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Jason Morrison- Trustee
Thomas Taylor- Trustee

Corine Bump- Clerk/Treasurer
Lori Sweet- Deputy Clerk
Richard Hall- DPW Superintendent
Kristopher Krzos- DPW Assistant
Kevin Margerum- Code Enforcer
Roman Cavalletti - Operator- STP

3/28/24 Budget Meeting 6:00 p.m. at The Cuba Chamber of Commerce Building 5 PRESENT: Mayor Jim Barnes, Trustees Tom Taylor, Jason Morrison, and Steve Raub

ALSO, PRESENT: Corine Bump, Clerk/ Treasurer- Roman Cavalletti, Operator of the Sewer Treatment Plant, , and Jerome Swift- newly elected Trustee Two Year term Village Board Annual Election 2024.

Excused- Kristopher Krzos DPW Superintendent- due to a water leak, and Trustee Elizabeth Miller due to work engagement.

GUESTS: none

Trustee Barnes opened the March 28, 2024 Tentative Budget meeting at 6:05 p.m., and a few orders of business were addressed prior to beginning the budget meeting.

Clerk Treasurer Bump received an email from business owner Beth Knight of the Tap N Pour. She wanted to let the Board know that she is considering adding outdoor seating to the Tap N Pour Liquor License. She was inquiring how to proceed with the Village. Clerk Treasurer Bump emailed Kevin Margerum and Mayor Barnes Ms. Knight's inquiry. Margerum stated, that the Village Right of Way cannot be blocked. It was also noted, there will need be a sort of barrier in place to keep the space occupied by the customers, from the

public space in order to comply with the Open Container law, similar to the Kopper Keg's setup and the former restaurant of Iva Ann's.

Clerk Treasurer Bump noted that Draw #3 for the Water Improvement Project was wired today with a \$15 wire charge that will need recorded. The draw is for \$8,832.49.

A deposit was also received by Allegany County to make the Village whole for the taxes. For the first time a notice was listed- stating Chargeback for prior years 2022, 2023 (current year and prior year) It states that 2022 was deducted from the final payment. The base tax \$34,876, Interest \$2790. \$851.25- \$38517.25. Clerk Treasurer Bump touched base with Nicole from Singer Lewak (accountant consulting) and she said to list it under taxes/ interest.

Clerk Treasurer Bump brought the print out of the quote that Mayor Barnes received from Servpro of the Southtown for the remediation of the toxic black mold at the Village Hall/ Clerk's Office. The quote was emailed to the current Board by Mayor Barnes. Discussion took place about the amount quoted and the possibility of increase after getting further involved in the project. Servpro doesn't think everything needs to be removed with their initial look, and the other company said everything must go. The other company has not yet submitted a quote as they say the Board needs to have the lead assessed inside the building first- but the Lead company said that charging \$1200 for an assessment is not necessary because the procedure for removal is the same, and the remediation should be treated as lead removal is necessary from the lath and plaster walls. The Board is continuing to follow the steps required for a more permanent location of the Village Hall whether it be returning after the Hall has been remediated, or finding and alternate permanent location in the Village.

Trustee Taylor asked who will move the contents records from the Village Hall, and discussion took place of possibilities, and storage is needed. Trustee Morrison asked if the building would be better off to sell as is, rather than remediate, get the property back on the tax roll- because of the impending

cost. Mayor Barnes has been working with Lee James the Town of Cuba Supervisor, with the possibility of a shared space with The Town, with a combined grant opportunity. She has been very helpful during this whole process. ADA Compliancy is a must, and access from the rear of the building is nearly impossible, so it will need to be quoted with access of a ramp from the front and inside the building or built along the front. There are so many unanswered questions at this point, but the Board agreed Mayor Barnes can contact a realtor, and a contractor for quotes to repair the building, and also build a new building in a different location. The building is assessed at \$77,000.

Mayor Barnes stated that he received a letter of resignation from Trustee Liza Miller- effective 3/31/24. Discussion took place regarding a new trustee, former Mayor Miller, and former Mayor Crowley stated they also think Chuck will make an excellent trustee for the Village, and after discussion with the Board Members, Mayor Barnes appointed Chuck Leichner as new trustee for the Village of Cuba, NY effective 4/1/24. He is a retired school administrator, filling in for a local school district and resides in The Village of Cuba. He is looking forward to serving the Village of Cuba, and get further involved in the Community. Clerk Treasurer Bump reminded Trustee Morrison, and Trustee Swift, they will need to sign the Oath of Office Book on 4/1/24 to become official for the coming years of their terms. In addition, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sweet, Clerk Treasurer Bump, SPW Krzos, and Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Snyder along with Code Officer Kevin Margerum are appointed annually and will also need to sign the Oath book.

Trustee Morrison stated that he made contact with Ken Tronetti regarding the Street sweeper and there has been no progress getting the new sweeper delivered.

The Budget workshop proceeded with all information provided to The Board, and individual budgets. Discussion took place about the expected revenues and expenditures. Clerk Treasurer Bump reminded the board that the Fund Balance Policies need to be adhered to and there are still some unknowns for the coming fiscal year. In discussion of the Sewer Fund Budget- Clerk

Treasurer Bump inquired with Operator R Cavalletti about his application to become 3 A certified and if it has been completed to send in with the payment. Clerk Treasurer Bump had emailed the information to the Board and Operator Cavalletti stating once the application had been completed and signed and the required documents submitted- The Clerks would mail it along with the check. Roman will follow up with NYWEA on Monday 4/1/24 and Mayor Brnes will stop in to sign the attestation on Monday as the original is sitting in a file paired with the check. Cavalletti left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The rest of the budget was reviewed and discussion took place regarding the water and general funds. The Board is concerned with the amount of overtime budgeted and would like to see the OT increased with the ongoing water Improvement project. At this time, the Board does not see a need for a third meeting, however they will keep it scheduled in case anything comes up.

Mayor Barnes thanked outgoing Trustee and Deputy Mayor, Steve Raub for his years of dedication to the Village of Cuba. All present wished him well and thanked him also. The next budget meeting is scheduled for 4/11/24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cuba Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room at 6:00 p.m. 5 West Main St., however there is a possibility it will be cancelled.

TRUSTEE TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:40 PM WITH TRUSTEE MORRISON OFFERING A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corine Bump

Clerk/ Treasurer