

The Village of Cuba Board of Trustees held their monthly board meeting on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Cuba Village Hall.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Hall, SPW, Diane Wilson, Clerk-Treasurer, Police Chief Dustin Burch, Doug Rettig, Leah Vooy, Librarian, Joe and Amelia Miller, and Darlene Donahue, reporter.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED AND THE MAYOR WELCOMED EVERYONE.

MAYOR TAYLOR OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #1, 2014 A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE 2% TAX LEVY LIMITED DEFINED IN SUBSECTION 3 OF THE GENERAL MUNICIAPL LAW SECTION 3-c FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015.

Mayor Taylor asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Mr. Rettig asked why the Village was going to adopt this law. Trustee Swift explained that this was just a precaution because if the union contract is signed, there will probably be an increase in wages as well as health insurance. The Village isn't sure what to expect. There may be some other increases. The Board will know more once they start working on the budget in March. Mr. Miller suggested holding off on adopting this law until after the Board has an opportunity to work on the 2014-15 budget. They would then know if an override is needed and at what percentage. The Board felt that this was a good idea and it could still be adopted prior to the adoption of the 2014-15 Fiscal Year Budget.

GUESTS: Leah Vooy, the Librarian for the Cuba Circulating Library attended this meeting to give the libraries annual report. She stated that the Library is a vital part of Cuba's community. Dedicated to fulfilling the recreational and informational needs of its patrons, the library is a warm and welcoming place, ensuring that everyone is served equally regardless of economic, educational, or social background. The library is a "popular materials" style library. Circulation in 2013 was 39,216; this figure includes all transactions of physical resources including books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines. Circulation of digital materials 2013 was 2,158. This is a considerable increase from last year (2012-1,402) and circulation is driven by our active users. The library has 3,697 active registered patrons with the majority of users (2,724) residing within the Cuba-Rushford School District and 973 patrons resided in other Towns outside the bounds of the school district. This complete report is on file in the Village of Hall.

Mr. Miller an attorney informed the Board that he has formally moved his office in at 21 E. Main Street next to the Village Hall. He talked about the call he got from the new Code Enforcement Office, Patrick Cummings regarding his window stickers. Stating that from what he and his window designer read in the code book, there is nothing stating he needed to file a sign application or can't use these stickers. Mr. Miller talked about

starting of his practice, working from his home as well as other places. He then moved to the Industrial Mall once his clientele increased. He said that he was a little disheartened that he heard from the Code Enforcement Officer rather than one of the Village Board once he moved. He would be interested in working with all Boards to aid in revitalizing of the Cuba community. Mr. Miller presented ideas that the Board might want to think about such as personally welcoming new businesses to the Village. Trustee Swift informed Mr. Miller that the Board is currently looking at the sign law and other laws to update them. Trustee Doyle said the he has been frustrated with the Planning Board at times and feels that they are serving more as an enforcing Board instead a Planning Board. The Board thanked Mr. Miller and welcomed him to Main Street.

MINUTES: The Board of Trustees was given copies of the minutes for 1-13-2014 Board Meetings. **WITH NO AMENDMENTS TO THESE MINUTES A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE LON SWEET AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 1-13-14. THIS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

BILLS: Clerk Wilson informed the Board that on The Abstract of Vouchers 495-550 in the amount of \$63,357.49 it shows a bill for Staples in the amount of \$930.00, this was the wrong vendor it should have been for Fiscal Advisors and Marketing. This has been changed in the computer. The breakdown by funds is as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$27,990.86
WATER FUND	\$20,845.52
SEWER FUND	\$10,591.11
CAPITAL-WWTP	\$ 3,930.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ANDREW SWIFT TO PAY THE MONTHLY BILLS.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Burch wanted to thank the Village crew for the work they did on the water leak on Bull St. and the sewer problem at the Town Hall/Police station. The Chief gave the Board a copy of his monthly report. In this report he stated that the department responded to 378 calls to service in January and 28 cases developed from these. The police handled 22 motor vehicle accidents of which 4 were in the Village. They also handled 1 noise complaint, 13 motorist assists, 21 vehicle lockouts, 17 parking tickets were issued for the Village DPW plowing, 13 other agency assists and 9 domestic disputes. Thirty four business funds escorts were completed. Patrols monitored the Elementary School Zone 9 times. This report also showed the ambulance calls. Trustee Sweet asked whether it is legal to go around a vehicle waiting to make a left hand turn at the corner of Rt. 305 at Water St. and the four corners.. Chief Burch says people do it all the time and the police department doesn't do much about it, but this is not a through traffic lane and if this vehicle was involved in an accident they would probably be at fault.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE INF.: The new Code Enforcement Officer, Patrick Cummings left his report for the Board. He talked about the complaints that he had received and the actions he has taken. There was a complaint about an outside wood

furnace, so he contacted the DEC on this and is waiting for a response. Mr. Cummings also talked to the complainant about his contact with the DEC and suggested that the complainant also contact the DEC. He talked about the sign the fire department wants to install. He said that a building permit should have been issued because the Planning Board did not complete anything within 45 days. This is already 1 year old and he believes as permit should be issued. He contacted Joe Miller about his signs. Mr. Cummings also looked through all the files kept by previous Code Enforcement Officers. Mr. Cummings talked to Mr. Bean on Bristol St. regarding the rubble left when the house on that property was torn down. Mr. Bean informed him that this would be cleaned up in April 2014. He had a discussion with Mayor Taylor on the parking at the Cuba Cheese Shoppe. The state DOT should receive a written complaint from the Board to ask them to do a safety study. Mr. Cummings is normally in the Village Hall on Saturdays by noon.

ANIMAL REPORT: Linda Botens emailed to the board her monthly report.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Hall gave his report and it is as follows:

- Plowed/sanded streets, shoveled/salt walks and bridges as needed
- Hauled snow from behind bank and fire department
- Chipped Christmas trees-thanks to the Town of New Hudson for the use of their chipper
- Cold patched potholes on W. Main Street
- Plowed Cuba Cemetery for Mark Rinker and Catholic Cemetery for Pete Kish so they could reach the vaults
- Took down Christmas decorations in the business district, will remove snowflakes from park as soon as cords are not frozen in the ground
- Brought last 4 flower boxes that were decorated to the shop for storage
- Serviced Truck #1 and other small equipment in the shop on the bitter sub zero days
- Cleaned two sewer mains that were running slow: Grove and Hardy Streets
- Water Issues: New service line installed at 5 Bull Street, many frozen meters and broken meter plates. Replaced curb box and stem at Empire City Farms. Service line leaks at 25 chapel and 3 Orchard Streets were both the responsibility of the homeowner and have been repaired. Had two frozen service lines that were miserable to get thawed out but finally got them thawed. Thanks to Oakley Sortore and the Village of Allegany for the use of their equipment
- Well pump time up-leaks or people running water??? Have been out checking vacant houses and listening on hydrants
- Received a final acceptance letter for the Greenway trail. Now New York State Parks are responsible for any work on the trail

CLERK/TREASURER: Clerk Wilson informed the Board that she has one election inspector hired, Lois Lester. The Clerk will call the Board of Elections for names to see if she can find another one.

Brief conversation took place on off site backup for the computers. This will be discussed more at budget time.

The Board of Trustees agreed to hold the 2014-2015 Budget workshops on Tuesday March 4 and Tuesday March 18 both at 6:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Discussion had taken place on a LED School Crossing sign on Elm Street. Kevin Erickson told Rick Hall that the school has raised \$800.00 of the \$1,160.00 cost and asked if the Village would contribute the remainder of \$360.00. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE LON SWEET AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE JUDITH ZAYAC TO CONTRIBUTE THE REMAINING \$360.00 FOR THE SCHOOL CROSSING SIGN.**

TRUSTEE LON SWEET MOTIONED TO SEND THE AMENDMENT TO THE WATER CODE REGARDING METERS, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 195-15. ALSO TO ADOPT REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION 485-a ON MIXED USE SWELLING UNITS TO THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY FOR REVIEW AND PUT INTO LAW FORM. THIS WAS SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

TRUSTEE ANDREW SWIFT PROPOSED THAT THE VILLAGE EMPLOYEES BE OFFERED THE BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PLAN FOR HEALTH INSURANCE WITH THE TWO OPTIONS BEING THE PLATINUM PLAN AND THE SILVER POS 8100. A MEMO WILL BE SENT TO ALL VILLAGE EMPLOYEES REGARDING THIS DECISION. THIS WAS SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE. WITH FOUR AYES AND ONE NAY THIS PASSED.

Trustee Michael Doyle talked about the Safe Routes to School program. There is a seminar that will be held about this and he feels that the Village has an opportunity to receive some funds for this. Trustee Doyle said that Jim and Jeanette Maxim will be attending this seminar and will get the information to Trustee Doyle.

Trustee Doyle also talked about a program that will be presented at the Opera House on April 30th regarding saving Main Streets. There will be advertisement for this in the near future.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Taylor wanted to remind everyone to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice. He is encouraging the residents to keep their walks shoveled as this is Village Law and there are many sidewalks in the Village that aren't being cleared.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Doyle announced that the building at 2 W. Main St. has been sold and the new owner will start with repairs to the building soon. The first project they undertake will be replacing windows. An application has already been submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer.

OLD BUSINESS: none

**AT THIS TIME THE MAYOR CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #1, 2014. TIME: 8:13 PM
A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JUDITH ZAYAC AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ANDREW SWIFT TO TABLE ADOPTING LOCAL LAW #1, 2014 UNTIL AFTER THE BUDGET WORKSHOPS.**

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

TIME: 8:15 PM

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
D. WILSON**