

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

October 2, 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; Shawn Smith; Kathy Maestas; Nicole Pennell; Matt Polzin; Jim & Norma Morris; Ron Chapman; Debbie & Bob Donaldson; Connie Malecek; Olivia Gist; Rose Quackenbush; Pat Robinson; Rose & Bob Hoover; Linda Hall; LeRoy Minto; Jan & Bill Fox.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda; Ron stated he would like to report the traffic counts in Cumming Township.

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

Jan F presented the following changes to the Monthly Payments Report: General Ck #4098 should be \$3400; Recycle Ck #2494 should be recorded as \$119.99. Teena made a motion, seconded by Jan F, to pay the bills. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Fred, Teena, Jan T, Jan F –All Yes. Motion carried.

Fred reported that nothing new has been done with the control panel at the sewer station.

Fred stated that the hall remodel is pretty well done; need to purchase treated lumber and roof materials to install a roof over the air conditioners, at the cost of \$390; need to install shelves in the closet in the Clerk's office, at the cost of \$200; lights in the bathrooms need to be installed and other miscellaneous items need to be finished. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to purchase the above items, to complete the hall remodel. Roll Call Vote: Fred – Yes, Teena – Yes, Ron – Yes, Jan T – Yes, Jan F – No. Motion carried. Ron questioned if Fred found anything at the RCACC Auction; Fred stated no, everything was in the same condition as we have. Fred reported that he received information from Jan F regarding the MiDEAL, which have vendors that have office furniture; he has not had time to look yet. He stated that he will look for office furniture and others could look too. Jane Redmond questioned if a handicap door has been looked at; Fred stated no, but he will look into it after the current project is finished.

Ron questioned if anyone has looked into a PA System; LeRoy Minto stated he did, on Amazon there is a three (3) wireless microphone PA System for \$125. Ron stated that he, Jan T, and LeRoy Minto would meet to discuss the PA System. Ron made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to purchase a PA System, no more than \$150. Roll Call Vote: Jan T, Fred, Teena, Ron, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried. Jan F stated that name plates, for the board, were mentioned by Connie Malecek. Jan T will handle this.

Fred gave the RC Fire report, which included: there were three (3) fire runs, one (1) fire run for Cumming Township; went over the 2026 budget, it is about the same as 2025.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: still looking for an Assistant to the Director and a home delivery person; there is \$50,000 remaining on the mortgage, it should be paid off in 2026; Oct 30 is the Halloween Party; it is running pretty good. Ron stated once the mortgage is paid off, there will be repairs to be done.

Jan T gave the Transfer Station report, which included: doing pretty good; a thorough cleaning and fixing the bulletin board was done. Teena questioned how long are we going to pay two (2) people per weed; Jan T stated that training is four (4) weeks, two (2) weeks were not paid as they were observation weeks. Discussion was held.

Ron gave the Blight report, which included: the person that owned the burned-out home on Morrison is deceased, discussion was held. Jan F asked Teena to check the fire run to see who the township

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can contact regarding the vehicles and who is responsible for cleaning up of said property. Ron stated he will check on the vehicles. Ron also stated the property on the corner of S. Highland Pines and Morrison Rd is getting bad again. Jan stated a complaint form needs to be completed. Discussion was held. The property on Esmond Rd was also discussed.

Ron reported that Bill Olsen emailed the HL report, which included: the final 2025 weed treatment has been done; water samples have been collected and will be available on the on HendersonLake.org.

Matt Polzin gave the RC Area Community Center report, which included: the meetings have been changed to the first and third Monday, he will send the minutes by email; slow start for the gym will begin with Pickleball on Tuesdays and Open Gym on Wednesdays; Annual Memberships are as follows: Single - \$25, Two-people - \$40, Family - \$50; the first step in re-zoning to B-1, has been approved. Ron questioned when the Library will be moving to the RCACC; Matt Polzin stated the library is not ready yet. Ron also questioned how the auction went; Matt Polzin stated not well, received less than \$500.

Ron reported another township questioned the traffic counts in Cumming Township. Ron gave the following traffic counts, which were gathered in Cumming Township: E Peters Rd to Morrison – 109; Ogemaw Center from M33 to Morrison Rd – 49; Schmitt Rd – 86; Scribner Rd from M33 to Morrison Rd – 327; Flynn Rd – 55; W Peters from M33 to Morrison – 678; E Scribner from Morrison Rd – 400. Ron stated he told this individual that Cumming Township does not have a Road millage, so there aren't any road projects at this time.

Pat Robinson stated Fred has done a lot of work renovating the township hall; he put in more than 100%. Thank you, Fred.

LeRoy Minto stated he had a few questions: (1) Are there job descriptions; Teena stated yes, through MTA. (2) Is there a standard of operations for elections; Jan F stated yes, MTA has mandatory trainings, elections manuals, and the State had mandatory trainings; (3) Where is the contractor of the hall remodel – Fred was the Coordinator, LeRoy Minto stated there has been a lot of money spent for not very many township business hours; (4) Does the township have any bids, Fred stated yes, LeRoy Minto showed the board what an itemized bid looks like, can he see the bids; Fred stated yes (5) Why was asbestos removal done twice, Fred stated the building was tested once, the meeting room was abated first, the seconded abatement was done when the bathrooms were remodeled (6) If the kitchen hood/vent was kept, the kitchen would still be commercial and it could be rented to a caterer, now it's a prep kitchen; Fred stated it has been a prep kitchen since OCOA stopped renting; (7) The hall costs more to rent, at the rental cost of \$50, and to clean the hall, discussion was held (8) What happens if the township goes bankrupt; the State will take over if correction plans fail (9) Who is Mark Candy, Fred stated he is the painter.

Jim Morris stated that MTA was mentioned, some don't believe in this organization.

Jane Redmond questioned how much was the cost of the hall remodel; Fred stated around \$120,000.

Teena gave the Treasurer's report, which included: the interest since moving to Mercantile bank. Ron questioned what the balance was in the Road Acct; Teena gave the balances in each account. She stated there is still \$1,000 in Huntington Bank, General Acct,

Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred to adjourn at 7:22pm. Motion carried.

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