

CUMMING TOWNSHIP  
Special Meeting

July 18, 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; Tino Franciosi; Jan Thompson; Mike Quigley; Mark Reilly; Matt Miller; Duane Pelfrey; Pat Robinson; Shaun Maison; Molly O'Connor.

Ron stated the purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss the repairs and maintenance of the sewer system. Fred presented the answers to the questions from the June 13, 2024 meeting: warranty for the pumps is five (5) years; warranty for the electrical is one (1) year; the annual cost for WiFi is \$536.40, or less; the cost to re-build pumps is \$11,500 each, plus the cost of disconnecting and re-installing the pump. Discussion was held. Fred also stated the check valves are under water; there is a sump pump, but it needs replacing. Discussion was held regarding contacting Howard's Septic or Lil' Willies to pump the water out. Fred reported that it is agreed to charge \$20 per quarter to begin the Repair Fund. Discussion was held that only the Sewer District properties will pay for the repairs and the quarterly Repair Fund.

It was questioned if one (1) pump could be removed, temporarily, to re-build; no, there must be two (2) pumps. Also questioned if there was more than one (1) bid; yes, but chose to go with Kennedy Industries for the new pumps, so they were only asked for the re-build. It was stated that there should be other bids for the re-building of the pumps.

Discussion was held regarding the sewer maintenance; Jan stated there are two (2) maintenance accounts – one for the RC Maintenance, which is the work that the RC DPW does and one for the maintenance on the sewer system, like the control panel, etc.

It was questioned if the sump pump is a basic sump pump; it depends on the volume, flow, etc. Fred stated the water feeds back into the Sewer. Fred stated he will get two (2) bids for the sump pump.

Ron stated he received an option, from the township attorney, that the vacant properties should be included in the repairs. Jan stated although the township attorney stated the vacant properties could be included in the repairs, because the repairs are being done by a loan, the vacant properties do not need to be included. Jan explained that she went to the Ogemaw County Equalization to check which vacant properties are combined parcels and which properties are not combined. They stated that if any vacant properties are included, all vacant properties should be included. Discussion was held regarding back lot vacant properties. Jan stated the township attorney should be contacted for an opinion.

Ron questioned if the sewer users wanted new pumps and keep the old pumps for backup; it was questioned if one (1) pump could be bought, and both old pumps re-built. Discussion was held. The following questions were discussed: 1). How often does the backup pump run; they alternate. 2). Can the new pump be used more than the old pump; yes. 3). Should Kennedy Industries replace the sump pump when installing the pumps? Yes, but two (2) bids will be obtained for the sump pump.

Ron recapped the following:

- 1). One (1) new pump; two (2) pumps re-built.
- 2). \$20 per quarter for the Repair Fund, including vacant property.
- 3). Contact township attorney regarding the vacant back lots.

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Discussion was held regarding MISS DIG, should have the sewer system flagged. Fred stated the sewer system is in the GPS but needs to get mapped.

The next Sewer Special Meeting will be held on August 21, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Jan made a motion, seconded by Reid, to adjourn 7:02pm.

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk