

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, Jacob James, Bill Beck
Also Present: Allesia Heslin, Town Clerk, Dustin Burch, Chief of Police, Chad Smith, Highway Superintendent
Absent: Aaron Appleby, Ambulance Administrator, Daniel McGraw, Council Person

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

Public Comments:

- Sue Taylor had questions regarding the timeline of the reassessment and how school taxes for 2023 will be figured. The 2023 school taxes will be figured from the final roll from this assessment.
- Janet Nolan wondered if there was any way for people to be informed when a road was going to be closed. Chad Smith informed her that there were alternate route signs and a way to go around.
- Several people introduced themselves and stated that they are trying to start a cannabis co-op and would appreciate the community's support. The co-op would focus on education and cannabis-based tourism.
- Robert and Michelle Stocking will be opening a hemp and CBD shop next to the Dollar General.
- Vanessa and Robert White returned their ambulance pagers and keys due to their resignations.
- Linda Botens praised the Cuba Ambulance for having a great staff.
- Police Chief Dustin Burch praised the ambulance crew and service.

Board Comments:

- J. James stated that contract negotiations are ongoing with the highway department union and are going fairly well.
- Beck stated that a citizen reached out to him regarding zoning and Beck informed them that they are more than welcome to a seat at the table on any future zoning committees.
- L. James has spoken with Allegany County Planning and Development concerning zoning. She will be getting some information together regarding a site plan review along with moratoriums on certain types of builds. The next step would be to propose a local law and hold public hearings on the issue. L. James would like to move forward with putting in place a planning committee and some site plan reviews that would be worked on by a planning board.

Supervisor Comments: L. James asked for a moment of silence for 9/11 and Officer Howe's father who passed away this week

Minutes for 08/09/2022, Supervisor's Report for August & General & Highway Abstracts for September:

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

The Supervisor's Report showed the general fund received \$16,458.61. The highway fund received \$401.14. Disbursements include \$152,779.51 for general and \$197,336.88 for highway.

The August Abstract #09 dispersed \$25,538.71 from the General Fund and \$18,610.12 from the Highway Fund. On the motion of Farwell and seconded by J. James the reports were accepted as presented.

Clerk Comments: Iva Ann's on Main has submitted their liquor license

Assessor's Comments:

- Reed has been corresponding with ENPM regarding the reassessment
- ENPM is currently out in the field data collecting. Data collecting was started in South Cuba near Farnsworth Road and they are working their way North with data collecting 80% completed at the lake

Police Department Comments: In the month of August the department conducted 41 traffic stops, 13 in the Town, 3 in the Village, 10 on the Lake, 1 on I-86 for a total of 27 uniform traffic tickets issued. 11 motor vehicle accidents occurred, 6 in the Town, 3 in the Village, 0 on the Lake, and 2 on I-86. There were 163 calls for service.

- The department had one officer resign
- The department server has been down, it should be fixed by Wednesday

Ambulance Comments: The Cuba Ambulance Service responded to a total of 29 calls to service in August of 2022. 17 of those calls were taken to Olean General Hospital, 2 were taken to Jones Memorial Hospital and 8 were sign offs, 0 was mutual aid, 0 were standby, 2 were taken by Mercy Flight and 0 was DOA. 6 of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling 3 and Olean 10/MTS handling 3. 15 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 11 were in the Town of Cuba, 1 was on the lake, 0 was mutual aid to Friendship, 0 was mutual aid to Clarksville, 2 were to New Hudson and 0 were on I-86.

- The Ambulance will be standing by for various events in the coming month
- Linda Botens presented a donation to the ambulance
- A motion was made to accept the letters of resignation from Vanessa and Robert White. On the Motion of J. James, seconded by Beck. All in favor, passed

Highway Comments:

- Ditched Hopkins Road and Farnsworth Road
- Graded part of Bump Road
- Put shoulders on West Main Street
- Ditching Hubble Hill

Equipment Repairs:

- Put new hydraulic pump on tractor
- Put alternator, alternator belt and tensioner on 2013 Freightliner
- Put new turbo boot on Peterbilt

Sewer Committee:

- There is one new connection on the system on the West Shore of the Lake
- Work is ongoing for the high school issues

Facilities:

- The Town sign will be installed with cemented posts and a box around the bottom for decoration
- Smith received an estimate of \$88,000 for replacing the garage doors at the highway department
- Smith also received an estimate of \$46,000 to have spray foam insulation blown in the garage
- Smith received an estimate of \$19,000, \$8,000 and \$8,000 to paint the Town building roofs
- L. James stated that if we were to move forward with this work it would have to be put out to bid for renovations due to the cost unless they can find another way to address the issue

Dog Control Comments:

- Linda Botens filled in for DCO Justin Sweet please see attached report

Code Enforcement Comments:

- There are 14 new building permits
- Half of the previous building permits have been closed out and Reed is continuing to work through them

Bicentennial Committee:

- 9/21 Tom Taylor will be giving a presentation at the library on postcards and early days of Cuba
- 10/2 scavenger hunt
- 10/16 trivia/Jeopardy, "Who knows Cuba?"
- 10/29 10am-5pm trunk or treat on Main Street followed by ghost stories at the Inn at 28 from 6:30 to 8:30pm

New Business:

L. James presented the tentative budget. A budget workshop was set for October 13th at 6pm, followed by the regular Board Meeting

Old Business: none

At 7:38pm J. James made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contractual issues. Seconded by Farwell. At 8:29pm the meeting reconvened with a motion from Farwell, seconded by J. James.

On the Motion of Farwell, seconded by Beck, Josh Horton was appointed as assistant ambulance administrator until 12/31/2022. All in favor, passed.

On the Motion of Beck, seconded by J. James the board gave their approval for an increase in the insurance buy out for prospective police officers and gave approval to appoint a Sargent after being put to a union vote. All in favor, passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allesia A. Heslin, Town Clerk