

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Special Meeting

May 23, 2024

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Roll Call: All board members were present. Others present were: Dareld Schick; Jan Thompson; Mark Reilly; Michelle & Cal Berk; Julie Shurland-Pelfrey & Duane Pelfrey.

Ron stated the purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss bids for sewer pumps and a control panel, and to work on financing issues.

Fred reported that the Township tried to work with the USDA for a grant. The township cannot get a grant on their own, so was going to combine with Rose City. Fred stated the government pulled USDA grants. Fred reported that he has tried to get bids for pumps and a control panel; he distributed a quote from Riviera Electric for \$106,490. He reported that he has gone back and forth with Kennedy Industries, but still has not received a quote. Fred stated the controls are working and are not updated; they can be updated to send calls/messages if the system goes down. Fred also stated that the average cost for the sewer users is \$5,000 annually; a 10-year pay-out would work. Discussion was held. Reid questioned Fred, stating there are two (2) different issues; Jan agreed. Dareld Schick presented a two (2) year old quote from Banning Electric at \$14,212; the quote was broken down. He stated he would like to see this type of breakdown on all the quotes. Fred stated he would contact Banning Electric for a quote. Dareld Schick also reported that Rodney Mason rebuilds control panels; he will do some research on this.

Discussion was held regarding the Sewer Assessment Acct and ARPA funds. Discussion was held on the following issues:

How did the video from the cameras look; they were good.

Why do the pumps and control panel all need to be done now; with the grant everything needed to be done at the same time.

Discussion was held regarding rebuilding the pumps.

Jan questioned not owning the sewer system. Reid stated that because the township only owns 13 ½% of the lagoon system, if we applied for a \$100,000 grant the township would pay \$99,000 of said grant. Dareld Schick gave the history regarding Rose City putting in the lagoon.

Other discussion included:

What hp are the pumps; Fred will check.

Maintenance was discussed. Who has been maintaining the sewer system; Rose City, they would like to have the township contract someone. Reid stated it may be law in 2028.

How can Rose City back out of maintenance; Fred stated one (1) problem is Miss Dig, someone from the township should have a map for the sewer system. Is there GPS mapping; Fred stated he did not know. Discussion was held regarding a manhole under a driveway.

Why doesn't the township pass an ordinance that no one can dig underground, like Rose City did; Fred stated we can look into that. Ron reported he spoke with Scott Bell from Lapham; the City cannot take care of the mapping; they would not want the responsibility. Also, the township could hire someone. There was much discussion regarding Miss Dig; Ron said he has looked into the issue with MISS DIG and the mapping needs to be done.

Discussion was held regarding if everyone is connected to the sewer system; Fred stated the camera video should show; he will look at it.

Where are the sewer lines; in the center of the ditch.

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If Consumers Energy wants to put in a pole, how will they know where to dig; discussion was held. Fred stated he has a copy of the sewer line video.

Controls could be updated, and Riviera Electric suggested putting in a sub-pump; discussion was held. Dareld Schick questioned if a large tube will be installed along the west side of M33; discussion was held.

Ron suggested borrowing from the General Acct, as a 10-year loan. Shari suggested setting up another meeting, to keep this issue going.

Discussion was held regarding a repair fund; the breakdown was discussed.

The next Sewer Special Meeting will be held on June 13, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan, to adjourn 7:18pm.

_____, Clerk