

CUMMING TOWNSHIP  
Special Meeting

August 20, 2024

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Roll Call: All board members - present. Others present were: Jan Thompson; Delinn Keetch; Mark Reilly; Duane Pelfrey; Greg Quigley.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss the repairs and maintenance of the sewer system. Jan presented a report with all the 2023-2024 expenses; Fred asked for this information. Jan explained the expenses and the billing cycle of the sewer bills, which months were included in the billings. Fred stated he was asked to get the costs (expenses) to get the quarterly amounts; this was a request from Mike Anderson, who works for RECAP. Mike calculated the costs like Leo Dion had done previously. Jan stated the number of Commercial Units is still incorrect; she gave Fred the correct number. Discussion was held. Shari questioned why we are using RCAP when Jan can do the figures; Fred stated Mike Anderson will do it. Discussion was held regarding the RCAP study. Shari suggested Mike Anderson talk to Jan or have him attend a board meeting; Fred stated yes, he will contact Mike.

Shari stated the vacant lots should not be charged for the repairs; Ron stated that is the option of the board. Duane Pelfrey stated it's mandated to hook into the sewer system, at a charge, so he stated the vacant properties shouldn't be charged for the repairs. Discussion was held regarding leads to every property.

Fred reported that he, Reid, and Dareld Schick met with Jim Backus, from Kennedy Industries. Travel costs to and from the sewer district are 3,500 – 4,500; therefore, with the cost of re-built pumps and all the travel, it is best to just purchase two (2) new pumps, along with the repair of the control panel. The cost would be around \$55,000 for the two (2) new pumps, the control panel, and set up of the monitoring system. It also includes a 5-yr warranty, with no pay, to the pumps. Discussion was held regarding keeping the best pump of the two (2) old pumps, cleaning it up and putting it in storage in case of an emergency. Fred also stated that today's motors are more efficient. Jan questioned if the total is on the front page of the bid; Fred stated yes. Jan also questioned if the sump pump is included; Fred stated no, he will get bids for the sump pump. Discussion was held.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Reid, to approve the purchase of two (2) new pumps, repair of the control panel, and the monitoring system, from Kennedy Industries, not to exceed \$60,000.00. Shari questioned the bid; said bid was gone through. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Shari, Ron, Reid, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Jan made a motion, seconded by Reid, to approve a 4-yr loan at 3% annual interest, from the General Fund to the sewer users, for the repairs of the sewer pumps, control panel, monitoring system, and sump pump. Roll Call Vote: Reid, Shari, Fred, Ron, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Shari made a motion, seconded by Reid, that the vacant property owners do not have to pay for the repairs. Discussion was held. Roll Call Vote: Shari – Yes, Jan – Yes, Ron – Yes, Reid – Yes, Fred – No. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding what account the Connection Fees are deposited into; they go into the Sewer Fund accounts. Ron made a motion, seconded by Reid, to send a letter to Mitch Rosen regarding the Connection Fee, of \$1,100, that wasn't paid when Beef-a-Roo was connected to the sewer system. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Fed, Shari, Reid, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried. A letter, also a copy of the Ordinance, will be sent to Mitch Rosen. Jan will check with the City of Rose City to see what the hook-up date was.

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Reid made a motion, seconded by Jan, to approve a \$35.00 quarterly charge to all property owners in the sewer district, to the Repair Fund. Roll Call Vote: Shari, Fred, Ron, Reid, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Fred stated he spoke with Mike Killackey regarding MISS DIG; they may take the entire county into effect when signing up. Ron reported that he spoke with Lucas Tierney and he is only licensed for water not sewer and his insurance carrier said it would be too expensive. Fred stated Mike Killackey will charge \$35.00 for the MISS DIG work. Discussion was held.

Jan made a motion, seconded by Reid, to adjourn 7:45pm.

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