

The Cuba Village monthly Board Meeting was held on Monday October 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Cuba Village Hall, 17 E. Main St.

PRESENT: Mayor Lon Sweet, Trustees; Michele Miller, Lori Sweet, Douglas Rettig Sr. and Douglas Clayson.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Public Works Richard Hall, Clerk/Treasurer Diane Wilson, Deputy Clerk/ Treasurer- Corine Bump, Elizabeth (Betsy) and Tim Resch, Abby Congdon, and Nathan Thorpe.

MAYOR SWEET OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

GUESTS: Betsy Resch- Betsy is selling Story Block Grocery/ Liquor. Back in 1989 Mayor Robinson, Richard Klein and Mary Ann Vossler gave permission for Story Block to use a .07 acre parcel that belongs to the village of Cuba valued at \$100 as it was landlocked and undevelopable and no one was using it. Betsy at the advisement of her attorney for the property sale was here to ask for a Quick Claim Deed and stated she was willing to pay \$100 to process it through. The Mayor had contacted the Village attorney, Ron Hull. Mr. Hull stated because the property is landlocked and undevelopable a Quick Claim Process could take place.

After some discussion between the entire Board and Betsy- **DOUGLAS RETTIG SR. MADE A MOTION AND DOUGLAS CLAYSON GAVE A SECOND FOR A RESOLUTION #1-2016 as follows:**

WHEREAS THE VILLAGE OF CUBA IN 1933 PURCHASED FROM SHRILL AND ELMORA E. SMITH 0.07 ACRES OF LAND FOR THE TANNERY CREEK PROJECT AND WHEREAS THE TANNERY CREEK PROJECT IS COMPLETED THE VILLAGE OF CUBA NO LONGER HAS A NEED FOR THE PROPERTY WHEREAS MAYOR ROBINSON IN 1989 ALLOWED ELIZABETH RESCH EXPAND HER BUSINESS ON AND DEVELOP PROPERTY WHEREAS THE LAND IS LANDLOCKED AND IT IS UNDEVELOPABLE FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, ELIZABETH RESCH HAS SUBMITTED TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY FOR \$100.00 AND WHEREAS THE PROPERTY IS SURPLUS PROPERTY, LANDLOCKED AND OTHERWISE UNDEVELOPABLE. THEREFORE WE NOW RESOLVE TO SELL THE PROPERTY FOR THE CONTRACTED PRICE OF \$100.00.

MINUTES: The board was sent the minutes from the September, 2016 meeting. With no discussion on these minutes a **MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MILLER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SENT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE LORI SWEET. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

BILLS: The Board members were given a copy of the open invoice batch of bills to be paid this month of which bills were paid prior to the meeting totaling \$17,843.13. The remaining bills to be paid totaled: \$25,229.17. The following is a breakdown of the bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$29,166.92
WATER FUND	\$5,360.36
SEWER FUND	\$8,545.02

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE RETTIG AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MILLER TO PAY THE MONTHLY BILLS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

POLICE REPORT: N/A

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ CODE ENFORCEMENT: Report on file in the Clerk's Office at The Village Hall.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Report on file in the Clerk's Office at The Village Hall.

PUBLIC WORKS: Report on file in the Clerk's Office at The Village Hall.

Rick spoke with the board about the purchase of the new pickup truck in addition to the new F-550. Production on the new F-550 began today with a 2-3 build time then one month up-fitter (dump body, hydraulics, plow etc.) Production date for the new pick up is October 24 with delivery being mid-November at the latest. Rick also spoke about a Water Meeting in Hammondspport last month that Rick, Randy, and Jeff attended that was about trench excavation safety. Rick thanked Diane for her many years of service and all her help at the village. It was a beneficial meeting. Rick stated that RT and PJ kept the water to a minimum after the flash flood in September and did a fantastic job at the plant. Mayor Sweet thanked the Village Crew for all their hard work and efforts after the flood.

Robert Thomas sent a report for the meeting stating on September 18, 2016 the water breached the facility's rear flood wall and completely submerged the headwork's of the plant. He included photos showing the impact. No major damage was caused by the flood, only labor and permit violations. The plant is back on track for the month of October. He suggested taking advantage of a time extension for Region Permit 99-000-1 as he believes the stream of the Greenway Trail large gravel bars have shifted and caused the stream to back up. He received a quote for the Stone Trickling Filter arms for \$20,000. This is not an immediate repair but one that needs to be addressed in the near future as the arms are becoming very thin and developing pin holes. RT states PJ has been very helpful with the operations of the plant and numerous emergency calls they receive for power failures.

CLERK/ TREASURER REPORT: Water and Sewer Bills were generated, processed, and mailed, but this time was a struggle due to a wide spread internet outage of over 300 customers for 4 days. Deputy Clerk Treasurer Bump reported on her attendance at Fall Training school in Saratoga Springs. She attended 10 trainings and became current with the changing village government and comptroller requirements to keep in good standing with NYCOM. One thing she brought back was Ecode 360 now has an app for smart phones that can be downloaded at no charge and contains the entire Village of Cuba Code. The Village of Cuba hosted at the Palmer Opera House a one day NYS Comptroller Seminar bringing over 50 different municipalities and school districts to the community. The trainers from the Comptroller's office liked the venue and plan to schedule future trainings. Many thanks to the Opera House for allowing the event to take place in our community. The budget will be updated in Logics Financial Program as soon as the auditors close out the prior year, making balances easier to understand. The updated Village Handbook was passed out to all the Full Time employees last Thursday with paychecks. The Unionized crew refused to sign the form stating they had received the updated handbook at the advisement of their Union Representative and Union Steward. Deputy Clerk Treasurer Bump Thanked Diane Wilson Clerk Treasurer of the Village of Cuba since 1989 for all that she has done to keep the Village running smoothly. She worked through a cancer battle and still kept daily business running smoothly. Diane will unofficially retire 10/19/16 with an official date of 1/19/17 as long as retirement says it's ok. Diane plans to travel and spend time with her family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WATER AND SEWER- Trustee Rettig would like a better way to track water usage that is not going through a meter. A lot of water tends to just run down the street or into someone's pool with no accountability for a fee and a lot of loss. There is supposed to be a report or a BFR1 report from the fire department. Water can be tracked if they use a pumper by thousands of gallons. A copy of the local law will be sent with notification.

HOME ALARMS- Trustee Miller and Trustee Clayson- No revisions are needed for home alarms. There needs to be timely notification that a false alarm has occurred. We are not being notified by the fire dept. and it should be something as simple as their report being sent to our office. (BFI report). The police and ambulance should be sending a report as well. The clerk will also need to generate a report.

CAMERAS AT WILLOWBANK- Trustee Miller and Chief Burch are working to get a camera in the park as a lot of destruction and illegal activities are believed to be taking place there. The concern is no power at the park. Rick states there is power at a pole, cameras could be installed there and aimed down towards the pavilion. Lighting on the pavilion is a concern; they will look at different cameras.

PERSONNEL- Replacement of Deputy Clerk Treasurer Bump when Clerk Wilson officially retires was a concern from Trustee Lori Sweet and Trustee Miller. An ad will go in the papers advertising for the position 16-20 hrs. per week with applications to be due 11/30/16.

SIGNS- Trustee Rettig has looked at what the Planning Board has researched. He is still looking into signs.

SETBACKS- The mayor has previously asked the Planning Board to look at the current setbacks . The mayor would like the zoning and codes committees to also look into the setbacks. As it stands now if a house burns down a house cannot be rebuilt in the same spot due to the setback regulations. The mayor is looking for a provision in the code with the current homeowner or business owner- if the place is burned down or otherwise destroyed the place can be rebuilt keeping in character with the neighborhood. The mayors concerned we will end up with empty lots in the village. This will continue to be addressed.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Sweet thanked Clerk Wilson for her many years of dedication to the Village of Cuba. Trick Or Treat Hours are set for 10/31/16 6-8 pm to homes with porch lights on only. Steve Robertson was in from the Snowmobile Club. The new owners of Story Block will not allow the club to use the current trail leading to the gas station so the club wants to be proactive with finding an alternative route in the village before snow flies. There are guidelines in the code book to be followed. The sign on Medbury Ave. restricting snowmobile use needs to be removed. They are looking for about 250 feet of use in the subway of the village. The groomer will run on that part of the trail.

Blind Drive signs on West Main Street are on order, the sign makers are about 100 signs behind but it should be coming soon.

NEW BUSINESS- N/A

OLD BUSINESS- Water Request by Trustee Rettig – A motion was made by Trustee Rettig, second by Trustee Miller to require the filing of a Bulk water Request form with the superintendent of Public Works prior to any person, firm or organization taking water from the Village water distribution system other than by way of a metered outlet. In the event of a withdrawal for a fire or other emergency, such form shall be filed by The Fire Chief within 36 hours of the event and filed with The Superintendent of Public Works. Quantity shall be as close as possible to actual usage. Adopted: 10/10/16.

Trustee Miller made a motion to allow the appointed officials, Corine Bump and Richard Hall to live outside the Village limits. Trustee Clayson second, all approved and the motion carried.

WITH NOTHING ELSE TO DISCUSS, TRUSTEE CLAYSON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN WITH TRUSTEE SWEET GIVING A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:14 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

C.Bump

Deputy Clerk Treasurer