

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, Daniel McGraw, Timothy Ramsey

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

Absent: Steven Nease, Council Person,
Richard Patterer, Dog Control, Dana Harvey, Sewer District #5 Manager,

Supervisor Carney opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 6 people in the audience.

Approve Minutes for 08/08/2017: Miller motioned to approve the Minutes as presented by the Clerk. Ramsey seconded the motion. All in agreement, Minutes accepted.

Approve Supervisors Report for August: The income for the General Fund totaled \$19,822.72. Disbursements totaled \$125,792.53. The Highway Fund's income is \$.00 and disbursed \$34,907.74. Miller motioned to accept the report as presented. It was seconded by McGraw. Ramsey, McGraw, Miller and Carney all voting yes, the motion passed

Approve General & Highway Abstracts for September: The General Fund is \$57,226.78. A late bill was received adding \$5,471.47. Miller wanted to review the bill from the attorney further before approval, and because it was received past the deadline, felt it should be paid in October. Highway Fund totaled \$15,621.08. Miller motioned to approve the Abstract as originally presented. This was seconded by Ramsey. Abstracts are accepted by a unanimous vote.

Clerk's Correspondence: Orcutt attended a meeting of tax collectors on the subject of partial payments. The State has implemented a new law allowing this if the Towns, Villages Schools, etc. pass a resolution for the acceptance of funds in this manner. They may also opt out using the same procedure. The law is not complete as there are many aspects to work out as to how the payments would be broken apart and how interest would be charged on the balance, just to name a couple of issues. Added expenses would be incurred by the taxing authority because program upgrades need to be implemented to the current Systems East program. Late notices would need to be mailed, adding paper, toner envelopes and postage to the list along with extra time and labor. After some discussion with the Board, this does not seem a good idea at this time.

Police Department Comments: Cuba Police responded to 184 calls to service in August and developed 43 cases from these. The Police Department handled 14 motor vehicle accidents 3 in the town, 4 in the village, 3 on the Lake and 1 on I-86. There were 32 Traffic stops conducted with 15 Traffic Summons issued (3 in the town, 3 in the village 4 on the lake and 5 on I-86). The Police Department also handled 3 noise complaints, 6 motorist assists, 0 funeral escorts, 7 vehicle lock-outs, 1 parking tickets/complaints were issued, 11 other agency assists, and 4 domestic disputes. The Police Department assisted the Ambulance on 8 calls. The Police Department conducted 0 safety car seat installations. 1 Pill/needle drop offs were completed. 1 gun locks were handed out to residents. 8 business funds escorts were completed. Patrols checked Cuba businesses and property's 23 times.

Cameras will be installed at Willow Bank Park. The Village is footing the bill and Schostick will install them as he did a few years ago at Chamberlain Park. The cameras at Chamberlain Park are working out well and deterring vandalism.

Ambulance Comments: The Cuba Ambulance Service responded to a total of 31 calls to service in August. Of those, 1 was taken to Jones Memorial, 23 were taken to Olean General Hospital, 2 standbys, and 2 were refusals with 2 sign offs. Mercy Flight was used once. 18 of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling 18 and Olean 10 handling 0. 16 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 6 were in the Town of Cuba, and 4 were on Cuba Lake, 4 were in New Hudson, and 1 was mutual aid to Friendship.

The department had 3 applications turned in. Two are for drivers, Leroy Clark and Ronald Hosley. The third is Samantha Landcastle who will become an EMT. Burch has done background checks and all passed. Ramsey motioned to hire them and it was seconded by Miller. With the agreement of the Board, passed.

Highway Department Comments:

Work performed in August included the following services:

- Cut brush and trees on Beebe Hill Road
- Removed stumps on Beebe Hill Road
- Replaced Catholic Cemetery and Morris driveway pipes
- Ditched Old East Main Street and part of Health Camp Road
- Started grading dirt roads
- Mowing roadsides

Equipment Repair

- Replaced wheel seal and brakes on Peterbilt
- Replaced brakes on Mack
- Replaced head gasket on grader
- Replaced rear seal grader

Dog Control Comments

- One complaint of a barking dog was investigated. Not able to locate where.
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Code Enforcement Comments:

- ❖ Permit written for a new furnace at 5943 Route 305
- ❖ Received court date for Klein's non-compliance of demo of Maple Lane building
- ❖ Fielded call from Solar Solutions for an upcoming permit

Facilities Report: As discussed at last month's meeting, Rinker Oil Corp. serviced the furnace at 5 Bull Street. One furnace is not repairable and will be used for parts.

Sewer Committee: The committee had no report. Duane Hopkins, who lives at 5246 Maple Lane, inquired "What about the incident behind my home on August 25th? Is there a committee or person that oversees these things?" After many more questions and comments from Hopkins, Carney pointed out the committee is Joe Miller and Dan McGraw. When Carney alerted them (and Ramsey and Nease) of the situation, the committee failed to participate in the remedy of the incident or even inquire about an update.

The situation is that a weld did not hold on the Sewer District #5 line and sewage was spewing into the ditch along Route 305. Dana Harvey was not available. Supervisor Carney was notified and was on site within 20 minutes. Long Excavating was quick to respond and started digging up the line after locating it with a borrowed line locator from the Village. Documentation was taken to show the

problem was a “blatant failure of installation”. It is unknown how or if it was tested or inspected. The weld showed it did not take on the entire pipe. Many fingers were pointed but the fact remains that there needs to be more communication and interaction between the committee and Mr. Harvey. It was also established there needs to be a backup person hired for when Harvey needs help or is unavailable. There is neglect on the part of the District for not having spare parts on hand other than grinder pumps. The parts needed were to be overnighted and arrive by 10 AM on the 26th of August. They did not arrive until noon and Long Excavating was not available until later that afternoon. Instead of hurrying the job to be finished prior to it getting dark, it was agreed upon to finish the repair on the following day.

Supervisor Carney offered to put the Hopkins' up in the motel. Hopkins declined and stayed at Sunny Hill Camp. Because of the concern of well contamination, the Town will set up and pay for water well testing for Hopkins and his neighbors. The wells in that area are only 40 – 50 feet deep. A special permit is needed to haul the waste and dirt away. Carney has made these arrangements for that as well.

McGraw mentioned in the rules of the district he thought there was a clause that made the property owner responsible for work needing done from the house to the road. This needs to be reviewed.

Old Business:

Shared Services: Carney will not be attending anymore meetings due to the fact they cannot answer any of his questions. He would like another Board member to step in and participate in the brainstorming and questionnaires.

Tracewell/Seneca Update: The water and sewer service has been shut off at the Tracewell property. The attorney, David Pullen, and Carney met with the Seneca Nation to discuss a contract for services. These services not only include water and sewer but will offer police and ambulance service. Pullen has composed a letter stating the terms of the Town and sent it for their consideration.

Sewer District #5 Meter: Carney had Harvey order the meter and have it installed. Project is finished and all is running smoothly.

New Business:

Census: Paperwork received for the 2020 census involves a lot of time and plotting of properties. Carney will opt out of preparing this information due to a lack of time on his part. If someone else would like to step up to the job, they are welcome.

ICMA : Again, Rob would like another Board Member to fill out the questionnaire.

Budget Meeting w/Baldwin: On the 21st of September Carney will meet with the accounting firm to discuss finances and prepare for the preliminary budget. After this meeting, a schedule for the workshops will be published.

At 7:47 PM Miller motioned to adjourn with McGraw seconding. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy A. Orcutt, Town Clerk