

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, Joseph Miller, Jeffrey Dahill, Steven Nease
Also, Present: Nancy Orcutt, Town Clerk, Chad Smith, Highway Supt.
Absent: Dustin Burch, Police Chief & Ambulance Administrator

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

Public Comments: Leah Vooy's from the Library reminded the Board of the letter she submitted to request an increase of \$1000 for the contribution the Town gives the Library.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 09/09/2014: Carney motioned to accept the Minutes as presented. Dahill seconded, all in agreement, motion passed.

Approve Supervisor's Report for September: The Supervisor's Report showed the General Fund received \$16,670.47 and disbursed \$117,441.45; Highway Fund received \$104,077.23 and disbursed \$89,832.61. Carney motioned to approve the Supervisor's Report as presented, seconded by Nease. All in favor, motion passed.

Approve General & Highway Abstracts for June: Carney motioned to approve the Abstract seconded by Nease. All in favor, motion passed. The General Fund is \$57,105.85; Highway Fund is \$62,330.30.

Board Comments: Carney mentioned the remodeling of the Town Hall is progressing well.

Police Department Comments: Cuba Police responded to 314 calls to service in September and developed 35 cases. The Police Department handled 9 motor vehicle accidents, 4 in the Town, 1 in the Village, 1 on the Lake and 3 on I-86. There were 43 traffic summons issued (8 in the Town, 12 in the Village, and 22 on the Lake, and 1 on I-86). The Department also handled 2 noise complaints, 7 motorist assists, 10 vehicle lock-outs, 4 parking tickets, and 5 domestic disputes. The Police Department assisted the Ambulance on 10 calls. Business fund escorts totaled 32, patrols check Cuba businesses 21 times. The pill drop was successful with 150 pounds of pills being dropped off and 1100 of those being narcotics. Over the past 8 years we have collected over 1 million dollars county wide in narcotics that have been taken off from our streets.

Ambulance Comments: Cuba Ambulance responded to 33 calls for service in the month of September. 21 of those calls were taken to Olean General Hospital, 2 were taken to Jones Memorial Hospital and 4 were sign offs and 6 were for standby at the school for a football game and the Garlic Festival as well as Smokey Sunday Fire Training. 7 of these calls were critical care with Olean 10 handling all 10 as Aaron Appleby is still unable to

respond. 12 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 13 in the Town, 4 were New Hudson, 1 was mutual id to West Clarksville and 3 were on I-86.

Highway Department Comments:

Worked performed in September included the following services:

- Cut trees on Beebe Hill Rd, changed crossover pip and repair the other crossover pipe and widened road.
- Chip sealed Little, Trenkle, Health Camp, Hunt, Lower Hubble, Gross, Old East Main and Burlingame roads
- Worked on parking lot of municipal building, put millings down rolled teem in and chip sealed parking lot
- Graded Townline, Shaffer, Hopkins and Bump roads

Equipment Repairs:

- Put slack adjusted on Peterbilt
- Got roller back and put water pump in it
- Serviced excavator and put repaired powerlift back on
- New radio installed in new Freightliner

Dog Control Officer Comments:

- ❖ One dog was returned to owner

Code Enforcement Comments:

- Permit issued for change of use
- Permits were issued for one each of the following: addition, pole barn, roof repair, modular home installation, and new home. Two permits issued for decks

Old Business:

Water & Sewer Contracts: The Village voted to renew the Tracewell water and sewer contract and School water contract. Resolution made by Carney and second of Dahill finalized the contract. All agreed.

Accounting Firm: Deming set up an appointment with Baldwin Business Services from Nunda to discuss their taking over the accounting that the Supervisor is currently doing.

New Business:

Police and Highway Contracts: Carney and Nease were appointed as the committee to negotiate the contracts.

Resolution for New Court Grant: This is postponed until January.

Large Lot on Route 446 Resolution: Discussion took place to sell the large lot across from our Town Hall on Water Street. A resolution will be written to sell this lot which is no longer needed. A hearing will be held on November 11 at 6:30 pm on the matter.

Budget Hearing: A Budget Hearing is scheduled for November 11 at 6:45 pm.

A motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel was made by Dahill and seconded by Carney at 7:26pm. All in favor, passed.

At 7:57 pm Miller motioned to allowing the significant other of fulltime employees from the police and highway departments to the insurance plan after one full year of service. Nease seconded, all in favor, passed.

At 7:58 pm the meeting was adjourned on motion of Miller and second of Dahill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Orcutt
Town Clerk, Town of Cuba

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Resolution of the [village, town/city of] CUBA

Concerning: Local Control of Speed Limits

Date: 5-13-14

WHEREAS, lowering speeds on our local roads can be an effective way to improve the safety of our community. Speed kills. Vehicles traveling at higher speeds cause more crashes because drivers don't have time to slow down. Crashes at higher speeds are also more deadly, because of the physics involved. Vehicle on pedestrian crashes that occur at 30 mph are ten times as deadly as crashes which happen at 20 mph.

WHEREAS, lowering speeds is especially important in areas that attract pedestrian traffic—such as business and residential areas—and where children congregate, given that children lack the ability to accurately perceive vehicle speeds until they begin puberty. In 2012, New York State had the worst record in the nation for pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities—27% of the fatalities on our roads were either a pedestrian or a bicyclist. These are preventable deaths.

WHEREAS, despite the fact that New York State is a home rule state, existing state law prohibits municipalities from setting their own speed limits. Villages and cities can lower their speed limits to 25 on a street-by-street basis, but counties and non-suburban towns must petition the Department of Transportation to do even that. No municipality can adopt an area speed limit that is lower than 30 miles per hour. In order to attain the authority to change the limit, municipalities must get a state law passed, a time-consuming procedure that is rarely successful. There are 932 towns, 62 cities, 551 villages, and 62 counties in New York State. Changing the law one municipality at a time is a piecemeal approach that makes no sense.

WHEREAS, villages, towns and cities with the power to choose a lower speed limit would have a powerful, low-cost tool to create calmer and safer streets; and calmer streets have been proven to promote retail activity and increase residential property values.

WHEREAS, our constituents, correctly, hold us accountable for their health, safety and welfare in a way that comports with our jurisdictions' distinct characteristics. In order to protect them and help our communities thrive, we need the ability to set our localities' own speed limit. To force an inflexible, one-size-fits-all statutory scheme on all of us is an untenable state mandate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the [village, town city] of [CUBA] recognizes the importance of local decision-making in a home rule state, and asserts that municipalities should have the authority to lower the speed limit on local roads, in appropriate areas, to improve the safety of our New York State communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the [village, town, city] [board, council] authorizes the [Mayor/Supervisor] to sign on to the attached letter to the Governor requesting that the state law be changed to provide municipalities with more home-rule authority over speed limits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be sent to:

Our state senator and assembly member
Senator Robach, Chair of the NYS Senate Transportation Committee
Assemblyman Gantt, Chair of the NYS Assembly Transportation Committee
Speaker Silver
Senate Majority Leader Skelos
Senate Majority Leader Klein
Governor Cuomo