

The Village of Cuba Board of Trustees held their Monthly Board Meeting on Monday, October 14, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Cuba Village Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Taylor, Trustees Judith Zayac, Lon Sweet, Andrew Swift and Michael Doyle.

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Hall, SPW, Clerk/Treasurer Diane Wilson, Colin Stillman and Doug Rettig.

THE MAYOR OPENED THIS MEETING WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND WELCOMED EVERYONE.

GUESTS: Colin Stillman is enjoying the removal of a tree in front of his home, but was wondering when the stump would be removed. Superintendent Hall explained that the funds for this year were depleted as a couple very large trees were removed. The three stumps still remaining will be removed with the new budget in June 2014. Mr. Stillman also had a complaint about Animal Control officer Botens. She came to warn him about the Pooper Scooper law as an individual had complained to her that he had let his dog defecate at the farm league field and Mr. Stillman did not remove this. He felt she did not handle this in a professional matter.

Mr. Rettig asked when he was going to be able to review the remaining Code Enforcement records that he requested. Also Mr. Rettig asked if the Board addressed the issue that he brought to them regarding the fire training on Bristol St. and the actions of a person at the scene. The Board said they don't remember if there were any and that this would be tabled until the next meeting.

MINUTES: The Board was given copies of the minutes of the Board Meeting on September 9, 2013. With there being no changes to these minutes a **MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE LON SWEET AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ANDREW SWIFT TO APPROVE THESE MINUTES. THEY WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

BILLS: The Abstract of Vouchers 227-302 in the total amount of \$122,266.58 with the breakdown by fund as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$68,766.01
WATER FUND	\$10,948.98
SEWER FUND	\$11,338.10
CAPITAL 2 SIDEWALKS	\$29,213.49
CAPITAL 3-SEWER	\$ 2,000.00

Trustee Sweet asked about the Home Depot bill. The Clerk explained that the original door for the Village Hall had to be returned due to it was the wrong size, Home Depot error. Another door was ordered and it came in much less expensive. The door was not paid for with the first bill, but was paid with the next bill, which showed the credit. Lon Sweet asked why the Village poured the apron of the driveway on West Main St. when doing sidewalks. Why is this included? SPW Hall stated that they have always have

been included and paid for by the property owner in the cost. Trustee Swift said that only sidewalks should be done because by doing the apron it could take funding away from other sidewalk projects. Trustee Sweet stated that the Village should go back to what the law states and have it bid out, even though it may cost more for the property owner. The Village crew does not have the time to be doing sidewalks and the law reads that contractors will be doing it, also the homeowners can hire contractors on their own and not pay the prevailing wage

. If you're not going to have contractors do it then the law needs to be amended. With no further discussion a **MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JUDITH ZAYAC AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE TO PAY THE MONTHLY BILLS. THIS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

POLICE DEPT.: Town of Cuba Police Chief Dustin Burch dropped off his report as he could not attend this meeting. The police department responded to 312 calls in September of which 21 cases/crimes developed from these. Six motor vehicle accidents were handled, of which 1 was in the Village. There were 37 Traffic Summons, 19 in the Village. Many miscellaneous calls were responded to. The K-9's were utilized 4 times. Gun locks were handed out at the Garlic Festival. The next Pill Drop is scheduled for the DEA take back on October 26, 2013 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Cuba Fire Hall.

Cuba Ambulance Service responded to a total of 44 calls in September 2013. Twenty three of these calls were in the Village.

BULDING INSPECTOR/CEO: Jeremy Clawson, Zoning Officer reported that he had no activity this past month. Walt Putt emailed his report to the Board with his activities for the past month. Trustee Zayac wanted to know why the vacant house on Bristol St. has not been demolished. She wants Walt to attend the next meeting. The Mayor will talk to him.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Ms. Botens handed in her monthly report. There was a question about the skunk on Stevens Ave. The Clerk had been told that a resident on Stevens Ave. leaves food and water on her porch for her cats. The skunks and other animals are drawn to the porch for this food.

SPW REPORT: Superintendent Hall reported the following:

- ❖ Debris was cleaned off from the catch basins multiple times
- ❖ Walking trail on South side of Bristol St. from Prospect St. to South St. is done other than paint.
- ❖ Put down top soil, seed & hay where 3 trees were removed
- ❖ Trimmed brush Willowbank Park (anticipating paving in the spring)
- ❖ Mowed road edges on N. Branch and lower Bristol St.
- ❖ "Greenway Trail" work: mowed around Blue Spruce trees
- ❖ Equipment repairs: New rear brake calipers and pads Truck #9
- ❖ Water shut-off list done

- ❖ Finished installing catch basins on Bristol St
- ❖ Poured driveway apron at 93 W. Main St.
- ❖ Weed wacked back lawn on Bishop St. vacant property pre request of Board member Sweet as it was a code violation. The weed eater seized up as the grass and weed were so high.
- ❖ Replaced 2 curb boxes and stems a 13 and 15 Maple St.
- ❖ New motor installed on zero turn Husky mower
- ❖ Returned picnic tables from Garlic Fest to parks
- ❖ Cleaned plugged sluice on Spring St. and swept gravel from road due to plugged sluice
- ❖ All park bathrooms have been winterized
- ❖ Bristol Street is paved-work by Killian & Dolomite (Blades) did the work. Special thanks to Allegany County, Town of New Hudson and Cuba Fire Department for shared service for this project. Waiting for the curbs now.

Trustee Sweet asked about the inspection issues at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He was wondering if all had been corrected. Since Mr. Lewis had not attended this meeting, no one knew. Mayor Taylor did say that a flume had been placed, but did not know about the other issues. Mayor Taylor will talk to Mr. Lewis about this.

Trustee Swift said that he received a complaint from Mrs. LaBarbera regarding water coming off the hospital driveway into her parking area for her apartments on W. Main Street. She wanted to know if there was anything more the Village could do for her. The Village has tried to help remedy this with no satisfactory results so the hospital needs to do more. She will need to take this up with the hospital. Some more discussion took place on this.

CLERK/TREASURER: Ms. Wilson stated that water/sewer bills were sent out for this quarter on October 4th. She has been busy with the day to day activities in the Village Hall as well as training the new Deputy Clerk.

Clerk Wilson informed the Board that she will be on vacation October 25 thru November 1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Trustee Zayac reported that the Union negotiations went well, very positive. A couple items to still go over at the next meeting on October 23rd at 1:00 pm.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Taylor set Trick or Treating date for October 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm only at the homes with porch lights on.

NEW BUSINESS: Being that the second Monday in November 2013 is Veterans Day the Board **MOTIONED TO CHANGE THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY BOARD MEETING FROM NOVEMBER 11TH TO NOVEMBER 12TH AT 7:00 PM. THIS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. A NOTICE WILL BE PUT IN THE PAPERS AND BE POSTED AT THE VILLAGE HALL.**

OLD BUSINESS: The three proposed Local Laws were sent to the Village Attorney for review. Local Law #3 of 2013 Regulating Animals under 76-9 needs to have the last sentence removed. The Board okayed this and Local Law #4 of 2013 to revise the Solid Waste law was okay as written. Local Law #5 of 2013, Penalties for Traffic Infractions was voided and will not go to public hearing for adoption.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ANDREW SWIFT TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CUBA VILLAGE HALL ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #3 OF THE YEAR 2013 AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 76, AND ARTICLES II AND V OF CHAPTER 200 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CUBA TO REVISE THE REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS AND DOGS AND CATS, AND LOCAL LAW #4 OF THE YEAR 2013, AMENDING SECTION 170-4 OF ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 170 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CUBA TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CURBSIDE PLACEMENT, COLLECTION SCHEDULE. THIS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At a prior Board Meeting Mr. John Hupp approached the Board about purchasing a portion of the Champlain well lot. It is a triangular section on the western side that adjoins his property at 22 Stevens Ave. Mayor Taylor had an appraisal done and it was found that this piece of property's market value is \$1,000. **TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY BY JOHN HUPP FOR \$1,000 AND ALL TRANSACTION EXPENSES AS WAS INDICATED IN A LETTER FROM MR. HUPP. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TRUSTEE JUDITH ZAYAC AND ALL APPROVED.** The Clerk will send a letter to Mr. Hupp with the Boards' decision along with a copy of the appraisal.

Trustee Doyle asked if there was any news on the Cubanna Apartments. The Clerk stated that she had a conversation with Ms. Hulse of Four T Development who owns this property along with her husband, but Ms. Wilson stated that a member of the Board should contact her and talk to them.

AT THIS TIME A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE LON SWEET AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE JUDITH ZAYAC TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL ISSUES. ALL APPROVED TIME 7:54 PM

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE LON SWEET TO GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. ALL APPROVED: TIME 8:36PM

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE ANDREW SWIFT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE LON SWEET TO ADJOURN THIS MONTHLY MEETING.

TIME: 8:37 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

D.WILSON