

June 9, 2009  
Regular 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, Lynnford Sweet

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

Supervisor Deming called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**20 Minutes for Public Comments:** Several Cuba Lake property owners voiced their opinions on the outcome of Grievance Day. The majority of those who followed the process and grieved received a reduction on their assessment. A discussion took place resulting in Deming making the statement that research is in progress to ensure that the property assessments are fair to the Village, Town, and Lake Community. It is too premature at this point to announce how this may come about. The goal of the Board is to have something in place for 2010.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 05/12/2009:** Carney noted that Root was requesting sponsorship for the Police Dept., not Ambulance. Noted and corrected. Carney motioned to accept the Minutes with the correction, seconded by Sweet. All in favor, motion passed.

**Approve the Supervisor's Report for May:** The General Fund received \$24,786.22, disbursed \$48,237.17 while the Highway Fund received \$0, and disbursed \$20,687.30. Sweet motioned to accept the Supervisor's Report as given, seconded by Scott, all in favor, motion passed.

**Approve General & Highway Abstract for June:** Total for the General Fund is \$88,055.16, Highway Fund is \$19,540.93, the Capital Fund is \$29,399.00. Scott offered the motion to accept the Abstract with the addition, seconded by Sweet. Motion passed with the agreement of all Board Members.

**Clerk's Correspondence:** None.

**Board Comments:** Gluck commended Deming and Scott on their efforts to secure stimulus funding for the Town's sewer district project. Deming noted that the EFC, Marty Mack from the Governor's Office, Eric Massa, and Cathy Young had a lot to do with it too. Deming went on to explain that the Town could receive up to \$3.2 million. Some things are fully funded, but that comes into play at the end of construction. During construction, the loan is a short-term note. After the system is completed, the note converts to long-term. At that time, half of the amount of the long-term note will be forgiven with stimulus funds. The question asked was, since the expense is lower, is individual metering possible? Deming said she would bring it up to the engineers, as she does not have the answer.

Deming received a letter from the Cuba Cemetery Board looking for assistance. They are struggling with expenses to maintain the cemetery. Scott explained to the public that if the cemetery could not support itself

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State law mandates that the Town would be responsible, and the Town does not wish to maintain a cemetery. The Cemetery Board plans to send a letter of request for donations. When Black Creek did this last year, they raise approximately \$10,000. Deming stated funds were not set aside in the budget last year as their request was received after the budget had been passed. Deming feels by paying the postage for the mailing, it would do more good than just making a donation. She asked for a motion to spend up to \$350 for the postage. Carney made this a motion, seconded by Scott. All in favor, motion passed.

**Police Department Comments:** The department received 273 calls last month, developing into 37 cases. There were 4 MVA and 27 traffic summonses issued. Laptops have been applied for under the Track Program. This is a NYS Police program developed to print summonses, accident reports etc. at the time of the event instead of when the officer returns to the station. This is a Federal Grant being distributed by the State. Fries has applied for three units and two have been granted. Fries listed several Officers who were certified on the taser last month.

**Ambulance Comments:** Last month there were 19 calls to service, 17 in Cuba, and 2 in New Hudson. Seven of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling 5 and Olean-10, 2.

**Fire Department Comments:** Kevin Nutt, First Assistant Chief, reported for the Fire Department. The demolition derby was held on May 30, Dairy Week ran June 3 - 6 and both events were a success. Information on the state making everyone get a CDL is no longer valid. OCUMED physicals are 99% complete. Applications for a DEC 50/50 grant and a State grant for the pumper/tanker have been sent in. the dry hydrants have been pumped and flushed. May calls include, structure fire, 1, smell of gas, 1, alarm at hospital, 1, alarm at First Presbyterian Church, 1, stand-by, 1, mercy flight 1, and MVA, 1. A special thanks goes out to the Police and ambulance Departments for all the help given during the events sponsored by the Fire Department.

**Highway Department Comments:** Nease reported that they have been hot patching roads, with Witter, W. Cuba, and Spring St., remaining. The cemetery access and service roads have been graded and rolled. A driveway was installed on Summit Road. Concrete barricades were unloaded for the Fire Department for their Demolition Derby. New Hudson had a man out sick and Nease sent a man to help them for the day. Repairs include replace 2003 Sterling tractor protection valve and air dryer, and 2005 Hy-Pac Roller ECM (engine control module).

**Dog Control Officer Comments:** Botens did not file a report due to illness. It will be made available to the Board.

**Code Enforcement Officer Comments:** No report.

**Old Business:**

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**Highway Contract Update:** An agreement was made at the last meeting and the Union representative was supposed to e-mail a copy of the written contract prior to this meeting. It has not yet been received. Scott has spoken the reps and said we should wait for a response.

**New Business:**

**Open Salt Shed Bids:** Deming explained that the Town, Village, and County applied for a shared services grant for the construction of a salt and sand storage shed. The grant awarded \$243,000. Sealed bids revealed Chemung Supply Corporation of Elmira NY bid \$104,891.21 to construct the segmental precast foundation/wall system. No other bids were received for this category. Eastern Cover-all Inc. of Allentown PA bid \$39,214.00 for the construction of a rectangular fabric-tension membrane cover. No other bids received for this category. Announcement of bids acceptance or rejection will be done after Nease reviews the bids to ensure they meet specs. The advantages to having the shed will save \$35,000+ per year. The product will be shielded from the weather saving the product from being flushed out and frozen chunks damaging equipment. Decision will need to be made on who will do the ground work.

At 8:10 PM, Gluck motioned to adjourn to executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters, seconded by Carney, all in favor, motion passed.

At 9:15 PM, the regular meeting reconvened where Sweet motioned to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Carney, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Orcutt  
Town Clerk, Town of Cuba