

February 14, 2023

Regular Board Meeting
Of the Town Board of the Town of Cuba
Held at the Cuba Town Hall, 15 Water Street, Cuba, NY 14727

Present:

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

Public Comments: Mary Lindquest would like to put a flagpole and light in Smith Cemetery near the Cuba Lake dam. Mary would also like to spend some money to clean the tombstones and put them back where they belong. L. James had no objections to the flagpole as long as there is a lot of care taken when installing it to not disturb any of the grave sites. L. James asked Smith to take a look at the proposed site. Discussion continued around cleaning up the whole cemetery and installing the pole.

Board Comments: none

Supervisor Comments: The Cuba Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their awards dinner March 4th at the VFW.

Minutes for 01/10/2023, Supervisor's Report for January & General & Highway Abstract #2:

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

The Supervisor's Report showed the general fund received \$24,828.96. The highway fund received \$907.55. Disbursements include \$152,835.00 for general and \$50,930.42 for highway.

The February Abstract #2 dispersed \$46,619.06 from the General Fund and \$25,541.38 from the Highway Fund. On the motion of Beck and seconded by Farwell the reports were accepted as presented.

Clerk Comments:

- The tax warrant for the town has been given to the supervisor in full.
- Heslin received the Historian's report, please see attached.

Assessor's Comments:

- Reed has received half of the senior exemptions.
- The public hearing will be coming up.
- Informals will be held over Zoom from the middle March through April.
- New evaluations should go out around the beginning of March.

Police Department Comments: In the month of January the department conducted 43 traffic stops, 25 in the Town, 13 in the Village, 5 on the Lake, 0 on I-86 for a total of 43 uniform traffic tickets issued. 11 motor vehicle accidents occurred, 6 in the Town, 5 in the Village, 0 on the Lake, and 0 on I-86. There were 160 calls for service.

- Seth Ferrand is resigning his full-time position, but will be continuing as part-time. Applications have been received to fill the position. The hope is to have another officer in place the first part of March.

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- The \$30,000 grant for body cameras has been received and Burch would like to move forward with using the Axon camera system.
- A full audit and inventory of the evidence room was done by a civilian and the department is in 100% compliance.
- Sheriff Cicerello asked Burch to conduct a full audit of the Allegany County's office property and evidence room. Burch met with the sheriff department staff a week ago to conduct the audit and train their staff on proper procedure for their property and evidence room.
- Once the sheriff's office is in compliance the Cuba department hopes they can conduct audits on Cuba's property and evidence room in the future.

Ambulance Comments: The Cuba Ambulance Service responded to a total of 27 calls to service in January of 2023. 16 of those calls were taken to Olean General Hospital, 6 were taken to Jones Memorial Hospital and 5 were sign offs, 0 was mutual aid, 0 were standby, 0 was taken by Mercy Flight and 0 was DOA. 9 of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling 4 and Olean 10/MTS handling 5. 8 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 15 were in the Town of Cuba, 3 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.

- 7 members are taking the EMT class.
- State inspection was conducted, there were some deficiencies and 70% of the deficiencies have been corrected. A cross reference and check list will be put together to make sure these deficiencies do not occur in the future.
- Narcotics and operating license renewals filled out and submitted.

Highway Comments:

- Plowed 12 days in January
- Put up new street signs around town
- Cut brush
- Took in scrap
- Cleaning shop

Equipment Repairs:

- Had 2013 Freightliner worked on
- Worked on roller
- Put new wing blades and rubber on three trucks
- The roads are posted now, it is officially mud season.
- The excavator was taken to have the new forestry head installed.
- Smith is still looking for a new grader. He spoke with the accountants to figure out options.
- L. James mentioned that the Town of New Hudson Supervisor would like to get together to talk about doing more shared services and cost sharing for large equipment.

Sewer Committee: none

Facilities:

- Frank Shostick was able to replace the monitor in the court room.
- L. James would like to figure out a solution for the ambulances. There is not a training room where they currently are and the school is still using the space which creates dirt and dust. Discussion continued on which space they could use and what to do.

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- L. James would like to get a prioritized list together to start making repairs to the town garage. Beck volunteered to work on the list with Smith.

Dog Control Comments:

- 1/14/23 dog loose on grass unable to locate
- 1/16/23 person call to find out how to license dogs when they moved to Cuba
- 1/19/23 dog barked at someone at 3 Bristol St. apartments.
- 1/24/23 person found dog on County Road 6.
- 2/2/23 dogs ran away on 305. Owner found dogs
- 2/4/23 person call about dog running loose on 446. Was in town of Ischua.
- 2/6/23 person wanting stray cats removed. Explained that I did not do that.
- 2/8/23 Orchard Park vet called to have follow up with owner about their dog.
- Catt County SPCA contract runs out in May 2023
- Need to resign when time comes.
- New DCO will need to contact (Sara) Ag&Markets officer for our area. To schedule inspection. Her number is saved in dog phone.
- All equipment is update now.

Code Enforcement Comments:

- 11 permits are still open from 2022. So far one has been issued for 2023.
- Reed is working on the structure fire on W. Shore Road. It should be completely demolished soon.

New Business:

- L. James would like to schedule a clean-up for the Smith Road Cemetery.

Old Business:

- L. James received a request from Shannon Albert for funding for the Chamberlain Park playground. Discussion ensued both for and against the Town contributing funds. On the motion of Farwell, seconded by Beck, motion was made to make the playground project whole by expending up to \$2,000 to fund the playground. All in favor, passed.
- There will be a meeting on March 1st at 6pm at the Cuba Library concerning the revaluation. There will be an announcement put in the Patriot. ENPM and the assessor will be at the meeting. The meeting is to discuss how the revaluation was completed and the process going forward.

At 8:06 pm Farwell made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the Highway Union contract. Seconded by Beck. At 8:31pm the meeting reconvened with a motion from Farwell, seconded by Beck.

Beck motioned to accept the highway offer reverting back to the existing contract with a 5% increase for 2023. Seconded by Farwell. All in favor, passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allesia A. Heslin, Town Clerk