

The Village of Cuba Board of Trustees held their monthly Board Meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Cuba Village Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Michele Miller, Trustees Douglas Rettig Sr, Trustee Lori Sweet, & Trustee Randy Searl,

ALSO, PRESENT: Corine Bump Clerk/Treasurer, Rick Hall SPW, Dave Crowley Historian, Stewart Freeman, Lloyd Sweet, John Ricci, Lisa Ricci, Robert Sprague, Joe Miller, and Suzanne Krull.

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

Trustee Rettig Sr. took the floor to discuss the current setback zoning laws and the reasonings to why the village feels the laws need to be revised due to the majority of the parcels in the village don't come close to allow for growth in the village and are more restrictive than the NYS building code law. Mr. Rettig has been doing some research for about a year to possibly reserve the current zoning setbacks for new housing developments that are planned expansions for a community and alter the zoning code to allow for building on vacant lots, and additions to homes with more feasible setback laws to coincide with the NYS laws. By going to the building code setbacks, they would be cutting the rear and side setbacks to roughly five feet because the building code requirements is no less than five feet from the existing property lines. Trustee Rettig Sr. asked for opinions from the guests at the meeting. Lee James spoke on behalf of the Zoning Board of appeals for Mike Miller and Deb Donahue and the three of them are in favor of the change and growth in the community. If there is a fire, it is removing the taxable base to not rebuild a dwelling because of the strict setback laws. Trustee Rettig stated that now people can go to the zoning board of appeals and get permission to change the setbacks, but he feels the process is long and costly, and the law can be changed to afford more growth in the community with a simpler process and by using the state laws. Lee states most of the cases the ZBA sees deals with setbacks and granting a variance. Trustee Rettig would like to streamline the process and make it easier on the property owner. Lloyd Sweet feels it's a step in the right direction but has concerns with the requirements for minimum structure and square footage/ size requirement. Trustee Rettig said they are looking at the entire process and are is open to suggestions. Stewart Freeman asked what the impact on the street side would be. Trustee Rettig said the property owner would have to choose a street to be the address. He stated it was good to know there is intent to make the laws reasonable for all. The board will continue to work on the process of changing the setback laws. Joe Miller stated he likes that the village is looking at improving the law for the taxpayer and making the process easier from start to finish to foster growth in Cuba with a streamlined approached. Dave Crowley spoke about the setback laws on behalf of the planning board to make room for growth and production. He spoke with the county planning officer, and he suggested to write

the law according to what is currently in the village, he is not speaking for the whole planning board, but the majority is in favor of the positive changes to the setback laws. Dave expressed he would like to see the process move quickly so another building season doesn't pass by, he encourages all involved in the process cooperate in order to make the changes go into effect sooner. The board will continue to work on the process of changing the setback laws, in the coming months with a public hearing to come.

GUESTS: Suzanne Krull- Executive Director of the Cuba Cultural Center- She is in attendance for the code violation for the new stove installed in the center in November 2017. The hood is not a sufficient hood for the stove size, and the new hood is vented into a wall going nowhere. They used the stove until 12/18/17. Former Code enforcement officer Walt Putt told them years ago any hood was better than none. Their contractor installed the stove and the hood, but it is a fire hazard and has not been repaired due to lack of funds. They are looking for an extension on the violation or at least permission to serve cold meals out of large white roasters. She is asking for the extension through the first quarter to purchase the proper size hood and fix the venting. The major concern is where it has been improperly vented there is grease built up which could cause fire.

Suzanne also had a concern about the parking lot owned by The Cultural Center. Joe Miller was with her and spoke on the cultural center's behalf. They are looking for help from the village to maintain upkeep, paving, and plowing to keep it open to the public. On a daily basis it is full. Joe Miller is willing to pro bono the costs of what it would take to come up with an agreement between the village and The Cultural Center to keep the parking lot open to the public. There was a letter from former, Mayor Rod Swift thanking the church for sharing the parking lot with the downtown patrons. Trustee Rettig has asked for the requests in writing for the Village Board to look at. Mayor Miller suggested asking the Chamber of Commerce for assistance as it's a mutual benefit to keep a parking lot open for the patrons of Main Street. She also expressed concern that it might put the village in an awkward position to benefit one not for profit and not another. Last year they had to cone off the parking lot due to extremely unsafe and icy conditions, but someone helped themselves and removed the cones and parked in the lot anyway. They both feel coming to some sort of an agreement with the village would benefit all the businesses downtown. Joe will speak with the Chamber of Commerce about a creative solution and submit the requests in writing to the village board.

MINUTES: The Board was given copies of the 12/11/17 minutes. With no corrections to these minutes a **MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE RETTIG AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SEARLTO APPROVE THE MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.**

BILLS: A copy of the Open Invoice report was emailed to the Board members.

These bills consist of Vouchers paid prior to the meeting tonight totaling \$10,387.09, and vouchers presented tonight

The 2017-2018 Vouchers - with the breakdown by funds as

GENERAL FUND	\$21595.10
WATER FUND	\$2545.90
SEWER FUND	\$3399.50

With no other questions on the bills and the vouchers viewed prior the meeting by the trustees

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE RETTIG AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SWEET TO PAY THE MONTHLY BILLS WITH A CORRECTION TO NEW ENTERPRISE STONE AND LIME INVOICE. ALL IN FAVOR, APPROVED

POLICE REPORT: CHIEF BURCH SENT THE POLICE REPORT AND IT IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Linda Botens sent her report and it is on file at the clerk's office.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CEO: Kevin Margerum who is standing in for Linda Botens while she is away sent his report. He has requested to be paid when he has completed his interim here at the Village. The board was in agreement.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATORS REPORT: Robert Thomas sent his report and it is on file at the Village office. RT had a question about a permit for waste hauling. Rick wants to have one truck permitted for \$500 with a contaminated soil added to the permit. It's an annual renewal.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: On file in the Village office.

CLERKS REPORT: The Clerk Treasurer asked for permission for Mary Beth Tyler to be added to the bank accounts as a signer and to also sign for wire transfers. Corine processed the water and sewer credits for 14 businesses totaling, \$804.41. There are currently two residents with high water usage. The crew has been out to take several looks at both properties. One property has a definite leak somewhere inside and one property's usage is a mystery. There are listed 7 people in the residence with 177,000 gallons of use. The crew will continue to help the property owner, but the water did go through the meter. Everyone decided to keep their health insurance the way it was last year. Only 3 employees do not take the health insurance benefit at this time. There is a training offered for Planning and zoning in February on the 6th in Olean regarding SEQR. The clerk is wrapping up the calendar year salary reports and will begin W2s and finish filing the quarterly 941 by the deadline. Online training for new

retirement requirements. A request for salary from 1987 to December 2017, will work on that as soon as bills are paid and the minutes are typed. Fielded phone calls from angry residents whose trash did not get picked up due to weather conditions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Committee- TRUSTEE SEARL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE DEPUTY CLERK TREASURER MARY BETH TYLER TO THE BANK ACCOUNTS AS A SIGNER AND FOR THE BANK ACCOUNTS AND FOR WIRE TRANSFERS. TRUSTEE SWEET GAVE A SECOND- ALL IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

A REP WILL BE MEETING WITH THE PERSONEL COMMITTEE FOR THE UNION CONTRACT TALKS.

Finance-

MAYORS REPORT: DEB DONAHUE WAS APOINTED BY THE MAYOR FOR 2017- 2022 ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

The caucuses for the March Election will be January 29th with the democratic party at 6:00 and the republican party at 6:30. The mayor received a letter from Rob Carney from the Town of Cuba and the town will not be renewing the shared service of mowing which will be a loss of \$1250 each budget year.

Tom Burt is still trying to purchase the wedge of land behind the well house adjoining his property. It needs to be appraised and Mayor Miller will call an appraiser.

OLD BUSINESS: NA

NEW BUSINESS: NA

MAYOR MILLER WANTED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS SALARIES 8:11 PM. TRUSTEE SEARL MADE A MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND TRUSTEE SWEET GAVE A SECOND. TRUSTEE SWEET MADE A MOTION AT 8:18 TO MOVE BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION MEETING WITH TRUSTEE SEARL GIVING A SECOND. TRUSTEE SEARL MADE A MOTION TO INCREASE THE CURRENT DEPUTY CLERK'S SALARY TO \$11.50 PER HOUR WITH TRUSTEE SWEET GIVING A SECOND. BEGINNING HER 61ST DAY OF EMPLOYMENT 1/12/18. ALL IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

**WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS A MOTION WAS MADE BY
TRUSTEE RETTIG AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SEARL
TO ADJOURN THIS MONTHLY BOARD MEETING. TIME: 8:20 PM**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Corine Bump Clerk/ Treasurer