

The Village of Cuba Board of Trustees held their monthly board meeting on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Cuba Village Hall.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Diane Wilson, Clerk-Treasurer, Corine Bump, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Richard Hall, SPW, Dave Sirianni, Mike and Connie Doyle.

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

GUESTS: Connie attended this meeting to update the Village Board on the “pocket park” off of Genesee Street behind The Roadrunner. This park is in the Comprehensive Plan of the Village. The little flower bed will be approximately 10’ by 20’. The Cuba Friends of Architecture has applied for a grant to fund this project. The Community Bank who owns part of this property and wanted to be sure that the Village will also be in favor of this. Connie showed a parcel map of where the park would be located and picture of the flower bed. Mike said that they are aware that this piece of property will have to be surveyed. **TRUSTEE DOUGLAS RETTIG, SR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF THE POCKET PARK ON GENESEE ST. AS DESCRIBED BY CONNIE DOYLE, AS LONG AS THERE IS NO COST TO THE VILLAGE. CARRIED**

Dave Sirianni attended this meeting regarding “Zombie Properties”. A message was given about these properties and the recent legislation to support a law establishing a new phone number to report vacant and abandoned properties of concern. The new number is **1-800-342-3736**. He said he called and it was very painless. An electronic registry of vacant and abandon homes and land, and residents are encouraged to contact the agency about unoccupied and ill-maintained properties in their neighborhoods. If a property is not already included in the statewide registry, DFS will identify the mortgage servicer and ensure appropriate remedial actions. This registry will be a great mechanism for homeowners and concerned residents to help New York State track and crack down on zombie properties. The new law is part of a larger bill that aims to eliminate the epidemic of abandoned homes statewide. Dave thanked the Village for whatever was done to get 31 Bishop St. cleaned up. The Mayor said that it had been a month since 29 Bishop was sent a violation notice so; therefore he will talk to Mr. Cummings on the next step for this property. Mr. Sirianni said that he appreciates everything the Village has done thus far.

MINUTES: With no amendments to the minutes of the 7-11-16 board meeting a **MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE DOUGLAS CLAYSON AND SECONED BY TRUSTEE MICHELE MILLER TO APPROVE THE 7-11-16 MINUTES AS WRITTEN. THIS WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

BILLS: The Board was given copies of the vouchers to be paid this month the Friday before the board meeting. Mayor Sweet and Trustee Rettig reviewed these bills and

signed off on them. The total bills in the amount of \$37,714.60 with the breakdown as follows to be paid are as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$15,505.29
WATER FUND	10,998.45
SEWER FUND	8,575.76
TRUST ACCOUNT	2,635.10

WITH NO QUESTIONS ON THESE BILLS A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE DOUGLAS RETTIG, SR. AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHELE MILLER AND THE BOARD PASSED THE PAYING OF THESE BILLS UNANIMOUSLY.

BUILDING INSP/CEO/ZONING OFFICER: Mr. Cummings left his report for the past month with the Board. This report will be kept on file.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Ms. Botens reported on her activities the past month. Cats continue to be an issue. The case concerning the chickens attacking the child has gone to trial. Ms. Botens will keep the Mayor and Board up to date on this. Her report is kept on file.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Rick reported the Village Public Works Department activities this past month. They are now sweeping streets on Main Street early Thursday mornings. Installed more rip-rap at Spring and Christview intersection to prevent washouts that have been occurring there. Summer youth employment program worker working out well. Took our lead and copper samples (10) for the D.O.H. The reports are not back yet it does take awhile.

Rick brought in the two quotes for two trucks to purchase.

Cappellino Chevrolet, at county bid price for a 2017 Silverado 2500 reg. cab with all that is included at a cost of \$32,718.71. (full quote on file)

VanBortal Ford, at county bid a 2017 Ford F-550 XL Reg. Cab 4x4 145WB with all included at a cost \$50,685.05.

Rick informed the Board that with unreserved, fund, 2016-17 equipment budget, 2015-2016 encumbrances from equipment and sale of old truck, there will be enough funds without touching the reserves for these two purchases.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE DOUGLAS CLAYSON AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHELE MILLER TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE TO PURCHASE THE 2017 SILVERADO 2500 FOR A COST OF \$32,718.71 FROM CAPPELLINO CHEVROLET. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THIS PURCHASE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MICHELE MILLER AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE LORIS SWEET TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE TO PURCHASE THE 2017 FORD F-550 XL 4X4 145WB AT A COST OF \$50,685.05 FROM VANBORTEL FORD. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THIS PURCHASE.

CLERK-TREASURER: Clerk Wilson as well as Deputy Clerk Bump informed the Board of the activities the past month in the Village Hall. Clerk Bump updated all the activities that took place with the recreation program this summer. Thanks to all who contributed to this program making it a fun and informative summer for the children.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Trustee Rettig would like to schedule a public informational meeting at the 9-12-16 board meeting regarding proposed water/sewer rate increases. A letter will be sent to larger users, that it would be in their best interest to attend. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Trustee Miller reported that the Personnel Committee is still modifying the Employee Handbook and she and Trustee Sweet will meet 8-11-16 to finalize it.

Trustee Miller talked to Police Chief Burch regarding an application for street closing. He felt it was a good idea and an application will be constructed.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Sweet reported that he, SPW Hall, and engineer Tom Swift met to fill application for a Community Block Grant study the Villages water lines.

Mayor Sweet read a letter from Ruthanne Hardman regarding the swim program this year just to inform the Board how it went this year.

Trustee Rettig reported on the open burning in the Village and the rules and regulations of the DEC on this. He will talk to the Code Enforcement on this as it is his responsibility to follow through with any violators. A reminder will be put in the paper on this and copies of the regulations will be available at the Village Hall.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Clayson and Rick were approached by Bobbie Cummins from the Town of Friendship regarding added D-rings to the front of the garbage packer for the use by two trucks if the packer breaks down. I86 Towing reported that it would be feasible to install these D-Rings, which the Village would pay 65% of. Ms. Wilson informed the Board that there is money in the refuse budget to do this. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE DOUGLAS CLAYSON AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE LORI SWEET TO APPROVE THE INSTALLING THE D-RINGS ON THE PACKER. THIS WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Trustee Sweet was approached about the property at 101 W. Main Street. The grass has not been mowed and the front porch is piled high with junk. Mayor Sweet stated that the person who complained needs to come in and file a complaint then it will be given to the code enforcement officer.

Trustee Clayson reported that the property between the Medbury Apartments and the creek on Medbury Ave. that the grass is grown so high that people cannot walk on the sidewalk. School will be starting soon, and many children live in the apartments and they have to walk in the road and it is very dangerous. The Board feels that the Code Enforcement officer should be informed so that he can send a violation.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Rettig reported that he has almost completed the utility audit information to have NYCOM investigate all our utilities.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE DOUGLAS RETTIG, SR. AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHELE MILLER TO ADJOURN THIS MONTHLY BOARD MEETING. ALL APPROVED

TIME: 8:46

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
D. WILSON