

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Special Meeting

May 16, 2022

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Roll Call: Ron, Jan, Shari, Reid – present. Matt – Absent. Others present were: Dareld Schick; Matt Miller; Craig Maison; Rose Quackenbush; Howard LaCosse; Jan Thompson; Duane Pelfrey.

Ron stated the purpose of the Special Meeting was to talk about the future of the sewer system, questions regarding the billings, and a rainy-day fund for repairs.

Jan explained the billings for the sewer usage. Discussion was held regarding the number of units used for maintenance. Matt Miller stated the township should pay for the maintenance, not the sewer users. Jan stated when the sewer system was built, the board was told that all expenses should be passed on to the sewer users because they are the only ones that can benefit from the sewer system.

Dareld Schick gave the history of the lagoon system. Ron asked Howard LaCosse why the electric bill would be so high. Howard stated that more water is pumping than before; it could be because the pump is slowing down and that there could have been more run-off with the rain. Howard LaCosse suggested having one (1) spare pump on hand. Dareld Schick questioned if it should be two (2) pumps on hand; Howard stated no, one (1) pump on hand. Howard also suggested to update the circuit board that runs the pump, which costs about \$3,000.

Discussion was held regarding the plaza, which is on the City of Rose City's sewer system. Jan stated she was told that it was hooked into the township's system; Howard LaCosse stated no, it is on the City's system. Discussion was held regarding Berg's property not being hooked up to the sewer system.

ARPA funds were discussed to help fund the cost of one (1) pump, one (1) valve, and to update the circuit board. Ron stated the ARPA funds will be further discussed at the next township board meeting.

Ron stated to change the ordinance, the township would need the help of an attorney. He also stated that the board will try to set up a meeting in June or July.

Matt Miller questioned using a camera to see why there is so much water. Dareld Schick questioned using dye. Howard LaCosse will check on the cost of using a camera; he stated dye is not needed at this time.

Ron stated the township board will make a decision on how much ARPA funds to allocate to the sewer system, Howard LaCosse will get firm prices on the pump, controller, electrician to install, cost of rebuilt pumps, and come together again in June or July. Matt Miller stated the township board needs to discuss taking over the cost of maintenance or breakdown the maintenance by the number of total units. Ron stated the board needs to get an opinion regarding the maintenance. Ron read parts of the ordinance. He thanked everyone in attendance and stated the board has some direction regarding what needs to be done.

There was discussion regarding a sidewalk along the M33 corridor.

Jan made a motion, seconded by Shari, to adjourn at 7:47pm.

_____, Clerk