

Hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Cuba
For Sale of Property on Water Street

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, Dustin Burch, Police Chief & Ambulance Administrator

Supervisor Deming called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 630pm.

Supervisor Deming explained now that the Town has purchased the annex building from the Cuba-Rushford Elementary School for the price of \$1.00, there is no need to maintain possession of the large lot on Water Street that was to be the original site of a new Town Hall. The Town originally paid \$40,000 for the 2 ½ acre lot several years ago. It is located between the old Acme building and Keller Street. The question is: does anyone have any objections to the sale of this property? Secondly, in what manner will it be sold, through bid with a minimum or through a realtor? Questions raised include could it be sold in lots or should it be sold as a whole. A realtor would be able to assist with the best method and deal with the division of lots if this becomes necessary.

At 6:44pm Dahill motioned and Nease seconded to close the hearing.

Hearing Of the Town Board of the Town of Cuba
On the 2015 Budget

Present:

Supervisor: Barbara Deming

Council Persons: Robert Carney, Joseph Miller, Jeffrey Dahill, Steven Nease

Also, Present: Nancy Orcutt, Town Clerk, Dustin Burch, Police Chief & Ambulance Administrator

Immediately following the first hearing, Deming called the Budget Hearing to order. She announced the budget has been available for review at the Clerk's Office. There is also a copy for anyone in the audience to review now if they so choose. The Town is under the Tax Cap by \$3,000 this year. We have been under the Cap every year since the Cap has been imposed. The amount to be raised is \$1,711,492. Special Districts take up \$400,000 of this total. The districts include Fire Protection, paid by everyone, the Lake District, paid by those residing lakeside, and Sewer District #5, paid by those in the district. The Village rate per thousand is \$4.68, the Town rate is \$6.83. The Town needs \$1.3 million just for the Town. The remaining 25% is collected on this bill on behalf of the Special Districts and is paid directly to these districts.

At 6:56pm Dahill motioned and Miller seconded to close the hearing.

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: There were no comments at this time.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 10/14/2014: Miller motioned to accept the Minutes as presented. Nease seconded, all in agreement, motion passed.

Approve Supervisor's Report for October: The Supervisor's Report showed the General Fund received \$11,787.07 and disbursed \$64,635.20; Highway Fund received \$8,497.96 and disbursed \$78,249.64. Carney motioned to approve the Supervisor's Report as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor, motion passed.

Approve General & Highway Abstracts for November: Carney motioned to approve the Abstract seconded by Dahill. All in favor, motion passed. The General Fund is \$49,583.24; Highway Fund is \$34,762.31; Sewer Fund is \$600.18.

Clerk's Correspondence: Bell Jar applications have been submitted by the AmVets and Legion. Background checks have been performed and approved. The application is pending from the VFW. Miller made a motion to approve the Games of Chance Licenses, pending each club passes the background check. Dahill seconded, with approval of the entire Board, passed.

Board Comments: Dahill announced his intentions of resigning from the Board in December due to his moving just outside the Town limits. No formal letter of resignation has been submitted.

Police Department Comments: Cuba Police responded to 309 calls to service in October and developed 41 cases. The Police Department handled 14 motor vehicle accidents, 3 in the Town, 8 in the Village, 1 on the Lake and 2 on I-86. There were 38 traffic summons issued (11 in the Town, 13 in the Village, and 13 on the Lake, and 1 on I-86). The Department also handled 0 noise complaint, 1 motorist assists, 6 vehicle lock-outs, 0 parking tickets, and 4 domestic disputes. The Police Department assisted the Ambulance on 11 calls. Business fund escorts totaled 31. Five pill drop offs were completed. Patrols checked businesses 29 times. Patrols conducted school walkthroughs 27 times. There

were 2 drug overdosed for the month. The nasal Narcan has finally come in so we will be better equipped to deal with these situations.

Ambulance Comments: Cuba Ambulance responded to 30 calls for service in the month of October. 22 of those calls were taken to Olean General Hospital, 0 were taken to Jones Memorial Hospital and 2 were sign offs. 9 of these calls were critical care with Olean 9 handling all 9 as Aaron Appleby is still unable to respond. 14 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 11 in the Town, 3 were New Hudson, and 1 was mutual id to West Clarksville.

Highway Department Comments:

Worked performed in September included the following services:

- Hot patched holes on Stout, Summit, Witter and Munger Hollow roads
- Changed crossover pipes on North Branch and Farnsworth roads
- Graveled a section on Beebe Hill Road
- Mowing road sides

Equipment Repairs:

- Mack had transmission repaired and new clutch installed
- Replaces brakes on rear axles of Peterbilt

Dog Control Officer Comments:

- ❖ 10/06 Investigated a report of landlord having a tenant not allowed to own dog. The tenant moved to an unknown location on 10/09
- ❖ 10/18 Returned one dog running at large to its owner after verification dog was properly licensed

Code Enforcement Comments:

- Permit written for 9444 Trenkle Road for change of use from storage to an apartment
- Inspected foundation and framing at 8535 Jackson Hill Road
- Inspected framing at 9444 Trenkle Road
- Permit written for raising of roof at 5857 Hilltop Road
- Permit written to rebuild a house that was burned down at 8871 Stout Road
- Permit written for a garage at 9899 Shaffer Road
- Permit written to shingle a roof at 8588 North Branch Road

After a brief discussion, Dahill motioned, and Nease seconded the revision of the building permit fee schedule. Reduced permit fees are now in effect for pre-built sheds, oversized doors and windows, change of use permits, occupancy permits, electrical services, and manufactured homes on pre-existing pads in manufactured home parks. Previously the Town had a \$78 minimum fee with the exception of installations. These items fee will be reduced to \$25.

Old Business:

Town Hall: Things are falling into place nicely. The benches are here, security and video are being installed and fences will be installed in the appropriate places.

Accounting Firm: A presentation was offered by Shelby Bennett. She is a representative of Baldwin Business Services in Nunda. With Supervisor Deming's term ending in 2015, she feels it is time to hire a company to do the accounting she has been providing. The company represents many towns and villages including several in Allegany County. After discussion, Carney motioned to hire Baldwin Business Services at \$14,000 annually to take over the accounting previously provided by Supervisor Deming. This motion was passed when Dahill seconded and with the agreement of the rest of the Board.

New Business:

Resolution to sell large lot on Water Street: With some further discussion, Nease offered the resolution to contract with a realtor for 3 months for the sale of this property on Water Street, as it is no longer needed by the Town to build a Town Hall. Carney agreed by seconding, all in favor, resolved.

Lock Box Service: Deming presented the Clerk with an information packet provided by Five Star Bank to provide lock box service for the collection of taxes. She asked Orcutt to review, and if interested, speak with Five Star Bank on using this service. It is not for the taxes coming out in January.

Sliding Scale: Every year the County requests information on the sliding scale for persons over 65 with limited incomes and set an income ceiling for such exemption. Carney motioned to maintain the partial tax exemption for persons who are over 65 years of age, at the same level of \$19,500.

Purchase Computer: Deming requested permission to purchase a new laptop for the next Supervisor. She currently is using her own and would like to separate and transfer the Town files to the new computer to be able to hand it over to the next in line. Carney motioned purchase a laptop for the use of the Town Supervisor. Dahill seconded, all in favor, passed.

Budget 2015: With no further discussion required, Dahill motioned to approve the 2015 budget, seconded by Miller. All in favor, adopted.

At 7:45 pm, Carney motioned to enter executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Dahill, all in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:29pm by motion of Carney and second from Miller.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Orcutt
Town Clerk, Town of Cuba