

July 8, 2009
Special Meeting of the Town Board
Of the Town of Cuba
NOT YET APPROVED

Present:

Supervisor: Barbara Deming

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

Also Present: Nancy Orcutt, Town Clerk, Gary Fries, Police Chief and
Timothy Root

Supervisor Deming called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM where it went directly into executive session on the motion of Scott, second of Carney and agreement of the entire Board.

The purpose of this executive session was to discuss the hiring of Timothy Root by the Town of Cuba as a part-time police officer so he may attend the Police Academy. After a lengthy discussion, Scott motioned to leave executive session at 7:28 PM, seconded by Gluck, all in favor. During executive session, it was agreed by all that Root could be hired as a part-time police officer without ever being placed on the payroll. This way he could complete the Academy, put in his field training hours with the Cuba Department and look for compensated employment elsewhere. At this time, Carney motioned to hire Root as part-time police officer, under the conditions mentioned, so he may continue at the Academy. Gluck seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed. The Board instructed Chief Fries to furnish Root with a letter stating the Town of Cuba will hire him so he may continue his schooling.

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Regular Meeting of the Town Board
Of the Town of Cuba
NOT YET APPROVED

Present:

Deputy Supervisor: Jerry Scott

Council Persons: Robert Carney, Gary Gluck, Lynnford Sweet

Also Present: Nancy Orcutt, Town Clerk, Gary Fries, Police Chief &
Ambulance Administrator**Absent:**

Barbara Deming, Supervisor, and Steven Nease, Highway Supt.

Deputy Supervisor Scott opened the meeting at 7PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

15 Minutes for Public Questions: Mike Healy introduced himself to the group present. He is running for one of the County Legislator slots and gave a brief resume in handout form to those present. Ken Hintz asked if someone could come up to Health Camp Rd. and divert the water so it runs back into the ditch. Sara Collar voiced her concern about a new Town Hall being built. Scott explained that the Town has property already for the building, rather than taking more property off the tax roll. The project, hopefully,

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will be funded in part by grants or stimulus money, rather than putting the burden on the taxpayer. She also asked about our Police Commissioner position. This person is the liaison between the Police Dept. and the Town Board and is a non-paying position. Her last concern was the amount of money our Supervisor earns yearly. Carney answered by stating our Supervisor does her own bookkeeping rather than hiring an outside firm to do so for her.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 06/09/2009: Gluck motioned to accept the Minutes as presented by the Clerk, seconded by Sweet, all in favor, motion passed.

Approve the Supervisor's Report for June: The General Fund received \$25,460.50, disbursed \$106,023.90 while the Highway Fund received \$0, and disbursed \$31,868.92, and the Capital fund received \$29,399.00 and disbursed \$31,278.25. Sweet motioned to accept the Supervisor's Report as given, seconded by Carney, all in favor, motion passed.

Approve General & Highway Abstract for July: Total for the General Fund is \$77,078.13, Highway Fund is \$81,512.65. Sweet offered the motion to accept the Abstract, seconded by Carney. Motion passed with the agreement of all Board Members.

Clerk's Correspondence: The Clerk reported the Sporting Licenses would go on sale August 17th for the 2009-2010 license year. There is a price increase in all fees this year and the age for a Senior License increased from 65 to 70. Lifetime licenses purchased prior to October 1, 2009 will be exempt from the \$10 DMP fee. The other exception is Resident Jr. Hunter and Jr. Archery License holders.

Board Comments: Sweet would like to publish the new figures for the Sewer District #5 since the project is about to start. Scott responded that when all paperwork is back it would be published. Gluck commented that Deming earns every dollar she makes for the number of hours she puts into her job.

Police Department Comments: The department received 276 calls last month, developing into 31 cases. There were 4 MVA and 21 traffic summonses issued. Letters of resignation received and accepted from Elizabeth Smith and Brandon Brown. Two other officers, Swift and Brisbee have turned in their gear, but not a resignation as of yet. The laptops have been installed in the vehicles and the servers are up and running. Officer Dustin Burch has completed the course for Field Training Officer. This allows him to be able to field train new officers. Corwin Mackney has completed his field training with the Department.

Ambulance Comments: Last month there were 25 calls to service, 20 in Cuba, and 5 in New Hudson. Thirteen of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling 9 and Olean-10, 4. A letter was sent to all personnel to remind them of the semi-annual skills must be completed this month. This is a required medical direction.

Fire Department Comments: Chief Randy Snyder reported the Fire Department took first place with Cuba trucks 9 & 6 at the Allegany Parade. Cuba 3 was on standby at the Lake for the July 3rd fireworks display. PESH visit on

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July 10th checked out very well. Aerial's inspection completed and passed. Cuba 9 was on standby for Olean during a funeral. The County Convention went well and will be back in four years. Thanks go to the Village and Town for all of the help during our recent events. Report of alarms for June 2009: downed power line, 1, downed trees, 2, alarm at Cuba Memorial Hospital, 1, standby, 1, mercy flight, 2, mva, 2. Scott asked Snyder if he could report on an approximate number of times they respond to I86 in a year's time.

Highway Department Comments: The Clerk read Nease's report for the month of June. Graded and rolled Dekay, South, and Hubbell Hill. Roadside mowing is done once around the roads also picked up a portion of Christ View for the Village. Hot patching holes are finished. Chip sealed.8 miles on Summit, .6 miles on Beebe Hill, .9 miles on Health Camp, .1 mile on Jackson Hill and 250 feet on Old East Main with the help of New Hudson, Friendship, Belfast, and Genesee. Two driveway pipe extensions and one new driveway installed. The roof on the dog shelter was repaired for dog control. We responded to two downed trees blocking roadways, one during working hours, one after hours. Nease thanks the Fire Dept. for the help cleaning them up. Assisted new Hudson hauling gravel, Friendship chip sealing, Belfast and Genesee with resurfacing projects. Confirmation from the County DPW and NYSDOT was received that repairs to the Keller Hill Bridge were satisfactory and the yellow flag was remove. Equipment repairs include: replacing the front axle u-bolts and two brake canisters on the 1999 Mack and NYS inspection on the 1999 Mack.

Dog Control Officer Comments: The Clerk also read the Dog Control Officer's report. There were 224.8 miles driven to calls between June 3 and July 8. Three dogs were picked up, one was sent to the SPCA as no owner could be located and two were returned to their owners. Several new dog owners have been contacted about licensing. Several calls have dealt with the pooper-scooper and leash laws. Some tickets have been issued concerning these laws.

Code Enforcement Officer Comments: Permits have been issued for a barn, garage, and apartment on Keller Hill Rd. Work is in progress on an addition at 9047 Bump Rd. and a foundation is ready to be poured at 225 Cuba Lake. Two decks that were permitted are underway. A new home is going up at 325 N Shore Rd.

Old Business:

Highway Contract Update: This needs to be tabled and discussed in executive session. A section is still not satisfactory.

New Business:

Police Health Insurance: Independent Health rates are increasing 4.8% and prescriptions are going up about \$3. Deming needs permission to sign the new contract. Carney made the motion to allow Deming to sign the contract, it was seconded by Sweet, all in favor, motion passed.

Put Durango up for Bid: After a brief discussion, Gluck motioned to put the Durango up for bid to Police or Fire Departments and include lights and

sirens. Minimum bid accepted is \$3,000. Sweet seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Sewer District Ground Breaking Ceremony: There will be a groundbreaking ceremony to honor the start of Cuba's Sewer District #5. It will be held on Monday, August 17 at the Yacht Club, no time has been set as of yet.

Insurance Package: Lee James was present to answer any questions on the Town's Municipal Insurance Package. The cost has gone down approximately \$900 this year. This package includes everything, general liability, buildings, vehicles, equipment, and law enforcement liability, just to mention a few things. Carney motioned to allow Deming to sign contract for the package, seconded by Gluck, all in favor, motion passed.

Open Bids for the Salt Shed Foundation: A. L. Blades, Hornell, NY bid \$39,750.00, Dugan and Dugan, Allegany, NY bid \$32,655.00 and Richard Peck Construction, Allegany, NY bid \$22,638.00. Sweet motioned to have Nease review the bids to make sure they meet specs, seconded by Gluck, all in favor, motion passed.

Comments: Lee James noted the Flag Pole is to be assembled and installed August 5 and 6. Perhaps W. Main St. closes down during that time. In addition, the Garlic Festival is just around the corner, September 18, and 19. Ken Hintz asked who pays for the training of the police officers. Chief Fries explained that part-time officers come to the Cuba Department already trained, from either the academy or other law enforcement agencies. Only if an officer, after the field-training course, which is at no expense to the Town, still needs remedial training, the Town may pick up that expense.

At 7:50 PM Sweet motioned to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and highway contract. It was seconded by Gluck, all in favor, motion passed.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:40PM where Carney rescinded his motion to hire Root for part-time police officer based on the fact his background check was not completed at that time. Gluck seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Sweet motioned to accept the Highway Contract based on the outcome of the negotiations of Article 20 Section 20.1. Motion seconded by Carney, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Orcutt
Town Clerk, Town of Cuba