

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

November 6, 2025

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:31pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All board members present.

Others present were: Randy McCrite; Ray Grant; Matt Polzin; Duane Pelfrey; Rose Quackenbush; Jane Redmond; Louanne Rosebrugh; LeRoy Minto; Bob & Rose Hoover; Christina Curtis; Michelle Berk; Ron Chapman; Kathy Maestas; Samantha Campbell; Corinne Maher; Linda Hall.

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

Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred, 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: Jan T, Ron, Teena, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron asked if there was anything new with the Sewer report; Fred stated no. Jan F reported that she contacted Kennedy Industries, who said there are no outstanding bills. Jan stated that Fred and Chase Wiltse were trained on the monitoring of the sewer system. She also stated that more training is available virtually, at no cost and in-person, with costs. Jan F reported that \$60,000 was borrowed from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund, but only \$51,133.53 was spent. She recommended paying back the General Fund \$8,866.47 and refunding the sewer users that have paid off their loan, from the Sewer Fund. She also recommended refiguring the loan amounts and not charging interest for the next fiscal year, do to the expenses being incorrect; this should be refunded in December. Kennedy Industries stated the annual support fee is \$900. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to refigure the Sewer Fund loan and pay back the General Fund and the sewer users who have paid their loan off. Roll Call Vote: Teena, Ron, Jan T, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Fred stated that shelving needs to be installed in the back office, covers for the AC units need to be installed, and electrical covers need to be finished. Fred presented a bid from Principal Access Solutions for a handicap door. Jan F stated there are grants for handicap doors and repairing the ramp. Ron questioned when to address the rent; Jan F stated that Klacking Twp rents their hall for \$60 and it holds more people. Fred stated that the hall rental deposit was discussed; Ron stated he didn't want to price the township out of rentals. Teena stated if the hall is cleaned by renters, why have a cleaning person; Jan F stated renters don't clean as thorough, nor do they disinfect. Ron stated we need the hall to be cleaned at least once per month, we will leave it as it is for now.

Fred gave the RC Fire report, which included: no fire runs for Cumming Twp. Fred presented the proposed 2026 fire budget; Jan F questioned if the amount is close to the 2025 budget; Fred stated yes. There was a transfer to the Truck Fund. Discussion was held regarding the cost for Cumming Twp.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: an Assistant to the Director was hired; cost of groceries is raising; more residents are eating meals.

Jan T gave the Transfer Station report, which included: doing well. She addressed last month's issue of two (2) people working; technically, eight (8) Saturdays had two (2) people working, five (5) Saturdays were training, two (2) of the Saturdays they were cleaning, one (1) Saturday she wasn't there. She stated that she is very particular about the vouchers, everything is listed on them. Jan T gave training and cleaning information and pay dates for all Transfer Station attendants. Teena stated if Jan T can't do it all herself, someone else should be hired. Discussion was held.

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

November 6, 2025

Ron gave the Assessor's report, which included: BOR will be held on December 9, 2025 at 9am. Jan F stated it is not for complaints; Ron stated it is held for paperwork and clerical errors.

Ron gave the Blight report, which included: he took the license plate numbers from the vehicles, at the burned-out mobile home property, to the Sheriff's Office and they can't give him any information; the owner of the mobile home is deceased. Jan F questioned if Teena contacted the tenants; Teena stated no, she couldn't find them, the only thing she could find that the tenants had renter insurance. Fred will check with the RC Fire Board. Ron also reported that the owners on the corner of Highland Pines and Morrison Rd are having many difficulties; they don't know where to turn or what to do. Teena stated the Housing Dept cannot received federal funding for mobile homes; she suggested contacting DHS. Ron asked if the property owners would cooperate for people to help clean up and take the garbage to the Transfer Station; Kathy Maestas and Samantha Campbell stated the young men from Open Hearts Farm would be able to help. Jan F questioned if they could use the Transfer Station before a Saturday; Ron stated yes.

Bill Olsen gave the HL report, which included: the report was very short, waiting on the year-end Summary Report.

Matt Polzin gave the RC Area Community Center report, which included: he resigned from his position on the board, thank you for letting him serve; more volunteers are needed; there has been a pretty good turnout for activities. LeRoy Minto stated that Matt Polzin has done an outstanding job for Cumming Township. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Ron, to appoint Duane Pelfrey as the head person for the RCACC board. Motion carried.

Jan F presented information regarding the RC Christmas Parade and Festivities; she stated that last year we gave \$50 in support of this event. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Fred, to support the RC Christmas Parade and Festivities, at the cost of \$50. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Teena, Jan T, Ron, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron stated the MET Public Hearing will be held on November 26, 2025 at 6pm, in the County Annex Building. This hearing will be discussing whether a tower should be installed in Cumming Twp to check the feasibility of Green Energy. There will also be a public hearing for Churchill Twp.

Ron gave the Commissioners' report, which included discussion with Commissioner Roger Mayhew: County Administrator is resigning for a new position in Gratiot County; the County hired a new auditing firm, the same firm Cumming Twp uses.

Duane Pelfrey questioned the annual internet and monitoring for the sewer; Jan F stated it was \$570 in the bid. Fred will look into this.

LeRoy Minto thanked Fred for the invoices for the hall remodel. LeRoy questioned the following:

- 1). how many classes, how many hours Fred and Teena attended. Teena stated there was a one-day training, 6 hours; she wasn't trained just given her job description. Teena also stated that her main concern was to process the property taxes, and the County Treasurer's office helped. Discussion was held. Jan F stated there are many classes, training, and webinars for officials.
- 2). who the Treasurer reports to; Teena stated the County Treasurer.
- 3). how many bids need to be gathered; Fred stated at least two (2).
- 4). did the township have a contractor for the hall remodel, do they hold a residential or commercial license; Fred stated yes there was a contractor and they are licensed for the work that was done. LeRoy stated normally they have their own crew to do projects and get bids. Ron stated that Brian Stein, Building Inspector, said all permits were pulled. Fred stated that Brian Stein said he didn't have to have permits; Teena stated she will get copies of them. Jan F stated that she called the Building

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

November 6, 2025

Inspector and there weren't any permits pulled, if they were they must be posted; Duane Pelfrey stated that all permits must be posted. Discussion was held.

5). would like more transparency; Teena and Fred questioned what he would like to see. LeRoy Minto questioned the supplies and mileage on vouchers. Fred stated the supplies were for the hall remodel; Teena stated if she received a higher salary, she would forget about mileage.

LeRoy Minto stated he had a contractor coming up Nov 7. He also stated that the only responsibility is to be good stewards to the township.

LeRoy Minto also questioned what the protocol for mileage; it is put on the voucher. He gave the suggestion of not renting the hall, use only for township use. LeRoy questioned if the hall is adequate after putting all this money into it.

Fred made a motion, seconded by Ron to adjourn at 7:29pm. Motion carried.

_____, Clerk