

July 12, 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, Daniel McGraw, Jacob James  
Also Present: Allesia Heslin, Town Clerk, Dustin Burch, Chief of Police, Chad Smith, Highway Superintendent  
Absent: Aaron Appleby, Ambulance Administrator

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

**Public Comments:** None

**Board Comments:**

- Farwell encouraged citizens to check out the historical signs around town.
- McGraw asked the Board what can be done through codes or rules and regulations concerning citizens running businesses out of their homes or mobile businesses. He is concerned that these businesses are not regulated or inspected and that this situation opens the Town to litigation and other problems.
- L. James has spoken with code enforcement officer, Ryan Reed, concerning some of these issues and believes these issues can be worked through with planning, codes and local laws.

**Supervisor Comments:**

- The Cuba Library will be celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this Saturday with a block party at the library 11am-4pm.
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> the Cuba Fire Department will host an open house to showcase their new apparatus at 1pm.
- July 24<sup>th</sup> the Block Barns will be hosting a picnic in celebration of the Bicentennial at noon.
- The Town is moving forward in looking for a board member and town justice to replace Board Member, Michele Conklin and Town Justice, Paul Conklin.
- Officer Jim Galatio has expressed interest in the justice position and he has been selected and put on the November ballot.
- Bill Beck and Eugene Haas have expressed their interest in filling the vacant board member seat. Both introduced themselves to the board.
- L. James asked for the board to think about the candidates and provide feedback so an appointment for the board position can be made.

**Minutes for 06/14/2022, Supervisor's Report for June & General & Highway Abstracts for July:**

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

**The Supervisor's Report** showed the general fund received \$-1,081.65. The highway fund received \$692.51. Disbursements include \$120,079.76 for general and \$60,175.24 for highway.

**The July Abstract #07** dispersed \$21,641.54 from the General Fund and \$23,366.68 from the Highway Fund. On the motion of McGraw and seconded by J. James the reports were accepted as presented.

**Clerk Comments:** None

**Assessor's Comments:**

- Equipment has arrived for out posting of information for ENPM, Inc. for revaluation
- The tax roll has been uploaded to ENPM, Inc. for the revaluation

**Police Department Comments:** In the month of June the department conducted 19 traffic stops, 6 in the Town, 4 in the Village, 4 on the Lake, 0 on I-86 for a total of 14 uniform traffic tickets issued. 3 motor vehicle accidents occurred, 1 in the Town, 2 in the Village, 0 on the Lake, and 0 on I-86. There were 150 calls for service.

- Burch presented two candidates, Lewis Pettit and Noah Hughes, for part-time employment and requested the board accept these hires on the condition that they complete the academy and pass all background checks. On the Motion of McGraw, seconded by J. James. All in favor, passed.
- A formal complaint has been filed and is under review.
- A motorist involved in a collision with a deer on I-86 wrote the department a letter of praise thanking them for their help.
- L. James thanked Officer Howe for his quick response at her daughter's property on Hamilton Hill Road with an individual who had a warrant from another community.

**Ambulance Comments:** The Cuba Ambulance Service responded to a total of 21 calls to service in June of 2022. 17 of those calls were taken to Olean General Hospital, 0 were taken to Jones Memorial Hospital and 2 were sign offs, 0 was mutual aid, 0 were standby, 2 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. 10 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 8 were in the Town of Cuba, 1 was on the lake, 0 was mutual aid to Friendship, 1 was mutual aid to Clarksville, 1 was to New Hudson and 0 were on I-86.

- Robert Gadd passed his NYS test and is now a certified EMT.
- Completed standbys for Dairy Days and Horse pull.
- Annual practical skills completed for all EMTs.

**Highway Comments:**

- Patching potholes
- Grinding up part of Health Camp Road
- Mowing road sides
- Worked in gravel pit
- Two applicants applied, Ray Tatum has been hired, he will start July 18<sup>th</sup> pending background check.
- Smith has had complaints from a few residents on West Main Street that do not want their road black topped. The residents are concerned about people speeding through the area and more traffic. Many people use the road in conjunction with the Greenway Trail and the road is still going to be black topped with a grant and CHIPS funding.

**Equipment Repairs:**

- Put new air tanks on Peterbilt
- Put new hydraulic hose on Peterbilt
- Put new belt and alternator on Broom

**Sewer Committee:**

- The new flow meter has been repaired and will be turned back on after inspection.

**Facilities:**

- Johnson controls has been contacted to look at the air noise in the courtroom.

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- The container that the sewer pump for Town Hall is in is rusting and Rick Hall from the Village has suggested piping the building out to the main sewer line. This project will need to be added to budget talks.

**Dog Control Comments:**

- Linda Botens has submitted a report for her time and mileage, see attached.
- 6/28/22 Report of lost dog on 305 just inside Clarksville town line.
- 7/03/22 dog loose on Hill Street owner picked up.
- 7/11/22 dog loose on Spring Street. Owner picked up dog before I arrived.
- Gloves and slip lead came in. Working on getting kennels from tractor supply.

**Code Enforcement Comments:**

- There are four new homes being built in Cuba.

**Bicentennial Committee:**

- Bookmarks with all the Bicentennial events are available at the Chamber of Commerce and the Cuba Library
- This Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am the committee will host a tour of churches, starting at the Catholic Church

**New Business:**

- L. James asked the board to officially accept the appointment of David Szucs for Town Justice from July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. The appointment was made by the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. On the motion of J. James, seconded by Farwell. All in favor, passed.
- Budget meetings are coming up, all departments have been asked to prepare their proposals.
- Omni-Solar has asked for a 180-day extension as they are running behind due to supply chain and other issues. On the motion of J. James, seconded by McGraw. All in favor, passed.
- The Highway Department Union Contract will need to be negotiated. J. James and L. James have agreed to help with negotiations

**Old Business:** None

At 7:51pm Farwell made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Seconded by J. James. At 8:16pm the meeting reconvened with a motion from Farwell, seconded by McGraw.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allesia A. Heslin, Town Clerk