

**CUBA VILLAGE PLANNING BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson, Mansel Wells, Connie Doyle, Ellen Scott, Sue Hillman and John Hupp

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Tom Taylor, Deputy Clerk Katie Morris, Doug Rettig, and Wayne Butts.

Chairperson Mansel Wells called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the November 19, 2012 meeting were reviewed. **A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ellen Scott, seconded by Connie Doyle and carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ellen Scott questioned about Mr. Hodge's application for opening a business out of his garage on Hardy Street. Deputy Clerk Morris stated the Code Enforcement Officer Walt Putt has the application and has been contacted to pursue this, however nothing has yet to come across the Board. It was decided that Mr. Putt would be contacted to address this application.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Cuba Fire Department sign application purpose will be to advertise special events such as trainings, meetings, Cuba Dairy week, and ham/turkey party etc. The sign will be parallel to Green Street. The Fire Department has no time frame with installing this sign. Connie Doyle mentioned a dilemma that the Board has. She read section 200-70(F) from the general conditions and regulations of the Village Code Book. It was also stated that the Cuba Cheese sign was not approved and is in violation with the Village Code Book. Chairmen Wells informed everyone that the inconsistency around the Village is to be addressed. If these "flashing neon" signs are to be permitted the Laws will need to be changed. Mayor Taylor informed everyone the process in changing the Laws. First, recommendations will need to be made to the Village Board, then the Village Board would send these recommendations to the Attorney, and finally a public hearing will need to be held. Sue Hillman read section 200-70(P) from the Village Code Book stating sign regulations shall not apply to government agencies. It was determined that Mayor Taylor will acquire more clarification as to if the Fire department would be classified as a Government Agency due to the fact they receive tax revenues. Chairman Wells read section 200-70(N) from the Village Code Book asking Mr. Butts to have the sign be 15 feet from the Street. After a brief discussion, the Fire Department has decided to hold off on the sign until the Village Planning Board addresses these sign regulations. Mr. Butts stated the Fire Department wants to keep the peace among the Village but advises the Board to look over the Laws so the Village has consistency.

**A motion was made by Ellen Scott to table the sign application for the Cuba Fire Department until substantial information on the illuminated signs and a decision is made until further time, seconded by John Hupp and carried unanimously.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Connie Doyle researched the Village of Ellicottville's sign regulations. She brought to the Boards attention a write up of some possible changes/revisions that would be beneficial with today's times. She also stated that Ellicottville's Laws are too detailed. The Board believes it is better to have vague rules that would be determined by the Board when situations arise. It was also stated Ellicottville does not allow illuminated LED signs. There was a discussion about the Cuba Cheese Shoppe illuminated sign while also being on the State right-of-way. It was decided that Mayor Taylor would contact Friendship DOT Shawn Whitney in order to determine if the DOT has illumination or setback regulations.

There was a consensus that the Board would like to keep the Village with a historic look but they also realize times have changed and some adjustments would have to be made. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the Planning Board would meet on February 4, 2013 at 7:00pm to discuss changes to the sign regulations, awnings, and murals in order to bring these changes across the Village Board at their meeting on February 11, 2013.

**With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Ellen Scott, seconded by Sue Hillman and passed unanimously to adjourn this Planning Board Meeting.**

TIME 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Morris  
Deputy Clerk