

March 10, 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, Lynnford Sweet, Gary Gluck

Also Present:

Nancy Orcutt, Town Clerk, Steven Nease, Highway Supt.
 Gary Fries, Police Chief & Ambulance Administrator,
 Donald Donovan, Chairman of Assessors, Bob Strell, MBA
 Valuation and Consulting, John Brearley, JD Brearley
 Consultants, LLC

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

Aaron White introduced himself as a new recruit for the Police Academy. He is a lifelong Cuba resident, currently working at the cheese plant and attending Jamestown Community College. White said he has always wanted to be in law enforcement and looks forward to starting at the academy this August.

15 Minutes for Public to Speak: Terry Keeley addressed the Town Board voicing his concerns on the revaluation. Andy Lindquist asked if the Assessor could tell him the total of the old Tax Roll and the total of the new Tax Roll. Donovan did not have the figures readily available. The last question was from Bob McGarvey. He asked how to find the data on the Town website. Donovan responded that there was some trouble posting this information, but it should become available in the next day or so.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 02/10/2009: Sweet motioned to approve the minutes of the February meeting as presented by the clerk. Seconded by Gluck, all were in favor, Minutes approved.

Approve the Supervisor's Report for February: The General Fund received \$747,071.27, disbursed \$91,891.82 while the Highway Fund received \$432,458.73, and disbursed \$57,322.12. These receipts include the tax revenue. Scott motioned to accept the Supervisor's Report as given, seconded by Sweet, all in favor, motion passed.

Approve General & Highway Abstract for March: Total for the General Fund is \$114,232.36. Highway Fund is \$169,922.57. This includes three BANS, two are renewals and the new one is for the Peterbuilt. Scott offered the motion to accept the Abstract, seconded by Sweet. Motion passed with the agreement of all Board Members.

Clerk's Correspondence: The Fire Department has submitted an application for a games of chance license to be used on March 21. With the background check completed and satisfactory, Orcutt asked for a motion to approve the application. Sweet offered the motion to grant the license, seconded by Gluck, all in favor, motion passed. The Clerk also received a letter from Joseph Schumaker to renew the Junk Yard Permit for 9807 Route 446. The license period is from April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010. Again, the

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Clerk asked for a motion to approve the permit. Scott offered the motion to renew the permit, seconded by Carney, all in favor, motion passed.

Board Comments: Sweet introduced Bob Strell from MBA Valuation and Consulting and asked him to say a few words. He described the process to follow if you are not satisfied with the new assessment. This outline is as it appears in the letter sent out by the Assessor's Office. He then read a statement prepared by the Town Board, and will appear in the Cuba Patriot and the Times Herald.

Police Department Comments: The following are totals for February - UTT, 40, YTD, 80, MVA, 9, YTD, 20, calls for service, 241, YTD, 289 and number of cases, 35, YTD, 62. Chief Fries attended the graduation of John Waide, Frank Schostick and Brandon Brown from the Academy. All three officers walked away with multiple awards. A brief discussion took place on the status of several of the members of the department.

Ambulance Comments: Fries reported it was a slow month for the Squad. Only 15 runs made, five were critical care and all handled by Cuba.

Fire Department Comments: Fire Chief Derek Clement reported Churchville Fire Equipment has completed the annual air pack inspection that PESH requires. All packs passed the flow test. The thermal imaging camera repair cost was \$1,585 compared to the \$15,000 for replacement. An insurance claim has been made for this along with other equipment damage. Kevin Nutt, Jason Butts, and Dan Gadd attended training at the national Fire Academy in Emmetsburg, MD. The courses were all classroom training pertaining to fire officers. Mandated PESH physicals are scheduled for April 14th at the fire hall.

These are required to be done annually and need to meet the PESH and NFPA compliance. Occumed of Western NY have been contracted. Eleven incident responses for February include: MVA, 1, structure fire, 1, stand by, 1, natural gas leak, 1, care fire, 1, chimney fire, 1, automatic alarm, 1, gasoline leak, 1. Chief Clement announced that in April Randy Snyder will be the next Fire Chief. The Board thanked Clement for his services for the past year.

Highway Department Comments: Superintendent Nease reported plowing and sanding done as needed. Ice build up has been removed from Beebe and Bump roads, stabilized spots on gravels roads and cold patched some large potholes on North Branch Road. The guide rail on the Bull Street bridge is now finished. Equipment repairs include: engine repairs on F-550 (covered by warranty), complete brake job on the Interstate trailer, repaired the battery box on the 1996 International and repaired the electric problem with the 3003 Sterling.

Dog Control Officer Comments: The Town Clerk gave the Dog Control Report as submitted by Linda Botens. Complaints this month dealt with barking dogs and the pooper-scooper law. When owners were notified, licenses were checked, and found many of these dogs were unlicensed. This was remedied within a few days.

Code Enforcement Officer Comments: Dick Klein reported that he would be attending a four-day course in Henrietta. Several closeouts should be

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coming through from Atlantic Inland soon. They have told Klein that things are backed up and his final reports should be processed soon, followed by certificates being issued.

Old Business:

Sewer District #5 Update: Waiting for confirmation on the easements for Ischua.

Highway Contract Update: Another meeting is scheduled for March 26th.

Loader Ban: There were no responses received on the Esstopple Notice. The Town may go forth with the B.A.N. for the John Deere Loader.

New Business:

STW Renewal: After a brief discussion Carney motioned to continue with Tier 3 with STW. Motion seconded by Gluck, all in favor, motion passed.

SPCA Contract: The annual contract needs renewed with the SPCA Serving Allegany County. The cost of surrendering an animal is raised to \$35. Gluck motioned the Town should accept the agreement, seconded by Carney. All in favor, motion passed.

Police Car: Carney and Scott have been appointed to a committee to meet with Chief Fries to gather information for a recommendation. Meeting was set for the 11th of March at 2:00 PM.

15 Minutes For The Public to Speak: No further comment.

At 7:55 PM Scott motioned to adjourn to executive session to discuss the revaluation, seconded by Carney, all in favor, motion passed. Invited into this session were David Pullen, John Brearley, John Zukowski, Bob Strell, Merlin Briggs, Don Donovan, Richard Truax, Joan Kottwitz, and Bob Gleason.

At 9:45 PM the regular meeting reconvened where Sweet motioned to include an addition to our Town website to be paid for by John Brearley on a trial basis. It was seconded by Scott. All in favor, motion passed. This addition would provide the new assessment values along with pertinent data on each property in the Town of Cuba. At this time Sweet motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Scott, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Orcutt
Town Clerk, Town of Cuba