

CUMMING TOWNSHIP  
Regular Meeting

August 7, 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; Matt Polzin; Bill Olsen; Jim & Norma Morris; Duane Pelfrey; Pat Robinson; Michelle & Cal Berk; Louanne Rosebrugh; Corinne Maher; Tom Minto; LeRoy Minto; Debbie & Bob Donaldson; Rose Quackenbush; Ron Chapman; Samantha Campbell; Kathy Maestas; Monica & Shawn Smith.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda; there were none.

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

Jan F made a motion, seconded by Teena, to pay the bills. Roll Call Vote: Teena, Jan T, Fred, Ron, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried. Jan Fritz clarified, second page of the Monthly Payments, General Ck#00022 was VOIDED and General CK#00024 was written to Mark Candy, per his request. Ron stated the check for Ogemaw County Road Commission was for the July 4<sup>th</sup> brining; Jan stated the bill was received after the last meeting.

Fred reported that he met with Cody, Rose City DPW, and they will be trained before a bill is sent from Kennedy Industries, for the sewer system. Ron stated that he and Fred met with Eric, from MDOT, regarding the water backup in the sewer district. Ron stated there was a drain berm that was shredded; Duane Pelfrey stated he put in a tube for water over-flow; it is backing up at Rose City Drugs. Discussion was held. Ron stated he will check into this and contact MDOT. Jan gave the figures for the sewer loan payment and the repair fund payment, for the 1<sup>ST</sup> quarter.

Fred presented two (2) bathroom quotes; the difference is in the abatement. One (1) quote is for taking the wall panels off and the other quote is for drywalling over the wall panels. Fred stated the abatement for the furnace room is included. Discussion was held. Fred made a motion, seconded by Ron, to approve the second option for the bathroom upgrades, at \$21,930.40. Roll Call Vote: Ron – Yes, Jan T – Yes, Fred – Yes, Teena – Yes, Jan F – No. Motion carried. Cal Berk asked to have the vote re-read. Jan asked which office Teena wanted; she stated that she doesn't want an office. Ron stated that in the future, two (2) offices may be used. Fred presented information regarding adding storage in the back office; he also stated the existing ceiling should be taken out and put in a new ceiling; Fred stated that Mark Candy can texturize and paint the new ceiling. Discussion was held. Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred, to approve the additional office repairs. Roll Call Vote: Fred – Yes, Ron – Yes, Teena – Yes, Jan T – Yes, Jan F – No. Motion carried. Fred stated the windows will be installed this week, for the vestibule, serving room, and kitchen.

Fred gave the RC Fire report, which included: no fire runs for Cumming Township. Jan asked if Teena contacted Ryan Veeder, regarding the Fire Escrow Resolution; Teena stated yes. She also stated that the Fire Escrow Resolution protects our community, if we don't, we could have a mess. Discussion was held. Teena stated this is a State requirement and the township only holds back a portion of the insurance money until after the property is cleaned up. Fred made a motion, seconded by Teena, to adopt Resolution 2025-0807 for the Fire Escrow. Roll Call Vote: Jan T, Fred, Ron, Teena, Jan F – All Yes. Resolution adopted. Fred questioned how does the insurance companies know the township has this; Jan F stated the Fire Chiefs will be contacted.

Teena presented the Treasurer's report; she explained the difference in interest, between the two (2) banks. Teena stated that she will get in touch with Mercantile Bank, regarding the interest in the Tax Account, because the Tax Account cannot accrue interest.

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Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: adopted a budget for the next fiscal year; millage rates, State funds and Federal funds were discussed; raised meals for under 60 years to \$5, Senior meals are still by donation; there are 75-100 people eating at the center, per day.

Jan T gave the Transfer Station report, which included: going good, no problems. Jan T stated that Cathy Maestas has been shadowing at the Transfer Station and would like the board to think about hiring her as an alternate; having more than one (1) alternate is needed. Jan T made a motion, seconded by Ron, to hire Cathy Maestas as an alternate at the Transfer Station. Roll Call Vote: Teena, Fred, Ron, Jan T, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron reported there was a July BOR; the Dollar Trees was assessed for Personal Property and it was not in business.

Bill Olsen gave the HL report, which included: the second treatment was done on July 22; the lake is doing fine, but with lack of rain there is low lake level; the third treatment will be done in early September. Ron thanked Bill Olsen for his service keeping up the township website.

Matt Polzin gave the RC Area Community Center report, which included: going very well; it can be anything you want it to be; a lot of clean-up has been done; mold and asbestos was looked at, looks pretty good, except for the “old” high school part, which is being worked on; an Auction is being planned for Sept 13 at 10am, for items left by WBRC Schools. Duane stated there will be an opening before the auction to have people do a walk-through.

Pat Robinson stated there is an old walker in the hall and questioned if it can be donated to the Ogemaw Free Clinic; Ron stated yes.

Michelle Berk questioned when will the BS&A Software be used; Jan F stated that BS&A will go live on January 20, 2026, as reported to the board earlier. Discussion was held.

Rose Quackenbush questioned if both handicap bars in the bathroom can be re-used when the upgrades are done; Ron stated yes.

Jane Redmond stated the back door needs a handicap door, which a push button to open it. She also stated the current door opens the wrong way. Fred stated he will look at it.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to adjourn at 7:05pm. Motion carried.

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