

The Village of Cuba Board of Trustees held their rescheduled monthly board meeting on Monday, August 18, 2014 in the Cuba Village Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Thomas Taylor, Trustees Lon Sweet, Robert Gleason, Sr., and Andrew Swift. Trustee Judith Zayac was excused.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Richard Hall, SPW, Diane Wilson, Clerk/Treasurer, Lee James, President Cuba Chamber of Commerce, and Corine Bump, Deputy Clerk.

**Mayor Taylor opened this meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Welcomed Everyone.**

**GUESTS:** none to speak

**MINUTES:** The Board of Trustees were given the minutes of the July 14, 2014 Board Meeting and with no amendments to these minutes a **MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE LON SWEET AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ANDREW SWIFT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 7-14-14. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**BILLS:** The Board was given copies of the Abstract of Vouchers 73 & 99 to 155 totaling \$59,382.53 with the breakdown by funds as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$39,355.38
WATER FUND	\$ 4,838.29
SEWER FUND	\$15,188.86

**WITH NO QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON THESE BILLS A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE LON SWEET AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ROBERT GLEASON, SR. AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO PAY THE MONTHLY BILLS.**

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Dustin Burch dropped his report off on 8-11-14 originally scheduled board meeting. The Board of Trustees reviewed his report. The department responded to 379 calls to service in July of which 39 cases developed from these. There were 18 motor vehicle accidents 7 in the Village. Traffic Summons issued were 91 of which 34 were in the village. The department now has mobile data terminals installed and they are being used now. This gives the Police Department dispatch and investigative capabilities in the patrol cars. Also Chief Burch gave the Ambulance Service report. All reports are on file in the Village Hall.

**BUILDING INSP/CEO:** Mr. Cummings left his report and the Clerk copied the Board on it. No comments were made on this report.

**ANIMAL CONTROL:** Stray cats continue to be a problem. Ms. Botens talked to Rev. Ward about his chickens. He told Ms. Botens as well as sent a letter to the

Board about the chickens and how he has been raising them to be for family consumption when they are 12 weeks old. The Turkeys that were seen in a cage off of Bull Street behind the houses on West Main St. are also being raised for consumption and will be gone by October. A brief discussion took place on funds to spayed/neuter and release cats, this will be discussed further. Ms. Botens report is on file in the Village Hall.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.:** Superintendent Hall reported on the following:

- Hot patching potholes
- Finished hauling sludge to landfill
- Cleaned multiple sewer lateral lines
- Built four picnic tables for the park
- Many underground locates
- Cut 2 trees down on Maple/Medbury intersection-per Tree Board, cut dead tree by Mill St. Foot Bridge per request of the Mayor, and a tree at 5 Bristol St.
- Installed kick plates on the door at the Village Hall. Removed the weeds from around handicap ramp at the back of the Village Hall and added millings to the end of ramp.
- Worked on weed eating and trimming all brush from all areas that have guiderails in the Village
- Rebuilt the chlorination pump in the Champlain Well House, repaired a water leak on a service line at 49 south St. and repaired a water main break on Railroad Ave. EJP came and installed a 4" valve on a live main line in front of 20 South St. so we could remove another bad valve from the system
- Installed a new exhaust system on the International Dump Truck
- Continued cleaning catch basins
- Working on trimming low hanging branches throughout the Village
- Swept streets
- Deaf child sign on W. Main St. removed, not needed anymore
- The street sweeper being used as well as one of the Village crew on Route 305 during the milling process for the state. The state will be reimbursing the Village for this at state rate.

Mayor Taylor brought up the Japanese knotweed throughout the Village and discussion took place on this. He found out that this can actually lower your property value. Discussion took place on this and how to get rid of it. The internet has several ideas and it is not easy.

**CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:** Clerk/Treasurer Wilson had copied the Board on the year end May 31, 2014 Annual Update Document, which was completed and submitted to the State Comptrollers Office. The General Fund looks good and the Sewer Fund is improving. However, the Water Fund is beginning to get

in the same shape the Sewer Fund was. The Board will to take a look at water rent increases, which will be reviewed at the 9-8-14 board meeting and possibly enact new water rates.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Trustee Sweet said that the Code Committee is working on updating some codes in the Village. They will also meet with the Chamber on some of these codes.

Trustee Swift also said that the finance committee will be looking at the water rates and will have recommendations for the 9-8-14 Board Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**OLD BUSINESS:** A brief discussion took place on the General Codes' submitted quote of \$1,495. for premium eCode 360 and posting of new laws. This will enable the public to click on a link to review any of the Village codes with several ways to search for them. The minutes will also be on this link. This will enable us to have the laws posted in the code quicker when adopted and the code book will be kept update in a quicker manner. **TRUSTEE LON SWEET**

**RECOMMENDS GOING WITH THE PREMIUM QUOTE OF \$1,495. THERE IS ALREADY \$1,500. IN THE BUDGET TO COVER THIS AND THIS WAS SECONDED BY TRUSTSEE ANDREW SWIFT AND ALL APPROVED.** Trustee Sweet said that he had talked to LoriAnn Shura from General Code and this could be up and running within a week. She will also be coming to do some training with both the Clerks.

At this time **TRUSTEE LON SWEET ASKED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL ISSUES. THIS WAS SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ANDREW SWIFT. TIME 7:43 PM**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE ANDREW SWIFT AND A SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ROBERT GLEASON, SR. TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. TIME 8:20 PM**

**WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE LON SWEET AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ANDREW SWIFT TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING. TIME 8:21 PM**

Respectfully submitted  
D. Wilson