

**Regular Meeting of the Town Board**  
**Of the Town of Cuba**  
**Not yet approved**

Present:

Supervisor: Barbara Deming

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

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

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

**15 Minutes for Public Questions:** Fred Sinclair, a candidate for County Legislator, introduced himself and gave a brief resume and handouts to those present.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 08/11/2009:** Sweet motioned to accept the minutes as presented by the Clerk. Scott seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed

**Approve the Supervisor's Report for August 2009:** The General Fund received \$21,752.95, disbursed \$67,294.94 while the Highway Fund received \$37.50, and disbursed \$60,765.41. Scott motioned to accept the Supervisor's Report as given, seconded by Sweet, all in favor, motion passed.

**Approve General & Highway Abstract for August:** Total for the General Fund is \$31,278.75, Highway Fund is \$24,973.58, and the Sewer District is \$41,689.17. Deming requested to add the bill for Blue Heron for \$65,294.39. Sweet motioned to add the extra expense, seconded by Gluck. Motion passed with the agreement of all Board Members.

**Clerk's Correspondence:** The Clerk read the results of the Cuba Lake District Election: James Pierotti, 150 votes, David Shemeld, 43 votes for Commissioner to serve a five-year term, Andrew Lindquist, 169 votes for Treasurer, a three-year term and a proposition to amend the Lake Use Rules was voted down, 85 votes to 102 votes.

**Board Comments:** Deming explained the Village will process sewer waste at 4 cents a gallon which is about half of the usual rate. This will be done when the time comes to hook up the Dist. #5 system. CCDC informed the Town we did not qualify this time for the Small Cities Grant.

**Police Department Comments:** The department received 269 calls last month, developing into 22 cases. There were 5 MVA and 37 traffic summonses issued. Several Officers qualified on the range last month, with more to qualify in September.

**Ambulance Comments:** Last month there were 27 calls to service. Twelve of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling 11.

**Fire Department Comments:** Chief Randy Snyder reported that 1 of 3 recalls on Cuba 1 has been taken care of under warranty. There are two new members, Nathan Fox and Kyle Perry. September 11 is the Flag Pole dedication ceremony at 6:00 PM. The Garlic Festival is September 18 – 20. October 11 is Smoky Sunday and the Annual Hose Test is coming up soon. Thanks to the Village and Town for all of the help during our events.

Report of alarms for August 2009, 1 gas alarm, 6 downed trees/lines, 2 alarms of fire (Catt. Co.), 1 Mercy Flight, 2 MVA, 2 structure fires, 2 stand by, 1 mutual aid, 2 cellar pumps, 1 camper fire.

**Highway Department Comments:** Nease reported grading of Bump, Hopkins, Acme, Shaffer, Swift, Townline, Stoll, and a portion of Beebe Hill. Several eroded shoulders on Keller and Jackson Hill have been repaired. A driveway pipe was installed on Beebe Hill with assistance from PJ Shaller and the Village backhoe. A soft area on Stout Rd. has been repaired and has to have asphalt yet. Several more trees have been cleaned up that have fallen in the roadways since the tornado, also, thanks to the Fire Dept. for cleaning a tree on N. Branch that fell early Friday morning. Mowing of roadsides for the second time has been started. Belfast was assisted with a man and our roller, Genesee with a man and a truck, Friendship with a man and a truck. Equipment repairs: Repaired a hydraulic cylinder on our 1997 Rhino mower, a hydraulic hose on the 1999 John Deere tractor, repaired the 2003 Sterling right rear fender brackets. Nease also reported Chemung has the walls for the Salt Shed done and Peck Const. will start soon on the sub-base. Things should be complete around the first of October.

**Dog Control Officer Comments:** The Clerk read the DCO report as submitted by Linda Botens. Many complaints pertain to the pooper-scooper law and unlicensed dogs. After five days, one dog found at large was returned to the owner with all fees being paid. The dog was in poor health and was taken to the SPCA. Our shelter has been completely disinfected, as it is every time a dog leaves the shelter. Botens was authorized to find a home for a cat left on Beebe Hill Rd. unattended. A most unusual call this month dealt with a ferret on the loose. The owner was found and paid all shelter fees as advised by the State. There seems to be a concern within the township as to the number of pit bulls in the area. All pit bulls that have been licensed are being monitored as far as keeping the dogs on leashes or within some type of outdoor shelter.

**Code Enforcement:** The Clerk reported in Klein's absence that permits for two Lake Properties have been renewed, a permit for a double wide has been approved, and a mobile home has been permitted to be moved from Abbots Rd. to Route 305.

**Old Business:**

**Highway Contract Update:** Sweet called and left a message with Bob Haig with no response. Scott asked Nease to have Chad Smith call him in the morning to discuss the situation.

**Durango Bids:** One bid has been received from the Town of Friendship. They have offered \$3,000. Gluck motioned to accept the bid, seconded by Scott. All in favor, motion passed.

**Hospital Project:** Another meeting was held and they would like to start in the spring.

**Sewer District Update:** The drilling under the expressway has started and the pipe is being pushed through. The electrical needs and designs for the school have been determined and should be hooked up soon. Homeowners have been notified on the North Shore all the way to Carpies. The made in America issue on the Grant has been satisfied.

**New Business:**

**Police Contract:** Scott and Gluck have been appointed to negotiate the new contract.

**Tax Collection:** The County has been given a grant for upgrading the tax process. This would allow the County to look at the collection of all the Towns at any given time and know where they are at during the tax season. It also allows the towns to do the same. Some advantages for the towns would be to answer questions for taxpayers that may have called the wrong taxing district. Rather than looking for information to direct them to the right person, the questions can be taken care of on the spot, as long as that town is also on the same system. The Grant will pay for all training and software. Hardware is the responsibility of the town. The difference in price to the Town of Cuba for what we are using now, and the Systems East program, is only \$35 a year. Eventually, the taxpayer will have limited access to the Tax Website. It will also allow taxpayers to use their credit card for payment at an additional 3% fee. The Town of Cuba would go online with this program in January 2011. Sweet motioned to sign up for the program, seconded by Carney, all in favor, motion passed.

**Budget:** All worksheets are due now.

**Adjourn to Executive Session:** Highway Contract and Personnel Matters

At 8:05 PM, Scott motioned to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and highway contract. It was seconded by Sweet, all in favor, motion passed.

At 8:55 PM the regular meeting reconvened where Sweet motioned to adjourn, seconded by Carney, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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