

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

September 3, 2026

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; Ray & Debby Grant; Connie Malecek; Christina Curtis; Louanne Rosebrugh; Jim & Norma Morris; Colleen Kaczmarek; Kelli Rembowski; Rose Quackenbush; Duane Pelfrey; Samantha Campbell.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda: accept as presented.

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

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

Fred reported that he received a bid from Colvin's to correct the duct work in the back office, at the cost of \$1,617.00. Jan F questioned if the duct work situation has been like that for a while; Fred stated yes. He also stated that three (3) lines were run off one truck line; there should be three (3) individual lines. Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to approve the bid from Colvin's, at the cost of \$1,617.00, to repair the duct work in the back office. Roll Call Vote: Jan T, Fred, Ron, Shari, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried. Fred reported that he has not heard from Tom Benjamin. He also reported that Morse Clark will add a transition to the flooring.

Fred presented information from the Ogemaw County Road Commission, regarding the gravel costs for the last ¼ of Ogemaw Center Rd and one (1) mile of Ogemaw Center, east of Morrison Rd, and Sensabaugh Rd, north of Sage Lake Rd. There were also estimates for reconstruction of Sensabaugh Rd and Ogemaw Center Rd, east of M33 to Morrison Rd. There hasn't been anything new for the Rifle River bridge and the Peters Road culvert. Discussion was held.

Ron stated that he has not heard from the Planning Commission; he has contacted Commissioner Roger Mayhew. Samantha Campbell stated that Shawn Smith has sent an email to the County Administrator regarding this issue.

Ron reported that he has not heard any more from the resident at the end of Bonnie Brae regarding the drainage problem. Jan F reported that a resident on Henderson Lake observed a pipe coming from another resident's septic system leading to the lake; there were bubbles coming from the pipe into the lake. Upon further investigation, there was an oily substance also from the pipe to the lake. Jan F advised the resident to contact the DNR. Jan F contacted Ryan Veeder, who referred her to the Health Department. Scott Jackson was going to try to look at this situation while he was out on other inspections. The Health Dept needs a complaint form filed; Jan F suggested that the Township Board files said complaint form, due to the resident not wanting retaliation. Connie Malecek stated that the resident in question had a flooded basement and the pipe looks tied down to drain; the pipe is in the right-of way (easement). Discussion was held. Jan T made a motion, seconded by Fred, to complete the Complaint Form for the Health Department. Motion carried.

Fred gave the RC Fire report, not much happened; three (3) fire runs; one (1) truck was being repaired, which will be back to use; submitted to receive radios from MSP that will be re-band.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: there were 5,504 home delivered meals, 1,525 congregate meals, along with other services; received funding from RFPS for 2027; parking lot was sealed; looking to purchase a new delivery truck, in 2027.

Jan T gave the Transfer Station report, which included: there have been a few questions about the stickers; Jan F presented a picture of the stickers to be ordered at the cost of \$12,207.31 for 2,000 stickers, she would like them in orange. Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan F, to approve the ordering of TS stickers at the cost of \$12,207.31. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Shari, Jan T, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried. The Free Tire Clean-up will be held on September 19, 2026, 9am-3pm. Connie Malecek questioned what Jan T does with the containers for tin cans; Jan T stated she puts them in the metal trailer for Rifkin.

Jan F presented the township L-4029, township DNR L-4029, Henderson Lake Weed Control Special Assessment, and Delinquent Sewer Repair Fees for the 2026 Property Tax Collection. She stated that the Henderson Lake Weed Control Special Assessment was sent in by Allison Thompson, Assessor. Discussion was held. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Shari, to sign the L-4029s and the Delinquent Sewer Repair Fees paperwork. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Ron, Jan T, Shari, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Connie Malecek gave the HL report, which included: the final 2026 weed treatment will be in mid-September; the water quality testing will be in October; Bill Olsen is coordinating with Savin to hold a ZOOM informational meeting with the HL residents, which will include weed control for 2027 and beyond.

Colleen Kaczmarek gave the RCACC report, which included: met with the library to move to RCACC, discussed the following: parking lot, handicap door; Miss Dig gave a ticket for underground utilities blueprint, in order for someone to investigate. Duane Pelfrey stated the library probably won't move to the RCACC until 2027, maybe will look at a USDA loan for the parking lot. He also stated that the lights have been changed to LED at the cost of \$2,700; this cost will be recovered in six (6) months. Duane Pelfrey stated that the community center is looking at grants for the heating and cooling, will be roof top units; he also stated that the waster lines are good. Kelly Rembowski stated that the projects need to be done in phases. Fred stated the lower level of the old part of the building is run on the upper-level heat system. Duane Pelfrey stated volunteers are needed.

Fred reported that he spoke with Ryan Veeder regarding the Heartland project; there are eight (8) counties tied together for recycling. Another facility is needed for recycling; he mentioned the Cumming Township facility to Ryan Veeder. Discussion was held. Fred stated that grants would be written for this project.

Shari questioned if she is to receive compensation to go back and work on previous paperwork or start as August 2026. Ray Grant stated the situation is like what Jan F had to do in the Clerk's position. Ron stated that Jan F mentioned that she went to the banks, how is that going. Jan F explained the bank statements and accounts and that it has been a process, but between her and Shari the bank situation is going well. Samantha Campbell stated, as a resident, she is comfortable of re-building the records from the beginning to know exactly where the township is. Ron questioned what rate of pay; Shari stated she didn't think about it. Jan F stated that when she was in a similar situation, the rate of pay should have ranged from \$40-\$800 per hr. Shari reported that she is trying to figure out the Tax Acct because money should have been distributed and was not. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to pay Shari \$35 per hour, to rebuild the records before August 2026. Roll Call Vote: Jan T, Fred, Ron, Jan F – All Yes. Shari – Abstain. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding tax bills not received. Shari reported that a sewer check was not received; Jan F stated that the property owner will not have to pay extra fees, both quarters were billed for the 2nd quarter.

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Ron reported that the Ogemaw District Library is celebrating their 50 Anniversary on September 23, 2026 from 4pm-6pm.

Fred presented a photo of the Cumming Township Hall, probably taken around 1982.

Jim Morris questioned if property taxes could be paid at the hall; Shari stated yes, her deputy will be collecting on September 14, 2026. It was questioned who her deputy is; Shari stated Denise Teeple is her Deputy Treasurer.

Fred made a motion, seconded by Shari, to adjourn at 7:34pm. Motion carried.