

Regular Meeting
Of the Town Board of the Town of Cuba

Held at the Cuba Library, 39 E. Main St., Cuba, NY

Present:

Supervisor: Barbara Deming
 Council Persons: Lynnford Sweet, Jeffrey Dahill, Robert Carney, Joseph Miller
 Also, Present: Nancy Orcutt, Town Clerk, Dustin Burch, Police Chief,
 Steven Nease, Highway Supt.

Absent: Gary Fries, Ambulance Administrator

Supervisor Deming called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

Demonstration with Officer Jim Gallatio and Inga: Officer Gallatio gave a brief explanation of what an explosive dog does and the extensive training they go through. Inga is a trained and certified explosive dog, a black lab at 1 ½ years old. She will detect anything that will explode such as bombs, bullets, firecrackers, a firearm etc. Prior to the meeting and bringing Inga into the room, Gallatio hid a box with a rag with some gunpowder on it in the room and hid it. The demonstration showed how easily she found the item. Chief Burch explained how the Police Department would like to have Inga on their team to go to work when a threat is reported. She was well received at the school and they are excited to think the Town could provide such an asset. There will be no increase insurance. Several people have offered donations already for equipment, food, and veterinary care for her. There is a twelve-page policy and procedures manual in place with the information adopted from State regulations. In view of the recent happenings lately, it would be a plus to have such an addition to the force. There is not another detection dog in the area. If we were to call for one, it would be from Buffalo or Syracuse.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 12/11/2012: Sweet motioned to accept the Minutes as presented by the Clerk, seconded by Carney. All in favor, Motion passed.

Approve Supervisor's Report for December: General Fund received \$46,839.45 and disbursed \$52,374.78, Highway Fund received \$74.84 and disbursed \$44,973.26, and the Capital Fund received and disbursed \$2,020.44. Carney motioned to approve the Supervisor's Report, seconded by Sweet. All in favor, motion passed.

Approve General & Highway Abstracts for January: Carney motioned to approve the Abstracts, seconded by Sweet. All in favor, motion passed. The General Fund \$100,654.57, Highway Fund \$43,409.71 and the Capital Fund \$20,541.95.

Clerks' Correspondence: Taxes have been mailed and they are being paid at a steady pace.

Board Comments: Dahill and Carney both commented on how well our roads are being maintained compared to some other areas. Sweet commented on the ice that forms on the door to the Town Hall. Repairs will be made to the roof over the door.

Police Department Comments: Cuba Police responded to 298 calls to service in December and developed 51 cases. The Police Department handled 20 motor vehicle accidents, 12 in the Town, 2 in the Village, 2 on the Lake and 4 on I-86. There were 40 traffic summons issued (11 in the Town, 20 in the Village and 5 on the Lake and 4 on I-86). The Department also handled one noise complaints, fourteen motorist assists, eleven vehicle lock-outs, two parking tickets, twelve other agency assists, and eight domestic disputes. The Police Department assisted the Dog Control Officer four times. The department assisted the Ambulance on nine calls. One pill drop off was completed, one gunlock was handed out to a resident and one DNA kit was completed.

Burch commented on the exceptionally busy year, would like to thank all the officers for doing such a fine job, and thanks to everyone for standing behind the Department. He submitted a year-end report that is available for viewing on our website, cubany.org, and a copy kept with the Minutes.

The Department will be losing two officers. Burch asked to be able to canvass for new recruits. Permission granted.

Canine Agreement: After a brief exchange of ideas, Sweet motioned to add Inga, the explosives dog, to the Police Department. Carney seconded this motion, all in favor, passed.

Ambulance Comments: Cuba Ambulance responded to 23 calls for service in the month of December. Of these calls, nine were Critical Care with Cuba handling seven, two by Olean 10. Eighteen patients were transported to Olean General, with two sign offs, and three stand by for Fire Calls. Eight calls were in the Village, six were in the Town, and sin calls were in New Hudson, with one each in Friendship, Clarksville, and Hinsdale.

Joshua Horton from Cuba has applied for membership with Cuba Ambulance Service. Horton is EMT Certificated in Pennsylvania. He is working changing it over to New York State. Sweet motioned to approve him as a member of the Squad, seconded by Carney. All in favor, motion passed.

Highway Department Comments:

- ✓ Snowplowing and sanding
- ✓ Pushed back drifts on Jackson Hill, Stowell, Summit, and Hopkins roads
- ✓ Removed snow piles from Watt, Hunt, Smith and Old East Main roads
- ✓ Repaired the floor drain and replaced the grates

Equipment Repairs:

- 2003 Sterling-repaired front plow hinge and replaced pins
- 1999 Mack-replaced front plow pins
- Replaced front plow cutting edges on all three ten-wheelers
- 2005 Ford F-550-2 fuel injectors replaced (Allegany County DPW loaned a truck)
- 1996 International pto and hydraulic pump repaired
- 2009 Peterbilt-hydraulic hose and electric wiring to sander repaired

Nease submitted his year-end report - attached at the end of the Minutes. The dollar amounts listed are savings to the Town because of the leased gravel pit. We have an annual lease fee of \$10,000. Taking the total materials would have cost less the lease fee, the total savings is \$33,630.98.

Dog Control Officer Comments:

- Cuba Police Department called to report they picked up a dog in the Village. Dog returned to owner.
- Someone reported a loose dog in the Village. Cuba Police Department assisted with attempting to catch the dog. It was returned to owner.
- Unable to locate a loose dog reported running at large on W. Main Street.

Code Enforcement Comments: No activity to report. Putt wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Old Business:

Mutual Aid Agreement: This is a shared services program between the other Towns, Villages and the County. It provides help when requested. The Board will sign the agreement, same as in past years, and it is to be on file with the County.

Court Officer: After a lengthy discussion concerning how the Court Officers are to be compensated, the topic was tabled until next month.

County Bridge Projects: The Town has no bridges involved in 2013.

CCDC Grant: Last year Cuba Community Development Corp. applied for a grant on behalf of the Town. This grant was for fixing up low to mid income families homes. The Town has been turned down.

New Business:

Legal Retainer: Miller, seconded by Carney, made a motion to retain David Pullen as Attorney for the Town. All in favor, motion passed.

Designated Banks: Attached at the end of the Minutes. Carney motioned to keep the banks the same, seconded by Sweet, all in favor, passed.

Committee Appointments: Attached at the end of the Minutes. Sweet motioned to accept the appointments, seconded by Carney, all in favor, passed.

Laptop for Chief Burch: Carney motioned to allow Burch to purchase a laptop from Staples. Sweet seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

At 8:20pm, Carney motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sweet. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Orcutt
Town Clerk, Town of Cuba