CUMMING TOWNSHIP May 14, 2026
Regular Meeting

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All board members present.
Others present were: Jim & Jane Redmond; Matt Polzin; Ray & Debby Grant; Louanne Rosebrugh; Carol & Bill Olsen; Kathy Maestas; Samantha Campbell; Connie Malecek; Rose Quackenbush.

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

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

Jan F presented the 2026-2027 Hill Rose Fire Department Contract for $8,500. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Teena, to approve the 2026-2027 Hill Rose Fire Department Contract, for $8,500, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Teena, Jan T, Ron, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.
Jan F stated that General ck# 4215 should be $300 and Sewer ck# 1330 should be $2,586.88. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Teena, to approve the bills. Roll Call Vote: Teena, Jan T, Fred, Ron, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.
Jan F received a bill from BS&A Software tonight, at the cost of $5,725; she stated said bill needs to be paid but will check with BS&A to confirm the amount due. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to pay the bill from BS&A Software for the amount of $5,725, if correct. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Fred, Jan T, Teena, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried. Jan F will let the board know the total of the BS&A bill.
Teena gave the Treasurer's report, which included: signatures were needed to change the SIGMA file, Ron and Jan F signed said form; discussion was held regarding the CD balances on the Treasurer's report, Jan F stated CD interest at maturity should not be added to Acct Total Balances, Teena stated her deputy created the report. Teena questioned which CD should be renewed or put into their operating account, Jan F suggested looking at the beginning balance in April 2025 and comparing it to April 2026 to see if there is enough money to run until March 2027.

Fred reported that the sink in the furnace room has been repaired; the roof needs to be repaired around the vent to stop the leak. Fred spoke with Tom Benjamin regarding the ramp at the back door of the hall, he will draw up plans for repair; bids will be gathered from contractors for an ADA door. He is also looking for available grants. Discussion was held. Ron stated that township money is not being looked at for this project, at this time. Jan F questioned the septic tank clean-out; Fred stated there may be only one (1) tank instead of two (2) tanks; two (2) bids have been submitted.

Ron read a letter from the Ogemaw County Road Commission regarding no funds for reconstructing/paving projects; a Resolution was passed of closure of all Seasonal Roads. Ron stated he and Fred met at the Road Commission regarding the high costs of road projects and the bridge project on the Prior Creek; there is nothing on the bridge project. Jan F questioned why a squash tube can't be used at the Prior Creek instead of a bridge; Ron stated bridges must be used when there is a certain square footage to be covered. He also stated that the Road Commission didn't have any answers to the question of higher costs. Ron reported there is some damage at the bridge on Sage Lake Rd, over the Rifle River; the Road Commission is waiting for bids. The Road Commission was asked if outside companies could be used for road projects; they answered yes. Ron reported that he spoke with Scott Bell, Lapham & Associates, regarding the drainage problem on Scribner Rd. He stated that when it dries up, he and Scott Bell will walk the area; Ron is hoping to dredge a ditch across public property to establish a public drainage system. Costs will need to be looked at. Pat Reinke, from Ogemaw County Road Commission, was very receptive to the possible drainage system. Discussion was held. Ron stated that MDOT is in a hurry to get the M33 project done, due to the funds expiring at the end of the month.

Samantha Campbell questioned where were we in reconciliation; Teena stated that she and Jan F met, Jan F stated they met one (1) time, twice was canceled. Samantha Campbell stated this is a concern because the books are not in order. She stated another concern is that the Revenue and Dumping Fees don't seem to be correct on the Treasurer's report; Jan T stated she didn't know. Jan F explained how the Dumping Fees should be for trash collection fees and Revenue should be for all other revenues; Jan F looked at the copies of reports and stated they inconsistent. Samantha Campbell asked Teena why she can't check these errors and can't correct them; Teena stated she didn't do the reports her deputy did. Samantha Campbell stated that she has asked every single month and the records are still not in order. Ron stated there have been scheduling errors. Jan F stated that she sent an email, suggesting meeting once per week to get the records in order. Samantha Campbell stated she would like the records up to date for the past year; Jan F stated she agreed, this has gone on too long. Teena stated that she and Jan F are finally getting along, to work together; Jan F stated she always tried to work with her. Ron stated he contacted MTA and was told that the Clerk and Treasurer must work on a weekly basis to get these issues cleared up. Samantha Campbell stated her concern that standard operations have not been followed, starting now, to get the past reports reconciled, the Treasurer and Clerk should meet twice per week. Ron stated that might be too much, in three (3) weeks before the next meeting. He also stated once per week should get 50% caught up.

Fred gave the RC Fire report, which included: there are two (2) fire runs for Cumming Township, 12 total runs; four (4) new firefighters are training, one (1) has already passed the training; applying for grants for equipment. Ron questioned if there are still talks regarding shower rooms in fire halls; Fred stated no. Ron stated that in the future all fire departments may be able to coordinate.

Jan T gave the Transfer Station report, which included: going good; she emailed the board members regarding adding a 40 yd roll-off in the yard, due to many truckloads of trash; recommend adding an additional $5 to the truck/trailer load amounts. Jan T made a motion, seconded by Fred, to add an additional $5 to the truck/trailer load amounts. Roll Call Vote: Jan T, Fred, Ron, Teena, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried. Jan F stated the costs are still at the discretion of the attendant. Jan T reported that the Tire Grant is still pending, she contacted the tire company; they haven't heard anything. Jan T stated the Tire Clean-up is scheduled for June 13 and Clean-up could be held on the same day, if approved. The board unanimously approved Clean-up on June 13, from 9am-3pm; Jan T stated she will get volunteers to help. The limit is one (1) truck/trailer load or two (2) carloads for free. Jan T stated she would like communication from Teena regarding the deposits, whether they balance or there is a difference.

Jan F presented the Resolution 2026-0514 for the Henderson Lake Weed Control Special Assessment. The resolution is the same as the previous resolution, $165 for lakefront property and $35 for back lot property, combined property is one cost. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Fred, to adopt Resolution 2026-0514 for the Henderson Lake Weed Control Special Assessment, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Teena, Jan T, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Resolution adopted.
Jan F presented the 2026 Savin Lake Services Contract. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Teena, to approve the 2026 Savin Lake Services Contract, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Jan T, Ron, Fred, Teena, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.
Bill Olsen gave the HL report, which included: Hill Township adopted the HL Weed Control Resolution and the 2026 Savin Lake Services Contract; weed mapping of the lake, over and above the treatment, may potentially be done this year. Jan F stated there may be some fluctuation of the amount of the special assessment, due to splits and combinations of property.

Jan F reported that the copier lease is expiring this month and it is outdated. She presented two (2) contracts from Xerox, for the lease of a new copier; one (1) for 300 copies per month at the cost of

$21.32 per month and the second for 800 copies per month at the cost of $25.29 per month. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Ron, to approve the Xerox lease for 300 copies per month at the cost of $21.32 per month. Roll Call Vote; Fred, Ron, Teena, Jan T, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron reported that the new County Treasurer is Nicole Cooper. Teena reported that the new County Administrator is Francine Zsck, and the Interim Administrator is helping the Administrator for now.

Louanne Rosebrugh told Fred to look at his name plate; misspelled.
Matt Polzin stated thank you to whoever cleaned up the tree mess. He also stated that the township was in contract to the RCACC for $10,000 this year but needs to give notice. Jan F stated she contacted the other municipal clerks regarding a lower contribution after this year. Matt Polzin stated it is better to set out, give notice, and may contribute at the township's discretion. Discussion was held. Matt Polzin questioned if the road work is still being done; no. Fred made a motion, seconded by Teena, to give notice to RCACC that Cumming Township reserves the right to bow out of the RCACC but may contribute at Cumming Township's discretion. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Jan T, Teena, Fred, Jan F – All Yes Motion carried.
Samantha Campbell questioned if Cumming Township has a formal Policies and Procedures Manual; no. She stated that since the township defaults to MTA, deposits are not being deposited properly; deposits should be done weekly, are they; no. She also stated maybe this should be put into place for any money to be deposited timely. Teena stated there should be a Policies and Procedures Manual for everything, previous boards should have done this. Jan F stated it was brought up board after board, but it takes the entire board to create the Policies and Procedures Manual, not one person. Discussion was held.

Fred made a motion, seconded by Ron, to adjourn at 8:07pm. Motion carried.

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