

Regular Meeting
Of the Town Board of the Town of Cuba

Held at the Cuba Library, 39 East Main Street, Cuba, NY

Present:

Supervisor: Robert Carney
 Council Persons: Joseph Miller, Jerry Scott, Daniel McGraw
 Also, Present: Nancy Orcutt, Town Clerk, Chad Smith, Highway Supt.,
 Dustin Burch, Police Chief & Ambulance Administrator
 Absent: Steven Nease, Council Person

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

Public Comments: Mary Lindquist inquired if the Town has a 5-year or 10 year plan. Carney responded not per say. As projects arise, the Board proposes a plan for it and follows through. Scott mentioned that several years ago, the Village and the Town received a grant for a comprehensive study to determine the direction we could move forward to make the community a more thriving place. Many of those ideas have come to light, such as the Opera House and four new businesses opening to name a couple. The Town has been planning for the new Town Hall building for over ten years. The initial plans were squashed do to the hit to the economy, so it was placed on hold, but not forgotten. The building the Town bought from the school came up for sale and plans have been rekindled and revised plans were made and now being carried out.

Annual Library Report: Leah Vooy's gave her annual report which included some new items. In providing for the needs of the patrons, the library provide both traditional library resources such as books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, music CDs, and DVDs as well as technological resources including public access computers, high speed wireless Internet, and downloadable media including eBooks, eAudiobooks, and music downloads through a newly added service, Freegal. Linda Poelma, Youth Services Coordinator, retired after decades of dedicated library service in August and was replaced by Tina Dalton.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 02/10/2015: Miller motioned to accept the Minutes as presented. McGraw seconded, all in agreement, motion passed.

Approve Supervisor's Report for February: The General Fund received \$734,701.72 and disbursed \$64,525.07 while the Highway Fund Received \$309,747.00 and disbursed \$54,831.21. The Water and Sewer Fund Received \$37,845.00 and disbursed \$3,146.42 and the Building Fund received \$4.11 (interest on the account) and disbursed \$3,144.37. The large amounts received are accounted for by the property taxes collected. Scott motioned to accept the Supervisor's Report as presented, seconded by McGraw. All in favor, passed.

Approve General & Highway Abstracts for March: McGraw motioned to approve the Abstract with the exception to voucher #170 until it can be clarified. Miller seconded, all agreed, passed. The General Fund is \$\$351,327.52 of which \$261,428.00 is for the Fire Protection Tax and \$38,965.00 is the Cuba Lake District Tax. The Highway Fund totaled \$70,792.84, and the Sewer Fund was \$3,146.42.

Board Comments: Carney reported the Annual Audit has been completed and is on file at the Clerk's Office. Miller stated the Town needs to come up with a firm policy for prosecuting offenders of the local dog control law.

Clerk's Comments: The Am Vets has notified the Town that they intend to renew their liquor license for the upcoming year. The Cuba Lake Association has applied for permission to hold the annual fireworks display on July 3, 2015. All paperwork is in place in the Clerk's Office. Scott made the motion to approve the request, seconded by McGraw. All in favor, motion passed.

Police Department Comments: Cuba Police responded to 319 calls to service in February and developed 20 cases from these. The Police Department handled 21 motor vehicle accidents, 8 in the Town, 9 in the Village, 3 on the Lake and 1 on I-86. There were 16 Traffic Stops conducted with 8 Traffic Summons issued, 4 in the Town, 4 in the Village, 4 on the Lake and 0 on I-86. The Police Department also handled 1 noise complaints, 5 motorist assists, 16 vehicle lock-outs, 2 parking tickets were issued, 8 other agency assists, and 2 domestic disputes. The Police Department assisted the Ambulance on 11 calls. The Police Department conducted 1 safety car seat installations. Pill drop offs completed were 3. Business funds escorts totaled 27. Patrols checked Cuba businesses and properties of residents out of town 57 times. The department is looking into using body cameras. In light of what is going on in the country, it will show transparency in the actions of the department. Not only will it protect them, it will protect the public as well.

Ambulance Comments: Cuba Ambulance Service responded to a total of 38 calls to service in February. Of those calls 27 were taken to Olean General Hospital, 1 was taken to Jones Memorial Hospital. 11 of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling all 11. 18 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 8 were in the Town of Cuba, 5 were in New Hudson, 4 on I-86, 2 in West Clarksville and 1 in Friendship.

Two new members have been accepted into the Ambulance Service, Sam Stephens and Vanessa Sweet.

Highway Department Comments:

Worked performed in February included the following services:

- Plowed snow 20 of the 28 days
- Thawed frozen sewer line
- Cleared snow off the Municipal building

Equipment Repairs:

- Replaced broken springs on the Pererbilt
- Serviced the Boom
- Took Loader to have head gasket replaced

Smith requested permission to post the roads. Scott motioned to do so, seconded by McGraw. All in favor, approved.

Dog Control Officer Comments:

- 02/13/15: Talked to dog owner about his dog running into the road. Highway worker concerned it may get hit or cause an accident. Dog owner is taking action to remedy the situation.
- 02/17/15: Responded to a concerned Villager about a dog running at large. Dog owner is going to install an underground fence as soon as the weather allows. In the meantime he will keep dog tied.
- 02/19/15: Talked with an owner about taking his Pomeranian inside on nights that are below zero.
- 02/24/15: Went to pick up a dog running at large but it had run off. No more calls about it.

Code Enforcement Comments:

- Fielded calls with code questions.
- Picked up applications
- Wrote a permit for enclosing a porch at 8697 County Rd. 20

- Permit issues for Crown Castle Towers for work at 9060 N. Branch Rd.
- Inspected work at 8697 County Rd. 20

Old Business:

New Town Hall:

- 1.) **National Fuel:** a meeting with National Fuel will discuss the relocation of the regulator for the school onto their property and the mail line will be moved.
- 2.) **Parking:** There are cars being parked in front the Town Hall that should not be there. The PD will address the issue.
- 3.) **Progress:** The flooring is complete.
- 4.)

Route 446 Property Sale (Water St.): The contract has been signed with ERA for 6 months.

New Business:

Sex Offender Law: In light of the Court of Appeals overturning local law concerning where convicted sex offenders may not live, the Board instructed the Police Department to discontinue enforcing our own local law. The department should follow State Law until further notice. Cathy Young will be contacted on this matter to see what can be done to allow municipalities to better protect our community. Miller motioned to hold a Special Meeting on April 14, 2015 from 7:00 – 7:30 pm to discuss the topic. This was seconded by Scott, all in favor, passes. Hopefully Young's office will send a representative. The regular Board Meeting will follow directly.

Police Overtime Charges: There was a discussion about charging organizations for the O/T put in by the Police Department. After several minutes of exchanging ideas, it has been decided to make no changes.

Municipal Energy Program: Carney has provided information to MEP to be able to take into consideration to possibly switching some utilities to another company to save money. The rates quoted at this time are significantly lower than what the Town is currently paying. There is no switch over fee, but it is a two-year commitment. A discussion followed with a roll call vote for signing on showing: McGraw voting yes, Scott, yes, Rob, yes, Miller, no and Nease is absent.

Accounting Class: Carney asked permission to attend a 3 day accounting class in East Aurora, NY which is going to cost \$85. Miller expressed interest, too. McGraw motioned to allow the expenditure, seconded by Scott. All in favor, passed.

Void Old Checks: Miller motioned to allow Marilyn Bunk to void several old checks for the Police, Ambulance and Highway accounts. They are from the years 2007 through 2014 in the amount of \$556.17. Scott seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion passed.

Mileage Reimbursement: Scott motioned to limit the time someone can have to submit mileage for reimbursement. It should be within 30 days of any trip. McGraw seconded, motion passes with the agreement of all Board Members.

Parking Ordinance: Chief Burch and Highway Superintendent Smith have been appointed to a committee to research a parking ordinance for Town roads. There have been increasing problems making it difficult for the Highway Department to maintain clear roads over the winter.

Sewer District #5: There have been several new additions to the district. Carney suggests the policy be reviewed and revised and the users need to be refreshed on use and care.

Grant Training: On March 25,2015 Scott and Carney are attending the training session at the Crossroads at 6:30 pm.

Shared Services Meeting: Carney will attend the Shared Services Meeting on March 31,2015. It will address Governor Cuomo's Local Government Efficiency Plan that calls for all municipalities to have a plan in place by June 1, 2015.

At 8:45 pm Miller motioned to move to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by McGraw.

At 8:49 pm the meeting reopened where Miller motioned to increase Frank Schostick's by \$3.00/hour because of all the IT work he has been doing for the Town and Police Department.

At 8:50 pm the meeting was adjourned with motion from Miller and second from McGraw. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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