

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

June 6, 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: Harriett H Coe; Ray & Debby Grant; Randy McCrite; Dave Kopecky; Jane & Jim Redmond; Michelle Berk; Robert Beyerlein; Louanne Rosebrugh; Nicole Pennell; Jim & Norma Morris; Ron Chapman; Tom Minto; LeRoy Minto; Duane Pelfrey; Pat Robinson; Amy Hensel (Ogemaw Co Herald); Bob Hoover; Rose Quackenbush; Connie Malecek; Linda Hall; Matt Polzin.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda; under New Business, Teena will talk about the CDs.

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

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

Fred presented an updated list of items to remodel the hall; he would like to get all the work approved and done. Jan F questioned where the bids were; they need to be line itemized. She stated that she needs copies of all bids, copies of insurances and licenses. Teena stated she could get the licenses and insurances. Jan F questioned the kitchen cupboards, we didn't get an updated drawing, and the strips in the serving room, the hallway, and the office not being tested for asbestos; they were installed at the same time as the ones in the meeting room that tested positive for asbestos. Fred will check with Mid State Asbestos. Discussion was held. Fred made a motion, seconded by Ron, to go forward in the kitchen, paint the walls, and flooring if cleared. Roll Call Vote: Ron – Yes, Fred – Yes, Jan T – No, Teena – Yes, Jan F – No. Motion carried.

LeRoy Minto introduced himself and gave his opinions regarding the remodel of the township hall, especially when there are other options. He stated that he just wanted to make the taxpayers aware of how their money is being spent. He also stated there are health hazards in the township hall and questioned why the hall is an obsession for a particular group of people. LeRoy Minto stated that a letter should have gone out, like the Road Millage, to all the taxpayers for their opinions. Discussion was held. LeRoy Minto stated that he felt the residents would like the proposed Rose City Area Community Center.

Harriett Coe stated she was a part of the proposed Rose City Area Community Center group. She gave information regarding making the "old" Rose City Middle School into a Community Center and it would take three (3) phases to complete the entire building. She also stated that the upper part of the building is ready to be used, it just needs a good cleaning. Harriett Coe reported that two (2) people already want to rent two (2) of the classrooms and the shop area. She stated that the "old" part of the building will be checked for structural soundness; the rest of the building is in good condition. Jan F stated there is such potential for rentals. The City of Rose City unanimously passed the Interlocal Agreement. Hill Township wants to hold a Special Meeting to discuss it further, they didn't want to be the first to sign the agreement. Discussion was held. Harriett stated she hates to see the building torn down or falling down, she understands it's an expensed but people want to donate. Harriett also stated she was at the meeting to ask for help to keep the building in the community. Jan F stated there are multiple grants and foundations available, once the Interlocal Agreement is signed by all municipalities. She also stated that she would like to see this project approve, contingent if all municipalities agree on it. Fred stated he had a couple issues with the Agreement. Nicole Pennell stated the agreement doesn't have to be signed at this meeting, if changes need to be made, writ them down and let the committee know. Discussion was held. Jan F stated money can be made if all the municipalities agree on the purchase of the building. Fred questioned if the City offices will move to the Community Cener; it hasn't been decided yet. The pros and cons of investing in the Community Center were discussed. Ron stated he was closing the Public Comment at this time. He also stated

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that the Township Attorney will look at the Interlocal Agreement. Nicole Pennell stated the purchase of the building can be extended. Harriett Coe stated if the township only wants one (1) year on the agreement, with the option to extend the second year, which can be done.

Jan T gave the Transfer Station report, which included: \$2,416 was collected in May; we did not receive the Tire Grant, the grants were given to tire collection facilities; one of four township in Ogemaw County was awarded the tire grant, Mills Township; the garage doors have been fixed, the bid was \$325, extra work was done but there wasn't an extra charge; the garage was cleaned up and power washing will be done soon. Jan T stated Clean-up is costly, but we should hold the clean-up. She also stated there should be a limit of two (2) carloads, one (1) truck load, or one (1) truck and trailer load. Jan T will contact GFL to see if we can get dumpsters for June 28; if so, that is when we will have Clean-up. Jan T stated previously the pros and cons of holding a clean-up was discussed and a decision wasn't given. Many people have contacted Jan, Ron, and Fred regarding a clean-up. Ron reported that TR Timber, sponsored by Ogemaw Conservation District, was holding a Tire Clean-up on June 7, 2025, at a cost. Ron stated he will check on gravel or limestone at the Transfer Station. The board unanimously agreed to hold a Clean-up at the Transfer Station on June 28, 2025 at 9am-3pm.

Jan F reported that with the change to BS&A Software, she would like order checks to be printed instead of manual writing the checks. Jan stated she has had several meetings with BS&A. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to order checks to be printed off the BS&S Software system. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Ron, Teena, Jan T, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Fred gave the RC Fire report, which included: two (2) fire runs for Cumming Township; a side by side was purchased this Spring, they are waiting on the sled/water tank to be delivered.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: continue to feed a lot of residents, keeping things going.

Ron reported he has a couple names for a Blight Officer. Discussion was held regarding having a Blight Complaint Form before approaching property owners.

Jan F reported that Bill Olsen emailed Rob Reid, Hill Township, and her regarding a continued Henderson Lake Special Assessment. Jan F stated she went through the past process and emailed the information to Bill Olsen and Rob Reid.

Ron stated the July regular meeting falls on July 3. Discussion was held. The July meeting will be held on July 10, 2025 at 6:30pm.

Teena reported that all the CD's have been moved from Huntington Bank to Mercantile Bank; she stated that a penalty to move the General CD was \$142.07 but will make it up in the interest to be collected. Teena gave information regarding moving all accounts from Huntington Bank to Mercantile Bank and putting all but the Tax Account and General Account into Mutual Funds. Discussion was held. Fred made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to move accounts to Mercantile Bank as presented. Roll Call Vote: Teena, Jan T, Fred, Ron, Jan F – All yes. Motion carried.

Connie Malecek questioned if the bill from the Ogemaw County Road Commission was for brining; Jan F stated yes.

Fred made a motion, seconded by Jan F, to adjourn at 8:00pm. Motion carried.

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