

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Special Meeting

November 14, 2023

The Special Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm. Roll Call: Ron, Jan, Fred – present. Shari, Reid – Absent. Others present were: Leo Dion, Jan Thompson, Randy McCrite, Cindy Rosebrugh (City of Rose City).

Ron stated the purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss increases in the sewer usage rates and maintenance fees.

Cindy Rosebrugh explained the increase of the Rose City rates, which are the rates that are charged to the City sewer users and to Cumming Township sewer rates. Jan explained the billings for the sewer usage. Leo Dion presented the annual expenses, which are \$10,695. Jan stated the sewer users pay the sewer usage fee and the Rose City maintenance fees, so they are a wash. Discussion was held regarding Operation and Maintenance Fees. New rates for sewer usage were discussed. Discussion was held regarding borrowing from other township accounts.

Leo Dion stated pumps only have about 20 years of life, so the township would need to money for the two (2) to replace, plus two (2) new pumps in 20 years after purchasing the new pumps. Discussion was held regarding the current pumps, which are 35 years old; they are worn but still running.

Cindy Rosebrugh reported that Rose City is looking at other grants. Discussion was held. Leo Dion suggested looking at the USDA/Rural Development time frame. Fred stated one grant is due January 1, 2024, and the money runs out in May or June. Discussion was held regarding looking at loans.

Fred stated the pumps need to be pulled bi-annually. Discussion was held regarding the scoping of the sewer lines; all is good with the lines.

Leo Dion reported that the Township sewer rates do not need to be the same as the Rose City sewer rates. Discussion was held.

Ron stated that Fred will look into the USDA grant and apply before January 1, 2024; Fred will contact Troy at USDA. Leo Dion stated an engineer will need to be hired for Rose City. He also stated the grants will need to go through Rose City.

Discussion was held regarding using REU's for maintenance fees.

Ron adjourned the meeting at 2:22pm.

_____, Clerk