

Regular Meeting of the Town Board
Of the Town of Cuba
Unapproved

Present:

Supervisor: Barbara Deming

Council Persons: Jerry Scott, Gary Gluck, Lynnford Sweet, Robert Carney

Also Present: Nancy Orcutt, Town Clerk, Steven Nease, Highway Supt.
Gary Fries, Police Chief, and Ambulance Administrator

Supervisor Deming opened the regular meeting at 7PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

15 Minutes for Public Questions: There were no comments.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 01/12/2010: Scott motioned to accept the minutes as presented by the Clerk. Sweet seconded the motion, all in favor, Minutes approved.

Approve the Supervisor's Report for January 2010: Sweet motioned to accept the Supervisor's Report as given, seconded by Gluck, all in favor, motion passed. The General Fund received \$329,965.84 and dispersed \$227,070.08, while the Highway Fund received \$7,650.31 and dispersed \$42,647.12 and the Capital Fund received and dispersed \$145,763.92.

Approve General & Highway Abstract for February 2010: The General Fund dispersed \$203,623.72, Highway, \$48,567.06 and Sewer District #5, \$293,114.83. Two bills totaling \$19.80 need to be added. Gluck motioned to approve the Abstract with the additions, seconded by Sweet. All in favor, Abstract approved.

Clerks Correspondence: There was no correspondence at this time.

Board Comments: The Chamber of Commerce is having a Business After Hours to honor the volunteers. It will be at the Library on February 23. Deming suggested that the Ambulance and Police departments be included. Fries will send in the registration form to include them. A letter was also received from the Office of Real Property Services in Batavia. It states that a check in the amount of \$9,145.24 is being forwarded. It is a payment from State Aid because the Town completed a reval in 2009. This is part of a six-year plan, in which the Town will reassess 1/6th of the Town on an annual basis.

Annual Library Report: Cindy Dutton gave a summary of all the activities and statistics of the Cuba Library. The Cuba Library is a popular materials library, keeping current best sellers, nonfiction for personal use and homework support. Magazines, newspapers, audio books, DVD's etc. are evenly divided between

adult and juvenile materials. She talked about their website and some of the 72 programs presented as well. Over 190 story hours were held. There are several popular afterschool programs, too. About 70% of the registered borrowers live within the Town of Cuba. Library funding comes from a variety of sources. In 2009, \$108,000 came from the voters in the Cuba-Rushford School District, \$17,000 from the Village and \$16,000 from the Town. The Library generated \$9,051 through fines, copy charges, and Room use fees. Gift and memorial money totaled \$4,621. Grant money included \$2,900 from NYS Division of Youth, \$3,132 from Allegany County United Way, \$2,100 NYS Council on the Arts Decentralization Grant, a \$900 Outreach Grant from the Southern Tier Library System, and a \$1,592 NYS Construction Grant for energy savings measures.

Police Department Comments: In January, the department received 299 calls for service and handled 39 cases. UTT's totaled 28 and MVA's, 5.

Ambulance Comments: Last month there were 29 calls to service. Ten of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling 8 and Olean 10 taking 2. There are two new applicants for the squad, no background checks have been completed as of yet.

Fire Department Comments: Chief Randy Snyder reported that Cuba 3 is on for the month of February. February 27th an EVOC Class will be held at Alfred Fire Hall from 8 AM to 4 PM. April 24th and 25th an EVOC Class will be at Scio Fire Hall. Thanks goes to all who attended Holiday Dinner. Red Alert information is almost all loaded on the computer. This is a program where information is inputted on every member to keep record of all activities, tracks inventory, etc. A monthly report is emailed monthly to Albany. Air pack and mask inspection will be held on February 24th. Calls for January: 1 stand by in Clarksville, 1 mutual aid to Clarksville, 1 ambulance assist, 1 C.O. call, 1 jaws to MVA in Friendship, 1 barn fire in Friendship, 1 road flooded, 1 pump detail.

Highway Department Comments: Plowing and sanding has been done as needed. Cutting brush and trimming trees on Witter Road, Mount Monroe, and Health Camp Road is done. The FEMA project is complete on Hilltop Road. This was from the tornado damage last August. There was some damage on Beebe and Bump roads from the heavy rains in late January, where leaves plugged two driveway pipes, this too is complete. More sand for the town road use has been ordered and most of it has been delivered. Equipment repairs: 2003 Sterling, replaced ABS controller, 1999 Mack, replaced the nose plow air controller, an air brake fitting and repaired a flat tire, 2005 F-550, replaced the nose plow trip springs, 2003 Sterling, repaired the dip stick tube, 2004 F-250, replaced the power steering pump. Thanks goes to Kevin Nutt for help with frozen sluice pipes on South Shore Road. Annual fire extinguisher inspection showed the need to replace some of the extinguishers. The Town of Wellsville would like to buy out our portion of the paver we own with Belfast and Amity. Nease needs to do some

research to determine the value of this piece of equipment. It is rarely used and it could be to the Town's advantage to sell. Sweet motioned to allow Nease to look into the value of the paver, for possible sale, seconded by Scott. All in favor, motion passed

Dog Control Officer Comments: The Clerk reported that Haynes had a rather quiet month. Most calls were concerning lost dogs, all were returned to owner without incident.

Old Business:

Sewer District #5 Update: Progress is being tracked on our website, cubany.org.

Police Contract: Gluck and Carney had there first meeting and details will be discussed in Executive Session.

Truck Bids: After a brief discussion, Carney motioned to award the bid to Basil Chevrolet for \$29,399, seconded by Scott. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Roofing Permit Changes: It is now a part of International Code that permits are required for re-roofing. There have always been requirements that needed to be met; now a permit is required for inspection that the job is being done properly, and disposal is taken care of appropriately. The minimum fee currently is \$78 for a building permit. After a lengthy discussion, including conversation that the Board opposes this requirement, it was concluded that since this is repair and maintenance, and not construction, Scott motioned to affix a minimum fee of \$10 to all roofing permits, to be effective immediately. This was seconded by Carney, agreed by the rest of the Board, motion passed. This fee is only enough to cover the costs of paperwork and inspections.

Insurance Addition (Salt Shed): A fee of \$440 is added to the Compensation Insurance to cover the Salt Shed.

Rural Development Grant: The Town has been asked that if we are not going to use the Grant, to release it back into circulation for someone that could. It would be the last money used in the Sewer Project, and the funding preceding its use is ample to finish the project without ever getting to the grant money. After another lengthy discussion, Carney motioned to release the Grant, seconded by Scott, all in favor, motion passed.

Copier: Two quotes have been submitted for a new copier for the Court. After a brief discussion, Gluck motioned to purchase the copier from Acme Business Machines, seconded by Scott. All in favor, motion passed.

At 7:55 PM, the regular meeting was adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues with a motion from Deming and a second by Scott. All in favor, motion passed.

Deming motioned to reopen the regular meeting at 9:30 PM, seconded by Scott, all in favor.

At this time a motion was offered by Deming to hire Craig Blossom as part-time police so he may finish the Police Academy, seconded by Scott, all in favor, motion passed.

Scott motioned to allow the Town Attorney to consult with Dan Spitzer, Bond Counsel, regarding the Sewer District fees, seconded by Sweet, all in favor, motion accepted.

Carney motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:34 PM, being seconded by Deming. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on March 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Cuba Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Orcutt, Town Clerk