

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

July 2, 2026

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Ron, Jan F, Jan T, Fred - present. Teena – Absent.

Others present were: Jim & Jane Redmond; Ray & Debby Grant; Matt Polzin; Rose Quackenbush; Jim & Norma Morris; Corinne Maher; Louanne Rosebrugh; Connie Malecek; Kelli Rembowski; Colleen Kaczmarek; Kathy Maestas; Samantha Campbell.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda: Ron added: Planning Commission to Old Business.

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

Fred made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to accept the Henderson Lake Hearing #1 minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to accept the Henderson Lake Hearing #2 minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Jan F stated there will be a second check run this month: General Fund - Consumers Energy, for streetlights; Xerox Corporation, for copier (May); Jim's Lawn Care and Snow Plowing, for lawn mowing at the hall; Li'l Willies, for clean-out of septic tanks at the hall; Travis Kangas, for siding repair at the township hall; Recycle Fund - Jim's Lawn Care and Snow Plowing, for lawn mowing at the Transfer Station.

Jan F made a motion, seconded by Ron, to pay the bills. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Jan T, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Teena – Absent. Motion carried.

Ron questioned if delinquent sewer fees could be placed on the tax roll; Jan F stated yes.

Fred reported that the hall is done. Jan F stated that there isn't any heat or air conditioning in the back office. Discussion was held. Fred will contact Brent Winslow.

Fred reported that he spoke with Pat Reinke, Ogemaw County Road Commission, regarding the last ¼ mile of Ogemaw Center Rd, east of Morrison Rd; said road is designated as a Seasonal Road. Pat Reinke stated if re-construction is done, guidelines must be followed. Discussion was held. Jan F stated we should get a bid to see what the cost would be. Fred will get a bid from the Road Commission.

Samantha Campbell questioned if a joint reconciliation happened; no. She stated that she will file a formal complaint with the State of Michigan. Discussion was held.

Ron spoke with Ryan Veeder regarding the joint Planning Commission meeting for Cumming Township taxpayers; this meeting is change to August. Jan F questioned why Cumming Township taxpayers are always pushed back.

Fred gave the RC Fire report, which included; two (2) fire runs for Cumming Township, he stated we should have invoices and has not received them yet; things are pretty quiet; getting ready for the 4th of July.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: there were 5,500 home delivered meals, 1,400 congregate meals; the Summer Party will be held on July 23.

Jan T gave the Transfer Station report, which included: Clean-up was June 13, she thanked all who volunteered, and stated the Clean-up went very well. There were 180 residents that came through; four (4) roll-offs, one (1) compactor, and one (1) metal trailer were used. Jan T reported that we received the Tire Grant, she will pick a date with the collection company; Ron suggested a date in

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September. Jan stated the tire collection will be open to everyone, not just Cumming Township. She also stated that if rims are on the tires, she must collect \$1.00 per tire. Jan T will contact the collection company to see what dates are available in September. She stated no money changes hands for the tires; the company receives the grant money.

Ron gave the Assessor's report, which included: July BOR will be held on July 21, 2026 at 8:30am. Corinne Maher questioned if anything could be done about the burned-out trailer. Discussion was held; the township cannot do anything about this property at this time.

Ron reported that the Public Hearings have been held; the Special Assessment is for the next ten (10) years. Connie Malecek reported that Savin Lake Services will hold a meeting with the property owners.

Colleen Kaczmarek gave the RCACC report, which included: Phase I has gone very well; working on the downstairs, both ends are good but work needs to be done in the middle, along with the heating and water; the Golf Scramble went well; the Fitness Center is doing well. Connie Malecek questioned if any grants have been applied for; Colleen stated yes, but they are very competitive and there is much competition but they are continuing to write more grants. Jane Redmond questioned how soon the library will move to the RCACC; Colleen stated they need to decide to move, since they just purchased a new furnace. Discussion was held.

Jan F gave the following Election information:

Ron reported that he was contacted by a resident on Chippewa Trail and Bonnie Brae regarding rainwater running into the garage. Ron stated he worked on a catch basin for said property years ago, but the new owners across the road filled in the catch basin. The Road Commission gave an attorney's opinion on this problem. Ron sent the information to Tim Lapham and he will contact Ron after July 4. Ron stated that a Special Assessment District could be formed for this drainage issue. Fred questioned what would make it a Special Assessment District; Ron stated that anyone who has water that falls in this area is responsible for the water problem (drainage issue). Jan F questioned how many property owners would be involved; Ron stated about 12. Connie Malecek questioned why the person that filled in the catch basin wouldn't be responsible; Ron stated it is a drainage issue and repairs need to be made but without an established drain, it wouldn't get fixed correctly. Discussion was held.

Ron gave the Commissioners' report, which included: the new County Administrator is working well, she is making some changes in the departments.

Jan T stated the Transfer Station will be closed on July 4 but will be open on July 6.

Discussion was held regarding when the previous clerk was here and Jan F was brought in to clean up the books. Samantha Campbell has been questioning for months, not hearing any bookkeeping issues except for with the Treasurer, maybe it's time to call someone in to fix it. Jan F asked if she could talk; Ron stated yes. Jan F stated that she contacted the Auditor and she suggested trying to use the Treasurer's reports to balance. Jan F also stated that she was sorry that Teena was not at the meeting so they could talk about the reconciliation. Jan reported that she worked all day, into the early morning, for three days, trying to use spreadsheets to balance and nothing balanced to the Treasurer's reports. These days are in addition to other days worked trying to balance. Jan F stated she has really tried and cannot do any more without the bank statements and other information needed to balance. Ron stated as Jan F has said, the Auditor may ask for the books soon, so it may be too late to bring in someone else. He also stated that the State says that the Clerk and the Treasurer need to reconcile together. It should be taken care of soon or we may need to bring in someone to help. Jan T stated we need to see what happens soon. It was questioned what will be

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at the next meeting, we need to get things resolved. Ron stated he is waiting to take direction from the township attorney.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred, to adjourn at 7:28pm. Motion carried.

_____, Clerk