

CUMMING TOWNSHIP  
Regular Meeting

August 6, 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.

Others present were: Sandy Buck; Ray & Debby Grant; Kathrine Maestas; Samantha Campbell; Matt Polzin; Jim & Jane Redmond; Bob & Deb Donaldson; Kathy Curtis; Rose Quackenbush; Corinne & Charlie Maher; Constance Malecek; Duane Pelfrey; LeRoy Minto; Kurt & Shari Denstedt; Jim Morris; Carol & Bill Olsen; Kelli Rembowski; Colleen Kaczmarek; Rose & Bob Hoover.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda: Ron added: Kathy Curtis to the RCACC report.

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

Ron read the resignation letter from Teena Chapman, effective July 31, 2026; he also stated that Michelle Berk sent a resignation letter, effective July 15, 2026. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan F, to accept the resignations of Teena Chapman and Michelle Berk, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Ron, Jan T, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Jan F made a motion, seconded by Ron, to take Teena Chapman and Michelle Berk off the following signature cards at Mercantile Bank: Genera Acct #4100745172; Lake Acct #4100745163; Road Acct #4100745193; Fire Acct #4100745172; Fire Escrow Acct #4100745154; Recycle Acct #4100745216; Sewer Acct #4100745127; Sewer Repair Fund #4100745145; Tax Acct #4100744654; Road CD 1 #4300358613; Road CD 2 #4300365009; Fire CD #4300358597; and Huntington Bank: General Acct #01368556004. Roll Call Vote: Jan T, Ron, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan F, to appoint Shari Denstedt as Cumming Township Treasurer for the remainder of the current term. Fred questioned if we should post the position for other candidates. Matt Polzin stated the board should wait one (1) month. Ron stated he consulted with the Township Attorney and he suggested appointing Shari right away. Ron also stated that Shari knows the job and will need to catch up, and we are in the middle of the tax season, people are calling regarding their tax bills not received or their checks not clearing. This position is for two (2) years, until the next election. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Jan T, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Jan F made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to add Shari Denstedt to the following signature cards at Mercantile Bank: Genera Acct #4100745172; Lake Acct #4100745163; Road Acct #4100745193; Fire Acct #4100745172; Fire Escrow Acct #4100745154; Recycle Acct #4100745216; Sewer Acct #4100745127; Sewer Repair Fund #4100745145; Tax Acct #4100744654; Road CD 1 #4300358613; Road CD 2 #4300365009; Fire CD #4300358597; and Huntington Bank: General Acct #01368556004. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Ron, Jan T, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Jan F stated that General Ck#4284 for Consumers Energy is \$402.23 and Lake Ck#1056 is \$2,881.53. she also stated that the bills will need to be approved but until the signature cards are signed, the checks cannot be distributed. Jan F asked Shari to take care of the State of Michigan ACHA payments as soon as possible, so we can close the Huntington Bank Acct.

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

Fred reported that he has not heard from Tom Benjamin and that Colvin's will look at the heating/cooling in the Clerk's office on August 13. Jan F asked if Fred could contact Joey Clark regarding the flooring, lifting and bubbling; Fred stated yes.

Fred reported that he spoke with Pat Reinke, Ogemaw County Road Commission, regarding the Peters Road bridge, at the cost of \$17,000 - \$20,000. Jan F questioned if that is the total cost; Fred stated yes, but there is a 50/50 split with Churchill Township. As of now, the Road Commission won't be picking up any of the costs. Fred stated they may be able to look at grants. Ron reported that the

Environmental Consultant from Lapham Associates will schedule time to meet an EGLE representative for the possible ditching on Scribner Road. Fred reported that he did not receive a bid from the Road Commission for the last ¼ mile of Ogemaw Center Rd, east of Morrison Rd, which is a seasonal road. Ron asked Charlie Maher if O'Neil Road is still a seasonal road; he stated yes that it is and that the Road Commission brines, gravels and grades said road.

Ron stated that he has not heard from Ryan Veeder regarding the joint Planning Commission meeting for Cumming Township taxpayers, he will contact Ryan Veeder.

Fred gave the RC Fire report, which included; two (2) fire runs for Cumming Township, discussion of Fall events. Fred gave Jan F copies of the fire bills from the first of the year. Fred stated that other townships do not charge their residents for fire runs; Ron stated that he and Fred will look into this.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: there were 5,100 home delivered meals, 1,629 congregate meals, along with other services; looking to purchase a new delivery truck, costs are being gathered; the parking lot will be sealed; the last mortgage payment has been paid, this will save \$60,000 per year, but money needs to be put into a Repair and Maintenance Fund; the Summer Party was good.

Jan T gave the Transfer Station report, which included: going good; the Tire Clean-up will be held September 19, taking tires from outside the township also; looking for volunteers.

Ron gave the Assessor's report, which included: July BOR had one (1) item.

Ron reported that he will look into the burned-out mobile home property taxes.

Bill Olsen gave the HL report, which included: thank you to the Township Board for a smooth renewal process, same as Hill Township; the old assessment has covered the first and second weed treatments and will cover the third weed treatment after Labor Day; during the special assessment process, there was confusion regarding what the weed treatment was all about, this fall Savin Lake Services will hold a meeting with residents. Ron questioned how fast muck buster works; Bill Olsen stated slowly but the canal works pretty fast and the open lake works much slower. He also stated that muck buster is the most inexpensive treatment for the lake, will keep using, and it is not a chemical.

Kathy Curtis gave the RCACC report, which included: it's been one (1) year since taking over the building from WBRC Schools; thank you to all. She gave the following information: a webpage and a Facebook page has been set up; the RCACC is set up as an Emergency Center and has been used twice; Gym Memberships are available, there are 228 members; Fitness Memberships are available, there are 98 members; the Fitness Center is open 24/7 with a key-fob entry; sports teams are using the gym, as needed; there is Church services in the gym on Sundays, they are also renting a room; Berg's Pest Control is renting a room; Rooms #1 and #2 are available to rent, along with the gym; there will be a Hunter's Safety Class; a Sourdough making class was held; Game Nights are held; a CPR Class was held; two (2) Craft Shows were held; a Boy Scout, earning his Eagle Award, is making a sign for RCACC; All-Ages Rec was held; the first Golf Scramble was held; an audit was done and there is help changing fluorescent lights to LED; grants are being written; the Ogemaw District Library and the Historical Society are moving to the RCACC; heating, cooling and parking needs to be done. Discussion was held. Duane Pelfrey stated that memberships can be purchased during open hours at the RCACC or at Duane's Iron Anchor. Kathy Curtis stated that the RC Alumni Association asked for a report. Jan F questioned if the donation tree was done; Kathy Curtis stated yes that there are 25 leaves on the tree and 25 available; wooden wolf paws are going to be displayed for the volunteers. Kathy Curtis reported the original graduation class composites, from

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1935-1968 except the years the school burned, will be left at RCACC; these are owned by WBRC Schools.

Ron stated that there were two (2) township millages on the ballot, for the Road and the Transfer Station, and both passed. As of now, there will not be recycling; discussion was held regarding the cost of recycling for WB recycle. Ron stated that these millages will be collected with the winter taxes; he suggested continuing to do things they way they are until the first of the year. Jan F stated that she will create flyers to post at the Transfer Station, the hall, and on the website, one (1) for township residents and one for out-of-township residents. Jan T reported that she spoke with Rob Reid, Hill Township Supervisor, regarding how they handle their Transfer Station: they use 2 ½" x 3" windshield stickers, put on by the TS attendant, two stickers per resident; if vehicle is in an accident or sold, a picture needs to be given to the TS attendant and that sticker is voided. Jan T stated she contacted D&I Designs for stickers, which cannot be written in black. A roster will be held at the TS. Rob Reid stated they tried cards but they didn't work, there was too much passing around. Jan F stated that Hill Twp only gives stickers to residents with dwellings. Ray Grant questioned if there will be a limit on bags; Duane Pelfrey stated Hill Twp allows three (3) bags. Discussion was held regarding the start date, which will be December 1. Discussion was also held regarding the non-use of garbage bags. Connie Malecek stated with the passage of the millage, will Wednesdays be added; maybe once the township knows where we stand but we need to wait and see how things are going. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to start December 1, 2026 with no fees for household garbage, township residents only. Roll Call Vote: Jan T, Fred, Ron, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron gave the Commissioners' report, which included: Commissioner Roger Mayhew is a representative on OCOA board; he speaks highly of the new County Administrator. Ron reported that Sheriff Brian Gilbert will be retiring, Jeff Short was going to run for Sheriff but he had decided not to run, Howie Hanft may run for Sheriff.

Jim Morris questioned the checks to Smith Bovill PC; Ron stated they are for attorney fees, from May forward.

Connie Maleck questioned the time for the Tire Clean-up; Jan T stated the normal hours, 9am-3pm. LeRoy Minto stated a welcome to Shari Denstedt, Treasurer. Ron reported that deputies serve at the appointment of the Treasurer; the Board does not approve of the appointment.

Kathy Curtis reported that the Historical Society is holding a presentation at the RCACC on August 11, 226 at 7pm. She also presented flyers for the RCACC.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred, to adjourn at 7:27pm. Motion carried.

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