Community Tire Clean-up on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 9am – 3pm. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Shari, Fred, Jan – All Yes. Reid – Absent. Motion carried. Jan Thompson presented a new Service Fee Sheet, due to people bringing larger loads than listed; she stated the bag fees remain the same. She also put "No phone quotes, Prices may vary" on the service fee sheet. Discussion was held. Matt Polzin questioned if other landfills have been contacted to dump items; no, we haven't. Ron will take care of this. Jan made a motion, seconded by Shari, to approve the new Service Fees For the Transfer Station, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Fred, Shari, Jan – Yes. Reid – Absent. Motion carried.

Ron questioned if any one has heard from the Assessor, Allison Thompson; Jan stated she only has through email when a property owner had a split in property. Ron also questioned information that would be put on the flyer with the winter taxes. Jan stated that Shari will take care of this, along with information regarding the Fire millage.

Bill Olsen gave the HL report, which included: the final treatment will be this coming week; water quality samples will be taken in late October.

Fred questioned how the wages for deputies are handled. Jan stated they are paid per hour, as other hourly employees, at \$15 per hour. Jan also stated that the deputies fall under the line item they

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belong to, along with all items in that department (clerk: deputy clerk, supplies, professional services; mileage, etc.).

Ron stated at the August meeting, Randy McCrite questioned the F65, and that Jan has looked into this. Jan stated that the information they are stating is not on the F65, she again asked if they have a copy of what they want clarification on. Pat Robinson stated she didn't have a copy, but it was after the Audit. Jan stated if that is the information they are looking for, yes there are unassigned funds. Jan explained what Unassigned are and they can only be used in the General Fund. Discussion was held.

Lucinda Morrison questioned how the board decides to contact the township attorney. Fred stated calls should not be made without going through the board. Jan stated sometimes we can't wait to contact the attorney; Shari stated sometimes we can't wait for the next meeting. Lucinda Morrison questioned there isn't a policy; Ron stated correct. Discussion was held.

Connie Malecek questioned RVs on properties, with the new County ordinance, who is going to enforce this. She stated there were eight (8) RVs on a corner parcel. Ron stated it is County Zoning; he will check with County Zoning.

Matt Polzin questioned if Reid will be contacted and invited to attend the meetings. He also questioned if the problem at New Life Camp was resolved. Fred stated he contacted New Life Camp, and everything has been resolved.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to adjourn at 7:20pm.

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