

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Special Meeting

June 13, 2024

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Roll Call: Ron, Jan, Reid, Fred were present. Shari – Absent. Others present were: Dareld Schick; Jan Thompson; Bud Short; Craig Maison; Duane Pelfrey; Mike Quigley; Molly Meir.

Ron stated the purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss the repairs and maintenance of the sewer system.

Fred reported that he received a bid from Kennedy Industries, which included: two (2) new pumps, an upgrade to the current control panel, and a monitoring alert system, by Wi-Fi. Duane Pelfrey stated there is a charge for Wi-Fi, stated on the bid; Fred will check into this. Jan stated there was previous discussion regarding checking on re-building the pumps, was that looked into; Fred stated no. Discussion was held regarding re-building the pumps. Discussion was also held regarding a sub-pump and that electricity will be needed to run it. Reid stated the original check valves have been replaced, paid from the Sewer Assessment Fund. Other vendors, from Bay City and Gaylord, were given for re-building the pumps; Fred will check into this.

Jan presented and explained a 4-year and a 6-year loan, from the General Fund, at 3% annual interest. Much discussion was held, including the board would like input from the sewer users which loan is better for them. Dareld Schick questioned ARPA funds for the sewer; Fred stated \$10,000 was used for the camera.

Discussion was held on the following issues:

- 1). What is the warranty for new pumps; Fred will check with Kennedy Industries.
- 2). Insurance for any emergencies, natural events.
- 3). The GPS mapping of the sewer system and MISS DIG.
- 4). The repair fund; it was agreed that \$20 per quarter, per connection unit, should be charged after much discussion regarding per parcel charge.
- 5). The history of the sewer system, why it was created.
- 6). Depth of the sewer pipes; Fred will check the video.

Fred stated in 2028, the township will need to hire a certified tech for the sewer system if the new law is passed. Annexation was discussed; Rose City doesn't want the liability or expense to repair the sewer system. Discussion was also held regarding the 13 ½% of the lagoon that Cumming Township owns.

Discussion was also held, as follows:

- 1). Are there any grants available; Fred stated no, not right now. Reid stated we were combining with Rose City because we could get a lower percentage rate to pay.
- 2). When the lagoon needs to be re-done, how much will Cumming Township have to pay; 13 ½%.
- 3). Are the control panels ok with the Rose City system; Fred stated yes.
- 4). Could the breakdown of the loan change; yes, if vacant properties are included.
- 5). There was much discussion regarding the repair fund and if there in an abundance of funds.

Reid stated Family Fare donated as much bottled water, as needed, to the Rose City Fire Dept this year.

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Jan suggested holding a special meeting in July; the sewer users will have time to look at the 4 year and 6 year loan options, the repair fund, and the township will gather other information regarding the pumps and control panel. Reid stated the township wants to do what is best for the sewer district and will keep this issue going forward.

Discussion was held regarding Rose City grants.

The next Sewer Special Meeting will be held on July 18, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Reid, to adjourn 7:56pm.

_____, Clerk