

May 10, 2022

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Of the Town Board of the Town of Cuba**  
Held at the Cuba Library, 39 E. Main St. Cuba, NY 14727

**Present:**

Supervisor: Lee James  
Council Persons: Melodie Farwell, Michele Conklin, Daniel McGraw  
Also Present: Allesia Heslin, Town Clerk, Chad Smith, Highway Superintendent  
Absent: Aaron Appleby, Ambulance Administrator, Jacob James Councilman, Dustin Burch, Chief of Police

Supervisor James called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 pm.

**Public Comments:** Mary Lindquest was wondering how long building permits are good for. 6 months to start a project and 1 year from start of construction

Bill Beck asked the board if the town is working on attracting new business to fill the industrial buildings that are or will be empty. Supervisor James commented that the town board and village have continued to be in conversation with Great Lakes Cheese to use the building in Cuba, but there are no plans at the moment. There is an ad-hoc committee and the Allegany County IDA whose purpose is to bring in business to Allegany County.

**Board Comments:** none

**Supervisor Comments:** The ARPA funding report has been filed.

Update on re-evaluation the company responsible for the re-evaluation and the Town will be hosting a public hearing on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Cuba Library to present the full process of the re-evaluation. The meeting will also be available via zoom.

**Minutes for 04/12/2022, Supervisor's Report for April & General & Highway Abstracts for May:**

When asked, board members responded yes, they had reviewed the minutes, reports and abstracts.

**The Supervisor's Report** showed the general fund received \$21,173.36. The highway fund received \$5,129.68. Disbursements include \$90,502.23 for general and \$27,208.37 for highway.

**The May Abstract #05** dispersed \$28,243.39 from the General Fund and \$18,471.80 from the Highway Fund. On the motion of Farwell and seconded by Conklin the reports were accepted as presented.

**Clerk Comments:**

Letter of Interest/Intent  
To: Village of Cuba, NY 14727  
Mayor Michele Miller  
CC: Lee James, Dustin Burch, Kevin White

From: Patrick Chesney-CannaLabs

Greeting Mayor Miller,

I am writing to express my interest in opening and operating a cannabis dispensary within the village of Cuba. New York has recently legalized adult-use recreational cannabis (MRTA) & as you are surely aware, the

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village has opted-in to allow such businesses within the village. I am anticipating late summer/fall of 2022 before I acquire licensing – which I am actively pursuing. I own the old bank at 17 West Main (currently in use as my warehouse – I am a DoD vendor, CAGE code 6WU90) & would like to operate dispensary & possibly a small consumption lounge in back section, there. If there is any zoning or code issues that would not allow that, please let me know. I am well aware of compliance standards, specifications & regulations due to my work as a federal contractor (DoD) – which requires very strict compliance.

I believe cannabis based businesses will be very profitable for both the village & myself. There is a massive culture of canna-tourism, as well as a large local user base. I will hire local people & pay them well. I understand the Seneca Nation will be operating cannabis based businesses on the Oil Springs Reservation and I think we should bring customers back downtown. Main street shops would absorb some of that traffic & the business that comes with it as well. Obviously; operating hours/conditions could be agreed upon before opening. Right now, my main concern is of zoning & code issues that may be encountered that would prevent fruition. Please let me know your thoughts & if you have any questions. I can be reached at home, (ph: (585) 973-7427, mail 6306 County Road 20, Friendship, NY 14739) or at the old bank (ph: (585) 209-8731). Thank you!

Patrick Chesney - CannaLabs

**Assessor's Comments:** none

**Police Department Comments:** In the month of April the department conducted 35 traffic stops, 16 in the Town, 5 in the Village, 4 on the Lake, 0 on I-86 for a total of 25 uniform traffic tickets issued. 4 motor vehicle accidents occurred, 1 in the Town, 2 in the Village, 0 on the Lake, and 1 on I-86. There were 140 calls for service.

**Ambulance Comments:** The Cuba Ambulance Service responded to a total of 9 calls to service in April of 2022. 6 of those calls were taken to Olean General Hospital, 2 were taken to Jones Memorial Hospital and 1 were sign offs, 0 was mutual aid, 0 were standby, 0 were taken by Mercy Flight and 0 were DOA. 3 of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling 2 and Olean 10/MTS handling 1. 6 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 2 were in the Town of Cuba, 0 were on the lake, 0 was mutual aid to Friendship, 0 was mutual aid to Clarksville, 1 was to New Hudson and 0 were on I-86.

One member will be taking the test for EMT certification this month

**Highway Comments:**

- Cutting brush on Keller Hill RD and Spring St.
- Cold patching pot holes
- Fixing shoulders
- Brooming sand off roads

No graders are available for rent so the highway department is using the Harley rake to fix holes until the grader is fixed

The Town of Hinsdale will help grade one road

There was a slight increase in CHIPS funding but the cost of fuel and equipment has gone up

The highway department scrapped almost \$5,000 worth of scrap

The Freightliner truck the Town has bid on will be \$3,800 dollars more due to the price of steel

**Equipment Repairs:**

- Still waiting for part for grader
- Fixed exhaust and alternator on broom
- Changing tires from winter to summer

- Put heater core and slack adjusters on 2013 Freightliner

**Sewer Committee:** Work is continuing on school project. Harvey spoke with the technician who stated that the pumps are possibly too small. The town is disputing the bill with Koester.

**Facilities:** contractors have looked at the area that would be added on to Town Hall. The Town may have to put the project out to bid depending on the cost.

**Dog Control Comments:**

- Report of brindle Pitbull running loose, could not catch dog. Talked to owner's son.
- Female called, she caught a dog in giant parking lot. Was able to locate dog's owner through Facebook.
- Female called, her Labradoodle got loose on Wolf Creek Rd.
- Female called her Beagle got Loose on Bump Road. Dog later returned home.
- Ag and Markets came for yearly Inspections. List of Items needed.

-Shelter needs put in place ASAP

-Need new dog crates. Priced some at Tractor Supply for around \$180.00

-New bite gloves and Slip Lead. Priced around \$123.00 at ACES Plus Shipping

- Need clearly marked clothing for Dog Control. Priced 2 sweaters and 2 t shirts at \$140.63

-Need an identifier for vehicle showing Dog Control

The inspector will be following up within the next 6 Months by then she would like an update as to who we have a shelter agreement with.

**\*\*We will need a Deputy DCO as of right now Sweet will be out of town from May 23<sup>rd</sup> until the end of June.**

Supervisor James will reach out to Linda Botens to see if she is interested in helping.

The board agreed to accept the shelter agreement with the Cattaraugus County SPCA to be in compliance until a shelter can be built in the Bull Street building on the motion of Conklin, seconded by McGraw. All in favor, passed.

**Code Enforcement Comments:** none

**New Business:** Conklin presented further Bicentennial Plans

5/15/22 – Kelly's One Of A Kinds – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

5/30/22 – Memorial Day Celebration & Lunch at The VFW

5/30/22 – Taps Across America (at 3pm across the United States)

6/3/22 – 7-9pm Cheers, Cheese & Chocolate (Cuba Library 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations \$20 Tickets

6/5/22 – Flag Day/Bicentennial Chicken BBQ Chamber/Driftbusters 11am until Sold Out \$12 for whole dinner & \$8 for Halves only

6/17 & 6/18 Dairy Days & Bicentennial Celebration

7/4/22 – Patriotic & Antique Boat Parade – Cuba Lake 1:00pm

7/16/22 – Historical Walking Tour of Cuba Churches

7/16/22 – Library's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Block Party 11am – 4pm

(includes: Bubbleman, Music(Creek Band, Petting Zoo, Historic Games and Toys – Genesee Country Museum, Food & Much More

7/24/22 – Bicentennial Family Event at Empire City Farms (12pm – 4pm) Box Lunches, Council of Churches Blessing, Dignitaries, Antique Games, Horse & Wagon Rides, Beard Judging, Rushford Town Band & More

8/4/22 – Traditional & Historic Songs of NY State with Dave Ruch at The Library

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8/8/22 – Greenway Trail Walk and Folk Music Concert at Music On The Lawn. Walk 4:30 – 5:30 and concert at CRCS Music on the Lawn at 6pm – 7:30pm (Fair To Fiddlin, Casual Reply & Bob & Gena Decker)  
8/13/22 – Bicentennial Scavenger Hunt 12pm – 5pm starts and end at Palmer Opera House  
8/21/22 – Bicentennial Ice Cream Social at The Boar Launch/Pole Barn 1-3pm  
8/27 & 8/28 STARS – Kite Making & Flying at Open House Event  
9/17 & 9/18 – Cuba Garlic Festival  
10/16/22 Historical Vignettes – Palmer Opera House  
12/17/22 Wreaths Across America

**Old Business:** none

With no further business to discuss, McGraw motioned to adjourn, seconded by Farwell. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Allesia A. Heslin, Town Clerk