

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

January 6, 2026

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

Others present were: Michelle Berk; Duane Pelfrey; Randy McCrite; LeRoy Minto; Tom Minto; Jim & Jane Redmond; Jim Morris; Christina Curtis; Rose Quackenbush; Ron Chapman; Samantha Campbell; Kathy Maestas; Nathan & Angelique Fanfalone.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda; Jan F stated there won't be appointments to the BOR, the members are appointed in the odd years. Ron called for a Roll Call Vote: Jan T, Teena, Ron, Jan F – All Yes. Fred – Absent. Motion carried.

Teena questioned why the minutes are posted before they are approved. Jan F stated they have to be posted; Ron stated the minutes must be posted within specific number of days after the meeting. 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 approve the bills. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Jan T, Teena, Jan F – All Yes. Fred – Absent. Motion carried.

Teena gave the Treasurer's report, which included: everything is good; there will be an influx in the accounts because of the taxes; gave the accrued interest total.

Ron reported that Fred looked into grants for an ADA door, there aren't any; Fred also contacted Joe Clark regarding the flooring. Jan T stated she sent a letter to Brian Stein, Building Inspector, about the permits and inspections; Brian Stein is supposed to get the permits and inspections and contact Jan T. He has not contacted her. Teena stated she spoke with Brian Stein; he stated that Chase Wiltse is going to pull a permit on the new walls, Ace Electric is pulling a permit. Jan T stated that there is an approval for the furnace, but there hasn't been a permit pulled. Discussion was held. Ron stated that we will wait on an ADA door, until grants become available.

Jan F stated that BS&A Software will be implemented the end of January 2026; there will be nine (9) days of training. Jan F also stated that last month she mentioned digital signatures; Teena stated she cannot be made and is not giving permission to use her digital signature. Jan F stated that, as she stated last month, the checks should be signed on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Teena stated she can't always make it on Wednesday; Jan F stated then we will add Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Teena stated she called BS&A and told them it would be easy to embezzle with digital signatures, she stated BS&A agreed. Jan F asked if Teena was accusing her of embezzlement; Jan F stated she had never embezzled and would never embezzle. Ron questioned if Jan F could leave the checks in the drop box and have Teena sign the checks and return them to her drop box; Jan F stated if Teena can come in and sign the checks, she can sign in person Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Ron asked if Jan F would use the drop boxes for the checks; she said no. Teena stated to contact her to sign checks; Jan F stated she always does.

Ron stated he should have the authority to contact the Township Attorney, as Supervisor he should have the discretion to do his duties. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to give the Supervisor the authority to contact the Township Attorney, as needed. Roll Call Vote: Ron – Yes, Jan T – Yes, Teena – No, Jan F – Yes. Fred – Absent. Motion carried.

Jan T gave the RC Fire report, which included: six (6) fire runs, one (1) fire run for Cumming Twp; interviewee was hired as a volunteer firefighter; doors have been changed; the Holiday Festive Party was held on Dec 29 and recognitions were given; Jan T will be attend the next meeting. Ron stated that Mark McLissac, a Cumming Twp resident, received Fireman of the Year.

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Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: the Christmas Party went well; a board member resigned, so there is an open position available.

Jan T gave the Transfer Station report, which included: there are problems with the door, it is not catching and needs to be pushed closed tightly, it was open twice. Ron stated with the drop boxes at the hall, he would like Jan T to take the money to the hall. Teena stated she wasn't here when the door was open for two (2) days, Jan T stated it wasn't left open for two (2) days, it just wasn't closed tightly. Ron stated there had been discussion about a property that was cleaned up with help from a twp family and Fred, the residents needed a hot water heater. A couple from the community held a fundraiser and a new hot water heater has been installed. Discussion was held regarding the township holding a fundraiser, but Fred and Kathy Maestas agreed the township should not hold a fundraiser.

Ron gave the Assessor's report, which included: Guidelines and Resolutions for Poverty Exemptions were summarized. Ron made a motion, seconded by Teena, to adopt the 2026 Poverty Exemption Guidelines and Asset Test Resolution, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Teena, Jan T, Ron, Jan F – All Yes. Fred – Absent. Resolution adopted.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Teena, to approve the 2026 Poverty Exemptions Guideline and Application for Tax Exemption, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Jan T, Teena, Ron, Jan F – All Yes. Fred – Absent. Motion carried.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Teena, to adopt the Alternate Start Date for 2026 March Board of Review Resolution, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Teena, Jan T, Jan F – All Yes. Fred – Absent. Resolution adopted.

Bill Olsen gave the HL report, which included: renewal of the 2026 Special Assessment was discussed with Rob Reid, Hill Twp and Jan F, Bill will attend the February 20206 meeting; still waiting for the 2025 year-end HL Treatment Report.

Duane Pelfrey gave the RC Area Community Center report, which included: going good; over 1,000 volunteer hours have been logged; still need more volunteers; open walking, game night, a fitness class have been added, in addition to Pickle Ball and Open Gym nights. There were 31 at open gym before Christmas. Duane Pelfrey also stated that rooms are rented; some equipment has been donated for the fitness room; flooring for the fitness room has been ordered.

Ron stated American Plastics was up for auction, but an individual bought the building and all inside; it will be open for plastic pallets. There will be a ribbon cutting and applications can be obtained through MI Works, Penny Payea.

Roger Mayhew gave the Commissioners' report, which included: the gravel parking lot across from the Annex Building, will be 2/3 Veterans and 1/3 parking; the stair wall in the courthouse will get artwork from students; resumes for the County Administrator position will be gone over, the interim is in place; the RV Park will have new electrical; two (2) sights will be paved, by a grant, for handicap, the DDA will help with he paving; new scanner and pc will be purchased for Building and Zoning; tires and windshield fluid was approved; the Sheriff's Dept is has a full employee roster, road patrol will be instated; a grant and County money will be used for vehicles; Animal Control is a part-time position; discussion was held regarding the tearing down the old Sheriff's office and making a parking lot. Roger Mayhew stated the old Sheriff's office is full of stored items and they cannot put anything in the existing jail because inmates are held in the building. He also stated that he tries to help spend money where it is most needed.

LeRoy Minto stated his view of a Board of Directors is to enhance the community; he hopes the Board gets along better or issues can be taken further.

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Ron made a motion, seconded by Teena, to adjourn at 7:12pm. Motion carried.

_____, Clerk