

Regular Meeting
Of the Town Board of the Town of Cuba
 Held at the Cuba Library, 39 East Main Street, Cuba, NY

Present:

Supervisor: Barbara Deming

Council Persons: Robert Carney, Jeffrey Dahill, Steven Nease

Also, Present: Nancy Orcutt, Town Clerk, Chad Smith, Highway Supt., Dustin Burch,
Police Chief & Ambulance Administrator

Absent: Joseph Miller, Councilman

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

Public Comments: Cale Ungermann inquired why oil and stone was laid on the high school driveway with Town trucks. Smith replied the school asked the County to help with the job, but they were unable to do so. In turn, the County asked the Town if they were able to offer assistance. Smith provided the trucks and the school provided and paid for all the materials.

Jeff Bradley complimented the police department on the good job of patrolling the lake for speeders. The Town benefits from the S.T.E.P. Grant the department applies for annually which pays for the extra patrols and radar in areas that may require more attention. These patrols are funded by the grant, not budgeted funds. S.T.E.P. stands for Selective Traffic Enforcement Patrol.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 07/08/2014: Dahill motioned to accept the Minutes as presented. Nease seconded, all in agreement, motion passed.

Approve Supervisor's Report for July: The Supervisor's Report showed the General Fund received \$29,484.25 and disbursed \$24,839.73; Highway Fund received \$200,000.00 (BAN for the truck and plow) and disbursed \$274,540.87, and Sewer District #5 disbursed \$49,705.67 of which \$37,900 is the annual loan payment. Carney motioned to approve the Supervisor's Report as presented, seconded by Dahill. All in favor, motion passed.

Approve General & Highway Abstracts for August: Dahill motioned to approve the Abstract seconded by Nease. All in favor, motion passed. The General Fund is \$123,710.64; Highway Fund is \$70,081.64 and Sewer is \$2,691.56.

Board Comments: Carney noted he is pleased with the condition of Town roads.

Clerk's Comments: Government Portal, a payment technology company, contacted Orcutt about accepting Credit/Debit cards. After a few conversations and emails, she feels this company is simpler and cost effective to the Town for this service as it offers absolutely no charges to the Town. All transactions conducted would add a 3.5% charge to the customer using their card. There is an exception for property taxes, which is a 2.75% fee. Orcutt feels the "cost of doing business" should be passed on to the card holder because the Town is not a business for profit, and the taxpayers as a whole should

not have to pay for those who wish to use a card. After some discussion, Carney offered the motion to apply for the program, seconded by Dahill. All in favor, passed.

Last month two topics discussed in executive session should have been brought to a vote. The first was MedEx requesting on behalf of a patient to have the bill reduced or forgiven. After lengthy discussion in executive session, Miller suggested to do neither, as this would set a precedence. Nease agreed as did the rest of the Board. Orcutt called for a motion and second to this and it was provided by Carney's motion and Nease's second. All in favor, passed. Also an agreement submitted by a deceased patient's lawyer, to accept partial payment for services, as when the estate was settled, there was not enough to cover all the bills in full. Carney motioned to allow the reduced payment, seconded by Dahill. All in favor, passed.

Police Department Comments: Cuba Police responded to 379 calls to service and developed 39 cases. The Police Department handled 18 motor vehicle accidents, 7 in the Town, 7 in the Village, 2 on the Lake and 2 on I-86. There were 91 traffic summons issued (23 in the Town, 34 in the Village, 30 on the Lake, and 4 on I-86). The Department also handled 0 noise complaint, 2 motorist assists, 10 vehicle lock-outs, and 0 parking tickets, and 3 domestic disputes, and 7 other agency disputes. The Police Department assisted the Ambulance on 15 calls. The Police Department conducted 2 safety car seat installations.

Three pill drop offs were completed. Thirty business funds escorts were completed. Patrols checked Cuba businesses 19 times. Two individuals were arrested for selling narcotics in the village and town of Cuba. There were 2 drug overdoses, neither fatal. Officers attended the Cuba Rod and Gun Club's sportsman's fest to speak about gun safety to children. The mobile data terminals have been installed and the officers are using them now. This gives the Police Department dispatch and investigative capabilities in the patrol cars. Cuba is the first agency to be utilizing this new system. The July 4 fireworks and Casino grand opening were successful with some increase in calls and traffic but were all handled well.

Ambulance Comments: Cuba Ambulance responded to 28 calls for service. 19 of those calls were taken to Olean General Hospital, 1 was taken to Jones Memorial Hospital and 4 were sign offs, and 2 were Mercy Flight. 15 of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling all 15. 12 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 15 in the Town of Cuba, and 1 on the Lake. Aaron Appleby will be out of commission for a period of time, in which the Town will have to rely more on MTS and Olean 10 for Critical Care help.

Highway Department Comments:

Worked performed in July included the following services:

- Pulled shoulders on Jackson Hill, Trenkle, Jackson Hill
- Ditched Trenkle, Gross, Burlingame, Stout
- Installed 10 driveway pipes
- Changed two crossover pipes on Stout Road
- Chip sealed Stout, Bump, Beebe Hill, Spring Valley, Jackson Hill and Hopkins roads
- Mowed roadsides

Equipment Repairs:

- Sterling, repaired air valves, treadle valve

- Replaced brake chamber on Peterbilt
- Replaced tire on Mack
- Serviced Peterbilt, Mack and Sterling

Received new plates from the State for vehicles at no charge.

Dog Control Officer Comments:

- ❖ Filed dangerous dog paperwork
- ❖ Cared for two pit bulls confiscated as dangerous dogs
- ❖ Gave warning to two different dog owners allowing dogs to run at large
- ❖ New resident warned about dog running at large. Informed how to license and control dog from running at large.
- ❖ Took dangerous dogs (pit bulls) to be euthanized
- ❖ Gave warning to two village residents to license their dogs

Code Enforcement Comments:

- Permits were written for a carport at 4006 Youngs Road, a 30x50 storage building at Hammond Road, a container shed at 4610 Keller Hill Road
- Inspections completed for framing at 5267 Maple Lane, storage building on Hammond Road, framing for home at 8176 Dekay Road, and framing of cottage at the Lake
- Answered several calls about code
- Responded to a complaint about a house half torn down on Health Camp Road. There was no issue here.

Old Business:

Town Hall Progress: Three applicants were interviewed for the job of remodeling the Town Hall building at Water Street. This will be discussed further in executive session with decisions to follow.

Appointment to the Board of Review: Rod Cady and Jerry Collins both showed interest in the position. After some discussion, Nease motioned to appoint Rod Cady to fill the term replacing Jerry Scott. Dahill seconded, all approved. Motion passed.

New Business:

Police Health Insurance: A new plan needs to be chosen in order to comply with the Health Care Act. The plan that most resembles the current one is \$10 more. After some discussion Carney motioned to accept this plan, seconded by Dahill. All in favor, passed.

Equalization Rate: Confirmation was received that the Town assessed value is at 100%.

Gravel Pit Lease Renewal: It is time to renew the agreement with Jean Searl. The DEC permit is due in October and the lease renews in January. Smith has everything in process.

A motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel was made by Carney and seconded by Dahill at 7:35pm. All in favor, passed. Joseph Miller arrived for the executive session.

At 7:57 pm, the meeting reopened where Miller motioned to hire Adam Depp at a straight rate of \$20/hour for remodeling Town Hall. Depp will be on the payroll with no benefits and no time and a half overtime pay. Roll call vote shows Deming, Dahill, Miller and Nease voting yea and Carney abstained. Miller then motioned to allow Depp to choose one helper as needed at a rate of \$12.50/hour. Also no benefits and no time and a half overtime pay. Nease seconded, all in favor, passed.

At 8:07 pm Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting being seconded by Nease and all approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Orcutt
Town Clerk, Town of Cuba

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