

May 13, 2008

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

Present:

Supervisor: Barbara Deming

Council Persons: Jerry Scott, Robert Carney, Lynnford Sweet

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

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

15 Minutes for Public to Speak: Gary Baker, the new owner of Echo Lanes, introduced himself to the Board and announced that he intends to open a bar and restaurant at his establishment. The Clerk confirmed she had received his letter of intent by certified mail as required by law.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 04/08/2008: The minutes were approved on the motion of Carney and second of Sweet. All in favor, motion accepted.

Approve the Supervisor's Report for April: The General Fund received \$13,345.41, disbursed \$54,882.54 while the Highway Fund received \$1,368.26, and disbursed \$29,031.18. Scott motioned to accept the Supervisor's Report as given and Carney seconded it. All in favor, motion passed.

Approve General & Highway Abstract for May: Total for the General Fund is \$176,317.59 and the Highway Fund is \$10,497.19. Deming noted that \$100,000 was not an expense, it is the transfer to the Capital Fund. A motion was offered by Scott and seconded by Carney to accept the Abstract. Motion passed the agreement of all Board Members.

Clerk's Correspondence: A thank you note was received from the Senior Citizens for the donation from the Town to help fund their events for the upcoming year. Orcutt also noted that certified letters were also received from Moonwinks and Carpies on their intent to also renew their liquor licenses.

Board Comments: None.

Police Department Comments: Fries asked the Board to consider John Waide for part time police officer. He is currently in the Batavia Academy. The Academy would like to appoint him as class leader; he needs to be a registered police officer to do this. Waide is a PA at Cuba Hospital and at St. James in Hornell. After some discussion, Scott motioned to appoint John Waide as part time police officer. The second was offered by Sweet. All in favor, motion carried. A contract needs to be signed for the Watkins Glenn races. Every year they hire officers from the surrounding area to help patrol, this year they would like a signed contract. Schuyler County is responsible for everything. FYI, The National Association for the blind has put a gumball machine in the police station. A new evaluation form has been developed, it will now include the part time officers.
 Totals for April - UTT, 13, YTD, 65, MVA, 2, YTD, 15, calls for service, 261, YTD, 956 and number of cases, 18, YTD, 90.

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Ambulance Comments: Five new pagers have been ordered. By ordering five, the Department will receive a \$75 off the price for each trade-in. That makes the final cost \$260 each. On May 19th the Cuba Ambulance will once again visit the third grade class at the Elementary School. This is done in conjunction with the National Medical Emergency Services Week which runs May 19th through the 24th. The Fire Department has requested an ambulance for the Demolition Derby. Now a second has been requested by the promoter. There should be three on scene. Fries feels the second ambulance will be on hold in the bay. Hinsdale and Scio are also going to assist. Barry Cummins has been working on the drawings for the Ambulance Bay. He suggested changing the shape from 60' by 44' to 74' by 30'. The reason for this is to save money on the trusses. This would cut the cost of the trusses in half. Cuba Ambulance responded to 28 calls in April, 17 were Critical Care with Olean 10 handling 6 and Medic 700 one.

Fire Department Comments: Chief Clement reported that Cuba 6, rescue truck went last month for routine service work and NYS inspection. There will be 2 more trucks sent this month for their service work as well. Fire Fighter I Course is underway in Cuba with the first month of classes complete. There is still approximately 2 more months of class to go. There will be a few officers and members attending the Fire Expo in Harrisburg, PA. This is a fire equipment show held every year and is very similar to the NYS chiefs Show held in Lake George. The Department is working hard to get the park ready for the 1st Annual Demolition Derby on May 24th, as well as Dairy Week. There were 11 incident responses for the month of April: Structure Fire, 1, Natural Gas Leak, 1, Grass/Brush Fire, 5, Vehicle Fire, 1, Landing Zone Mercy Flight, 2, Automatic Alarm CMH, 1.

Highway Department Comments: Most of the gravel roads have been graded and rolled. Roadsides and intersections were swept with help from the Village Crew. A small rockslide has been removed and repaired the shoulder on Witter Road. Gravel at the pit is being screened. The Department assisted Belfast with our roller and a man. Hot mix patching of asphalt roads been has started. Brakes on the F-250 have been repaired and a NYS inspection done as well. The F-550 dashboard cluster has been replaced and the 1996 International has new battery. The 1990 broom pillow block assembly bearing was replaced. Nease also reported that Cuba was awarded a Grant for Shared Services to construct a salt shed to be used by the Town and Village.

Dog Control Officer Comments: Botens had 15 hours of tracking and locating loose dogs in the township. Six dogs were picked up and put into the outdoor shelter. Of the six, four owners were found and paid the fees. The other dogs were taken to Allegany Co. SPCA, one had to go immediately as he had been injured on Route 305. Two additional dogs were found that had their tags on and they were returned immediately to the owners. This tends to be the season for lots of dogs roaming, in fact, many other townships called to report their missing dogs. Other concerns this month were barking dogs and the pooper scooper law in the village. There was a total of 135 miles completed. There is one additional concern and this is making sure that all dogs in this township are current with their rabies and licenses. This is the time period to finish the current dog census outside the village.

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Code Enforcement Officer Comments: There are several permits in the works at this time. Not all have been issued to date but they include a garage on North Shore Rd., renovation of a garage and add a deck on South Shore Rd., a deck on Hilltop Rd., redo a foundation and enclose a porch, replace a single wide with a double wide on Route 305 and a demolition of a cottage on South Shore Rd. Klein received a booklet on the ISO rating the Town received. He is going to circulate it amongst the Board. It clearly illustrates what the Town has done to improve the rating and points out the areas still in need of improvement.

Old Business:

Employee Policies: The final form is at Pullen's office to verify that everything is in order.

Sewer District No. 5 Update: Deming has a call in to Tom Swift. No further update until he responds.

Building (Wicks Law): The bill was passed increasing the amount of new construction to \$500,000. This will go into effect on July 1st, 2008. We would be wise to wait until then before starting the new Ambulance Building.

Police Car: The new car should be in by the end of June.

Sewer Project Interim Financing: Funds have been transferred and this Abstract includes some of the bills that needed to be paid. There is also an invoice to reimburse the Town for the mailings and legal expenses.

New Business:

Summer Mowing: Bids were received from Lakeside Lawn & Landscape and David Fries. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Scott and seconded by Sweet to have Fries mow Water St. at \$45 each time and do the trimming on the Ambulance property at \$10 each time and Lakeside mow around Bull St. for \$15 each time. All in favor, motion passed.

Court Credit Cards: The court system will be sent a credit card machine for processing fines, bail etc. This is at absolutely no cost to the Town. There will be no processing fee. The machines will be sent out within the next week or so.

15 Minutes For The Public To Speak: Fries mentioned that at the Village Meeting the Tracewell building transfer was discussed. He questioned if there would be an influx of traffic. His concern was for the poor view from the old Agway building and the school. It was stated that there will be an increase and it will be made know at a later date as to what is going in there and what changes will need to be made.

Motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel was made by Scott at 7:55 PM. The second was made by Sweet. All in favor. At 9:15 the regular meeting reopened where Scott motioned to adjourn. It was seconded by Sweet, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy A. Orcutt, Town Clerk