

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

May 1, 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; Ray & Debby Grant; Rose Quackenbush; Wendy Clark; Linda Hall; Jim & Norma Morris; Louanne Rosebrugh; Pat Robinson; Debbie & Bob Donaldson; Gary Wangler.

Ron reported he attended a meeting at Rose Township and they stated: "This is a Public Meeting, not a meeting of the Public." He stated he would like to hold the meeting as stated.

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

Jan F stated there is a correction to the Election Commission minutes; the last paragraph should read: ...seconded by Ron. Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred, to accept the Election Commission meeting minutes, as corrected. Motion carried.

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

Jan F stated on the Monthly Payments, Recycle ck#2429 should be \$249.34. Teena reported the General CD rolled over at Huntington Bank. She stated the Road and Fire CDs will renew soon, but the interest rate is low at Huntington Bank. Teena presented information from Mercantile Bank regarding CDs. Discussion was held. Ron made a motion, seconded by Teena, to move the Road and Fire CDs to Mercantile Bank, with the interest rate at 4.10% for one (1) year. Roll Call Vote: Jan T, Fred, Teena, Ron, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried. Teena made a motion, seconded by Jan F to pay the bills. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Jan T, Teena, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Fred reported that the bill, to Kennedy Industries, was paid this month. He stated that Kennedy Industries is waiting to bill for the controls, to make sure they work properly.

Fred presented a list of estimates for the repairs of the hall. There were many questions, which included:

What is being done to the crawl space; it is being encapsulated.

What is the cost of \$2,000 to Fred; it is for materials to build the cupboards, Home Depot and Grand Stone have also given estimates.

Will there be one (1) or two (2) new furnaces; there be one, and two (2) air conditioners, also wiring for the air conditioners.

Will there be a wall installed in the kitchen; yes, for another office.

Ron questioned how much money do we invest in the hall. He stated Rose City is looking for support of \$10,000 for the Community Center, maybe down the road we can look at the Community Center, but doing the crawl space, furnace, and air conditioning would be in the right direction. Fred stated money has not been put in the hall for many years. Jan T questioned why not use one contractor for a total bid, instead of using multiple companies. She gave a list of items that Coffell Builders would bid. Discussion was held on the flooring, the front window, the kitchen and dining room windows, and the office windows; all need to be replaced. Jan T stated nothing is together, we could use the hall, as is, until we have complete figures. Ron suggested approving the work for the crawl space and the heating/cooling; the two (2) Trustees should meet with Coffell Builders. More questions were asked, such as: Jan F questioned if the hood vent in the kitchen is removed, won't there be a hole in the roof that needs to be patched; Fred stated yes.

Shouldn't we put the Community Center out of site, keep the tax dollars here. Where would elections be held at Community Center; Jan F stated there are multiple areas to hold elections.

What will the total cost be, you are not looking down the road far enough; Fred stated the hall has good bones.

Need to stop the mold, can you guarantee it will be gone; Fred stated yes.

Need a humidifier; we ran one all last summer.

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Why replace the flooring; Jan T stated it has asbestos.

Ron questioned the asbestos removal and new flooring in only the meeting room, will it cost less; Jan T stated it will be more expensive if we wait to do all the flooring. Discussion was held. Jan F questioned if we are supposed to have two (2) bids, how can we go through with a motion on the project. Discussion was held. Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred, to approve the heating & cooling with electric, at the lower cost of the bids, the encapsulation of the crawl space, the asbestos removal, and new flooring. Jan F questioned how long the project will take; if the WBRC School Millage is defeated in May, they will put it on the August ballot. Discussion was held. Roll Call Vote: Teena – Yes, Jan T – No, Ron – Yes, Fred – Yes, Jan F – No – Motion carried.

Ron reported that Churchill Township will pay for three (3) brinings, from O'Neil Road to Pettit Road and Cumming Township will pay from Morrison Road to O'Neil Road. Ron stated the Road Commission needs to be informed of this.

Jan F reported that she emailed the two (2) individuals that applied for hall cleaning, one (1) sent the cost sheet pack the other didn't respond; she also stated another individual applied for the cleaning position. Discussion was held. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to hire Rebecca Vorva to clean the hall. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Jan T, Fred, Teena, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Jan F reported the budget in the Clerk's line item was incorrect; she stated an amendment should be made. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Ron, To amend the 2025-2026 Clerk's line item. Roll Call Vote: Jan T, Teena, Fred, Ron, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Fred gave the RC Fire report, which included: 20 plus runs, four (4) Cumming Township; everything else is the same. Teena asked to get all the information for fire runs; Jan F stated they are not completely filling out the information. Discussion was held.

Ron stated that the Tire Clean-up will be June 14; he also stated that Ray and Debby Grant are stepping away from the Transfer Station and would like to thank them for their service. Pat Robinson questioned the free Clean-up Day; Ron stated too many people are abusing it, so it will not be held this year. Wendy Clark questioned if extra dumpsters could be brought in and still charge. Discussion was held.

Jan T gave the Transfer Station report, which included: Fred saved her last week at the Transfer Station; a gentleman came in that was quite sketchy and Fred stayed until after he left. Thank you to Fred. \$1,823.00 was collected in April; Charlie's Overhead Doors is waiting for a spring; it should be in soon.

Jan F presented a letter from the City of West Branch, for recycling; they would like to add an additional dumpster at the site, which would add to our quarterly payment. Jan stated our portion of the bill is 1.76%. Discussion was held. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Teena, to approve the additional cost for another dumpster for the West Branch Recycle. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Teena, Jan T, Ron, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Jan F presented information regarding a culvert on Peters Road at the Prior Creek. This is in the planning stage and should be covered by the Huron Pines.

Pat Robinson thanked the board for letting people speak during the meeting; Ron thanked everyone for being civil.

Connie Malecek questioned if the road construction and brining come out of the same account; Ron stated yes. She questioned if the millage doesn't pass, would brining be cancelled; Ron stated no. Ron also stated that the township needs several years to save for construction of gravel roads.

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Connie Malecek questioned if the roads that need to be constructed are like the roads in the Henderson Lake area; Ron stated no, there are roads that need to be constructed.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Teena, to adjourn at 7:48pm. Motion carried.

_____, Clerk