

Regular Meeting of the Town Board
Of the Town of Cuba
Unapproved

Present:

Supervisor: Barbara Deming

Council Persons: Jerry Scott, Gary Gluck, Lynnford Sweet

Also Present: Nancy Orcutt, Town Clerk, Dustin Burch, Police Chief, Gary Fries, Ambulance Administrator, Steven Nease, Highway Supt.

Absent: Robert Carney

Supervisor Deming opened the regular meeting at 7PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

10 Minutes for Public Comments: There are no comments at this time.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 08/09/2011 and 08/25/2011:

Sweet motioned to accept the minutes as presented by the Clerk. Scott seconded the motion, all in favor, Minutes approved.

Approve the Supervisor's Report for August 2011: Scott motioned to accept the Supervisor's Report as given, seconded by Sweet, all in favor, motion passed. The General Fund received \$25,219.95 and dispersed \$63,832.13 while the Highway Fund received \$0 and dispersed \$117,059.89. The Capital Fund did not receive or disperse any funds.

Approve General & Highway Abstract for August 2011: The General Fund dispersed \$63,655.60, and Highway, \$60,660.90, and the Capital Fund, \$538.00. Deming would like to add \$197.60 for a bill received today for Bond Council. Gluck motioned to approve the Abstract, including the additional bill, seconded by Sweet. All in favor, motion passed.

Clerks Correspondence: A letter arrived from the VFW requesting a change for the waiver of the open container law Scheduled for October 1. Because another Club previously scheduled an event for that day, the VFW would like to change the October date to October 8. Sweet motioned to grant the waiver, seconded by Scott, all in favor, motion passed. The Fire Department has filed for a games of chance license to be held for their annual raffle. Gluck motioned to accept the application, seconded by Sweet. All in favor, motion passed.

Board Comments: Scott asked Nease if he has received any salt yet this year. He responded, yes, 70% that is required by the Forecast Contract. Salt is now up by \$3/ton, bringing it to approximately \$44/ton. Deming announced receiving Gary Fries resignation due to retirement. Dustin Burch has been appointed his successor. The Board has accepted the resignation. Deming also expressed sympathy for the passing of Rob Carney's father-in-law. Flowers will be sent on behalf of the Town of Cuba.

Police Department Comments: Cuba Police responded to 366 calls to service and developed 34 cases from these calls. There were six MVA, 22 traffic summons. The Department handled nine lockouts, 2 parking tickets, 13 other agency assists, and 6 domestic disputes. The Police Department was also called to guard and transfer 19 violent felons due to a state prison bus breaking down on 305 North just past the underpass for I-86. All went smoothly. Chief Burch thanked Aaron Appleby, Linda Botens, Sue Campbell, Nick Sweet and Jason Jones for their volunteer work at the pill drop conducted on August 20. Thanks also went to Fire Chief Kevin Nutt and the Cuba Fire Department for the use of their facility and for their time. Receipt of controlled substance count was 4,769 pills; non-controlled pills totaled 22,495 and 200 needles.

Steve McPhearson has turned in his resignation as police officer.

Ambulance Comments: Cuba Ambulance responded to 25 calls. Out of these, ten were Critical Care, Cuba handled five, Olean 10 handled four, and MTS handled one. Fries reported the new ambulance, ordered in January will be delivered by the end of September. Reflective jackets have been discussed for the last two years for the Ambulance Crew. Fries displayed a jacket that has been decided upon. It is a four-piece unit, outer jacket, lining, vest, and inner jacket. Cost is around \$150 each. There are 20 current members, with only 10 being regularly active. Ten jackets will be ordered this month.

Fire Department Comments: Kevin Nutt reported new fire hose has been installed on the trucks. A hose test is to be continued this month. Three bottles are to be sent out for hydro test. September training is at the Tower on September 20. Smokey Sunday will be held on October 2 from 7 AM until 12 Noon. September 17 and 18 is firefighter expo in Wellsville and equipment night is September 27. Nutt asked the Board to consider allowing the Fire Department to become independent by allowing it to become a Fire District. After some discussion, it was decided to talk more on the subject after the informational meetings that will be held for the Department. Nutt is still compiling figures to estimate how much it costs to answer calls on the Interstate. This is to show the expense it takes to having an interstate route through Cuba.

Highway Department Comments: Projects for the month of August included chip sealed Maple Lane, Hilltop, North Branch, and Townline with help from the Towns of Hinsdale and Rushford. Installed shoulders on Townline and North Branch new asphalt jobs and repaired the shoulders on Keller Hill, Little, Spring Valley and North Branch with help from Allegany County DPW shoulder machine. This is a shared services machine we signed on to use. The share service of this shoulder machine saved the Town about two and one half days of work. This was done with assistance with Towns of Hinsdale, New Hudson and a man from the Village. Sluice pipe was replaced on Beebe Hill Road, ditching on Hubbell Hill, Health Camp, and cutting shoulders and a driveway pipe replacement is completed. Graded Stowell Hill, mowing roadsides for the second time is done as time allows. A tree on Witter Road was removed as it was hanging in the

roadway. A crew assisted the Allegany County Sheriffs Department with unloading radio equipment and placing it for them on the tower site on Hamilton Hill Road. New Hudson was assisted with chip sealing and Genesee was assisted with a cold mix project. Equipment Repairs: 1990 Rosco Broom, new alternator installed, 1999 Mack, Hydraulic hose and rim replaced, 2004 F-550, front left brake line replaced, 2009 Harley Rake, new drive chain installed, 1990 Rhino Mower, new blades installed, and 2003 Sterling, the hydraulic tank was repaired.

Code Enforcement: No report submitted.

Dog Control: The Clerk read Steiner's report. There were six found dog reports; all were returned to owners except one, which was fostered out. Two calls concerned lost dogs, dogs were returned to owners. One dog bite was reported and all was taken care of through the proper channels.

The dog census is continuing with notices being left where homeowners are not at home. The notice requests the Town Clerk be contacted to update any information on dogs that are harbored or to report there are no dogs harbored at the address. If compliance is not met, a Court Summons will be issued according to law.

Old Business:

Town Hall: A computer generated blue print should be ready for next week to show the size and layout of the Hall.

Sewer District Restorations: There is still a problem with the check valves, which is holding up the process of the loan going to long term.

Dog Control: Tabled until executive session.

Single Audit: The report should be ready by the end of September.

Time Warner Cable Franchise: The agreement will be completed after the letter from the Fire Department, which includes the requirements necessary to be able to access their property in the event of a call.

Road Use and Repair Agreement: Tabled until October. Nease recommends signing the agreement. This will save taxpayers money in the event that roads are damaged during heavy transport over town roads. The trucking company would become responsible for repairs. Nease will look into what surrounding towns are doing.

New Ambulance: Deming asked permission to bond the balance of the new ambulance that was ordered in January. The cost is \$138,000 less a \$6,000 trade-in value leaving a balance of \$132,000. She would like to apply \$47,425.00 of the emergency equipment reserve fund to the balance and bond the remaining balance. The bond would be for \$17,000.00 a year for the next five years. This needs to be done before the next meeting. A balance of \$12,000 will remain in

the emergency equipment reserve fund. Gluck motioned to set up the bond, seconded by Sweet, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Establish Board of Ethics: Earlier this year, we established a Code of Ethics and overlooked establishing a Board of Ethics. It was determined the Board should be made up of one employee of the Town and two who are non-employees. Deming is asking for suggestions to fill the Board. Police Chief Dustin Burch has accepted the position as the Town employee. Next month the other two members will be appointed.

Crown Victoria: The Police Department owns a Crown Victoria that is off the road due to damages incurred some time ago. After a brief discussion, it was decided to keep the car for parts, as it would be more valuable to the Town in this manner as opposed to putting it out for bid.

Sewer Board: A Board needs to be appointed for Sewer District #5. Lynn Sweet, Dana Harvey will be two members and Duane Hopkins was suggested to be the third. This will be finalized at the next meeting.

At 8:00 PM, Sweet motioned to adjourn the meeting to go into Executive Session, seconded by Gluck, all in favor, motion passed. This portion of the meeting is to discuss personnel.

At 8:20 PM, the regular meeting reopened. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by motion made by Sweet, seconded by Scott.

Next meeting will be on October 11, 2011 at the Library meeting room, 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Orcutt, Town Clerk