

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, Jacob James via video chat, Daniel McGraw
Also Present: Allesia Heslin, Town Clerk, Dustin Burch, Police Chief, Chad Smith, Hwy. Supt.
Absent: Aaron Appleby, Ambulance Administrator

Supervisor James called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

Public Comments: Mary Lindquest would like the board to see if there is any room in the budget for another police officer to patrol at night after incident at the Palmer Opera House

Board Comments:

Supervisor Comments: James read the bicentennial proclamation and thanked everyone for their hard work putting events together.

Proclamation
Honoring Township of Cuba's
Bicentennial celebration year

Whereas, the Township of was designated by the New York State Legislature a Township on February 4, 1822 and is celebrating its 200th Anniversary; and

Whereas, in its first 200 years has transformed from a humble pioneer town into a leader in local government covering 35.8 square miles with nearly 3,300 residents calling Cuba "home"; and

Whereas, Cuba Township combines an eclectic blend of cultures, shops, businesses and recreational opportunities which make it a popular and in-demand "place to be";

Now, therefore, be it resolved, I, Lee Sweet James, 45th Supervisor of the Township and the members of the Cuba Town Board hereby proudly announce and proclaim that we take pride in everything Cuba has accomplished in its two hundred years and are pleased to spend this year honoring and celebrating its legacy.

Signed this 4th Day of February, in the year 2022
at Cuba, Allegany County, New York

Lee James, Town Supervisor

Michele Conklin, Councilwoman
Melody Farwell, Councilwoman
Jacob James, Councilman
Daniel McGraw, Councilman

Librarian Tina Dalton presented the financial changes that the library is looking at for this year. The library would like to become fully funded by school taxes and not be reliant on municipal funding. She hopes that the

proposal will pass the Library Budget Vote but if it does not pass, she would ask that the Town of Cuba still support the library with municipal funds.

Minutes for 01/11/2022, Supervisors Report for January & General & Highway Abstracts for February:

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

The Supervisor's Report showed the general fund received \$56,773.98. The highway fund received \$27.27. Disbursements include \$145,399.36 for general and \$39,059.74 for highway.

The February Abstract #02 dispersed \$23,751.60 from the General Fund and \$21,343.67 from the Highway Fund

On the motion of Farwell and seconded by Conklin the reports were accepted as presented.

Clerk Comments: Check has been given to Supervisor in the amount of \$2,045,511.99 and to the County Treasurer in the amount of \$1,677,315.00 to satisfy all of the Town of Cuba's tax warrant and a portion of Allegany County's.

Assessor's Comments:

- Village partial tax exemptions, 27 were sent out and 11 have been returned
- Town partial tax exemptions, 38 were sent out and 27 have been returned
- The equalization rate will drop from 83% to 74%
- There will no longer be star available to mobile homes that are in a park

Police Department Comments: In the month of January the department conducted 17 traffic stops, 3 in the Town, 3 in the Village, 5 on the Lake, 0 on I-86 for a total of 11 uniform traffic tickets issued. 10 motor vehicle accidents occurred, 7 in the Town, 1 in the Village, 1 on the Lake, and 1 on I-86. There were 113 calls for service. Two officers are attending field training, the town will only have to pay for one.

Ambulance Comments: The Cuba Ambulance Service responded to a total of 13 calls to service in January of 2022. 4 of those calls were taken to Olean General Hospital, 1 was taken to Jones Memorial Hospital and 8 were sign offs, 0 was mutual aid, 0 were standby, 0 were taken by Mercy Flight and 2 were DOA. 3 of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling 2 and Olean 10/MTS handling 1. 4 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 5 were in the Town of Cuba, 0 were on the lake, 0 was mutual aid to Friendship, 0 was mutual aid to Clarksville, 3 were to New Hudson and 1 was on I-86.

- One member currently taking the basic EMT class
- We have purchased the I am Responding App for a year and are actively using it.

Highway Comments:

- Plowed snow 15 times
- Pushed up sand

Smith presented prices on a new truck, he suggests that the Town purchase a Freightliner 114SD Truck Cab and Chassis with the Viking Stainless Steel Dump Body and Equipment for \$242,187.21.

The board agreed to purchase the Freightliner on the motion of Conklin and seconded by McGraw. All in favor, passed.

Equipment Repairs:

- Put front leaf pack in Peterbilt
- Put wheel seal and brakes on Peterbilt

- Put new turbo boot on Peterbilt
- Did repairs on Harley Rake

Sewer Committee: none

Facilities: Frank Schostick installed new door lock components

The heater in the breakroom was broken again, Johnson controls fixed it

Judge Tuttle has submitted for JCAP grant for additional storage and judges chambers and was awarded \$30,000

Dog Control Comments: Justin Sweet appointed as Dog Control Officer on the motion from Farwell and seconded by J. James. All in favor, passed.

Code Enforcement Comments:

- 1/15/2022 Checked foundation at 46 S Shore Road
- 1/22/2022 Inspected dangerous house at 9033 Spring St. with Cuba PD.
 - Will be issuing Order to Remedy
- Filing and following up on files from Walt Putt

New Business:

The Bicentennial committee has rescheduled the fireworks at fireman's park for February 21st due to the bad weather February 4th.

The Bicentennial's largest event is scheduled for July 24th at Empire Farms.

The next Bicentennial event is a Chamber of Commerce dinner scheduled for March 5th with Dave Crowley making an address

A Resolution for Reassessment 2-022022 was approved on the motion from Farwell, seconded by Conklin. All in favor, passed. Roll Call vote showed

Daniel McGraw yea
Melody Farwell yea
Michelle Conklin yea
Lee James yea
Jacob James yea

Franchise agreement with Time Warner needs to be renewed, public hearing will be scheduled for March 8th.

At 7:42pm McGraw made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Seconded by Farwell. At 8:40pm the meeting reconvened with a motion from Farwell, seconded by Conklin.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Allesia A. Heslin, Town Clerk