

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

March 6, 2025

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All board members present.

Others present were: Jane & Jim Redmond; Ray & Debby Grant; Rose Quackenbush; Randy McCrite; Jim & Norma Morris; Michelle & Cal Berk; Corinne & Charlie Maher; Ron Chapman; Eddy Blyss.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda; Teena stated she wanted to add discussion regarding a Grant for the Housing Commission; Fred added a letter for the Road Millage. Ron stated the agenda stood as amended.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to accept the previous monthly meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Jan F stated there is addition to the bills, General ck#3969 to Frontier, for \$180.37. Fred made a motion, seconded by Ron, to the bills. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Jan T, Teena, Ron, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Fred presented information showing the difference of how many times the pump was pumping, from the old pump compared to the new pump; the new pump pumps 250 times per minute. Ron reported that Kennedy Industries took the old pumps and scrapped them because they were too heavy to move. Jan F questioned if the bill to Kennedy Industries had been received; Fred stated no. Fred also stated that Kennedy Industries had returned to do service.

Jan T met with Mid-West Asbestos; they took 48 samples to test for asbestos. She gave the information about what was in the analysis report; the final report was not received. Mid-West Asbestos did not cut into the walls because the hall is being used. Jan T stated that the township needs to hire a contractor to determine what will be done, then contact Mid-West Asbestos to meet with the contractor. Jan T also stated that the hall can be used; everything was sealed after taking the samples. Jan T reported that the quote for abatement, in the Morse Clark bid, is only for the meeting room; it will cost approximately \$13,000 to abate what needs to be done in the hall. Jan T reported that nothing can be disturbed in any other room without being tested for asbestos. Most of the asbestos is in the adhesive. Abatement for all that was tested will bring the cost to approximately \$100,000. Jan T stated the board needs to look at all the additional expenses. Jan T also stated that we should look at the repairs to the hall, look at a new hall, or look into a room in the Community Center. Jan T made a motion to rescind the hall project and bid from Morse Clark Furniture until it is budgeted. Much discussion was held. Fred stated he has contacted companies to give quotes for encapsulating the crawl space. Ray Grant questioned if we should get an appraisal for the hall. Jim Morris questioned if two (2) offices were in the back office; Ron stated no, there is just one (1) large office. Ron stated if the Clerk and Treasurer works at the hall, two (2) offices would be needed. Jan F stated she questioned Fred when he suggested making the kitchen a service kitchen and adding an office; this would be for the future as the Clerk and Treasurer work out of their homes. Discussion was held. Ron stated there is a whole lot to look at, regarding the condition of the hall. Ron seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Fred – No, Ron -Yes, Teena – Yes, Jan T – Yes, Jan F – Yes. Motion carried. Ron stated there needs to be more discussion regarding the hall repairs during the Budget Workshop. He also stated that Jan T and Fred are working with different contractors for the hall repairs.

Jan F reported that the City of Rose City is working with their attorney to draw up a contract for financial support for the Community Center. She spoke with the City Clerk, and they will be asking for \$10,000 each year for two (2) years, for all municipalities that agreed to support their project. Jan F stated that if we moved the office to the Community Center, we would save all the costs from the township hall. Discussion was held. Jim Morris stated he thought it was a bad idea.

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Jan F reported that we did not receive any bids for hall cleaning; she will extend the posting.

Jan read the street light contract from Consumers Energy. Discussion was held. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Teena, to approve the Street Light Contract with Consumers Energy, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Teena, Fred, Ron, Jan T, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried. Jan F presented the Street Light Resolution. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Ron, to approve the Street Light Resolution, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Jan T, Teena, Ron, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Fred gave the RC Fire report, which included: no fire runs in 2024. Rob Reid contacted Ron to attend a meeting with Rob Reid and Shelley Maleski regarding the Lupton Fire Dept. Ron stated, historically, that the Lupton Fire Dept took care of the east side of the township, then it went to only three (3) sections. He stated that the township walked away from the Lupton Fire Dept when they wanted quite a bit more money. The Lupton Fire Dept would like to talk about covering some of the township, especially the Rifle River Recreation Area. Ron reported that the township doesn't know if or when we receive taxes for this property, along with all State land, which includes the fire millage. Ron stated he asked Fred to attend said meeting with him.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: there will be a St Patrick's Day dinner; looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant.

Jan T gave the Transfer Station report, which included: closed two (2) days early because of snowstorms; collected approximately \$1,300 for February; one (1) spring was broken, and a couple ropes are missing from the garage doors, in addition to the bottom seal that is gone. Jan received a quote from Quality Doors to fix the spring, replace the ropes, and replace the bottom panels on the east and west doors, at the cost of \$1,500 and she received a quote from Charlie's Overhead Doors to repair the bottom panels, with a cover that goes over the existing doors, and the springs, at the cost of \$325 - they will also replace the ropes for an additional low cost. Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred, to approve the bid from Charlie's Overhead Doors, \$325, to repair the garage doors at the Transfer Station. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Teena, Jan T, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron stated the BOR Organizational Meeting was held and the BOR board is set for BOR on Wednesday, March 12 from 3pm-9pm and Thursday, March 13 from 9am-3pm.

Bill Olsen gave the HL report, which included: the Winterfest was held; all reports have been sent out.

Jan F stated an Election Commission will need to be held. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Ron, to hold the Election Commission meeting on April 3, 2025 at 6:00pm. Motion carried.

Jan F gave information regarding the Co-op Program at OHHS. If anyone wants to hire a student, contact Brian Klein at OHHS.

Jan F presented a resolution for the ESTA. Discussion was held. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to approve the Resolution for ESTA. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Ron, Teena, Jan T, Jan F – All Yes. Resolution adopted.

Jan F presented information from ElectionSource regarding updating the tabulator for elections. Discussion was held, including if it was necessary. Jan F stated that the State is not requiring the update. It was decided not to purchase the update, at this time.

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Ron stated the Ballot Testing will be held on April 23, 2025 at 5:00pm. Jan F reported that the Election Commission consists of the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer. She stated it is an open meeting so everyone can attend.

Teena reported that the Ogemaw County Housing Commission has a \$15,000 grant available, with no pay back. She gave a few of the requirements needed to apply for said grant. She also stated this grant is income based, and new figures will be available in April. Teena reported that if anyone wants to apply, contact her at the Housing Commission. Paperwork will need to begin in April and be done no later than May 1.

Ron stated it was voted to have a Road Millage for the May Election, so a letter should be sent to the township residents; this letter will be informational only. Ron stated it will be discussed at the Budget Workshop. Discussion was held; the letter will be mailed.

Jim Morris questioned if the Commissioner ever comes to the meetings; Ron stated that the Commissioner meetings were changed from morning to evening. Discussion was held. Discussion was held regarding the WBRC School elections.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred, to adjourn at 7:59pm. Motion carried.

_____, Clerk