

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, Steven Nease, Timothy Ramsey, Daniel McGraw
 Also, Present: Nancy Orcutt, Town Clerk
 Dustin Burch, Police Chief & Ambulance Administrator
 Absent: Chad Smith, Hwy. Supt., Dana Harvey Sewer Dist. #5 Maintenance

Supervisor Carney opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: With over 20 people in the audience, there was a lengthy discussion concerning a recent Facebook post written by Mr. Carney. Shocking comments were made about outgoing President Obama. Many people questioned the integrity of Mr. Carney and expressed their dismay in his actions, as he was told he is held to a higher level being an elected official. Mr. Carney sincerely apologized for his comments and the pain and anger he has caused. Those at the meeting accepted the apology.

Approve Minutes 12/13/2016: McGraw motioned to accept the Minutes as presented by the Clerk. The second came from Nease, all in favor, passed.

Approve Supervisor's Report for December: The General Fund received \$24,954.87 and disbursed \$71,315.68 while the Highway Fund received \$72,196.17 and disbursed \$47,286.54. Miller motioned to accept the Supervisor's Report as presented, seconded by Ramsey. All in favor, passed.

Approve General & Highway Abstracts for January: The General Fund is \$89,033.70 and the Highway Fund totaled \$78,411.23 Miller motioned to accept the Abstract with an addition of \$1,160.20. This was seconded by McGraw. All in favor, passed.

Clerk's Correspondence: Taxes have been mailed and payments are streaming in. The Records Grant we received with the help of Southern Tier West is underway. Birth, Death, Marriage records and Minutes have been picked up and are being digitized.

Police Department Comments: Cuba Police responded to 179 calls to service for December and developed 22 cases from these. The Police Department handled 15 motor vehicle accidents. There were 37 traffic stops conducted with 22 Traffic Summons issued. The Police Department also handled 1 noise complaints, 6 motorist assists, 10 vehicle lock-outs, 3 parking tickets/complaints, 6 domestic disputes, and 5 other agency assists. The Police Department assisted the Ambulance on 18 calls. Pill drop/needle offs completed were 3. The Department conducted 0 safety car seat installations. Business funds escorts totaled 7. Patrols checked Cuba businesses and properties 20 times.

The year-end report is attached to the end of the Minutes. The new police car arrives January 24th. The other car was damaged in a flood and the insurance is paying for about 70% of the car.

Ambulance Comments: Cuba Ambulance Service responded to a total of 28 calls to service for the month of December. Of those calls 27 were taken to Olean General Hospital, 1 went to Jones Memorial, 0 sign-offs, 0 was mutual aid, 2 were refusals, and 0 was taken by Mercy flight. 15 of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling all 15.

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Highway Department Comments:

Work performed in December included the following services:

- Plowed 18 days in December
- Cut brush on Beebe Hill Road
- Greased and checked trucks over

Equipment Repair

- Replaced governor on Peterbilt
- Changed spacers and wheel locks on Mack
- Changed oil in Peterbilt, Loader, and Sterling

Sewer Committee: The committee is ironing out the final requirements for the position of Sewer District #5 Maintenance position.

Old Business:

- The line item transfers have been made to balance the 2016 Budget.

New Business:

- **Bridge Painting** requests for the County DPW is due by March 10, 2017
- **"Powers & Duties for Local Officials"** seminar is being offered by STW
- **Justin Bennett** is assuming the Municipal Department at Baldwin Business Services
- **Richardson & Pullen** retainer agreement needs to be reviewed. After a brief discussion, Ramsey motioned to retain the firm as the Attorney for the Town. This was seconded by McGraw. A vote showed all in favor with the exception of Miller voting no.
- **Southern Tier West** membership renewal is now due. Miller motioned to renew at the \$300 level which offers seminars and website maintenance. This was seconded by Ramsey, all in favor, passed.
- **The appointments** for 2017 are attached at the end of the Minutes. A discussion took place about changing banks. It will remain the same for now, but as more questions get answered by Five Star Bank, the topic will be revisited. The signature card at Five Star Bank needs to be updated. Signers are to be Supervisor Robert Carney and Deputy Supervisor Joseph Miller. Miller motioned to accept the appointments as presented, seconded by Ramsey. All in favor, passed.

At 8:20 pm Ramsey motioned to adjourn. McGraw seconded the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Orcutt, Town Clerk

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