

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

Also Present: Nancy Orcutt, Town Clerk, Steven Nease, Highway Supt.
Gary Fries, Police Chief & Ambulance Administrator,
Bob Strell, MBA Valuation and Consulting, David
Pullen, Town Attorney

Absent: Lynnford Sweet, Council Person

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

Supervisor Deming read a prepared statement concerning the Revaluation. Assessments were brought from a 78% to a 100% Equalization Rate. The assessors were advised no matter what was done; legal action could result if any one neighborhood was shown preferential treatment. The assessments are based on fair market value. There are errors, some major, some minor. The informal hearings have allowed adjustments to be made before the Tentative Roll is filed with the County. These will be posted on our web site, cubany.org, on or after April 17th. If you feel your property is still in error, Grievance Day is set for May 26th.

Robert Strell & 30 Minutes for Public to Speak: Mr. Strell fielded questions concerning land values, availability of the assessors, using neighborhoods to divide the Town for reval purposes. Other subjects touched on were square footage prices, full market value meaning, and how the senior citizens are going to be able to deal with any issues they may have. After 55 minutes, instead of the 30 promised by Deming, she ended the discussion in the formal meeting. Those who still wished to talk with Mr. Strell moved to another area in the library so the Board could continue with the Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 03/10/2009: Gluck asked to correct the spelling of Aaron Wight's name and motioned to approve the minutes of the March meeting as presented by the clerk. Seconded by Scott, all were in favor, Minutes approved.

Approve the Supervisor's Report for March: The General Fund received \$23,101.20, disbursed \$59,601.51 while the Highway Fund received \$122,635.00, and disbursed \$181,347.72, this included the new truck. Scott motioned to accept the Supervisor's Report as given, seconded by Carney, all in favor, motion passed.

Approve General & Highway Abstract for April: Total for the General Fund is \$39,516.03. Highway Fund is \$13,008.53. Gluck offered the

motion to accept the Abstract, seconded by Scott. Motion passed with the agreement of all Board Members.

Clerk's Correspondence: A letter of intent has been received from Carpie's and the Am Vets to renew their liquor license. In addition, a notice has been received that Jan's Outdoor Supply has been approved for another year to maintain a magazine for smokeless powder.

Board Comments: None.

Police Department Comments: Lance Edwards has turned in his letter of resignation. The department received 278 calls last month, developing into 44 cases. There were 5 MVA and 27 traffic summonses issued

Ambulance Comments: Last month resulted in 17 calls, 13 in Cuba, and 4 in New Hudson. Two calls were sign-offs and 3 were stand-by calls. Eleven of these were Critical Care, all handled by Cuba.

Fire Department Comments: Fire Chief Randy Snyder reported that mandated physicals started tonight at 5PM. Nick Sweet underwent surgery for his neck injury on the 10th and is now home recuperating. The standby crew went to Friendship for their annual dinner. The gun raffle was a great success. Trucks were used for the Easter Egg Hunt and to bring Easter Bunny to the Fire Hall. There were 14 calls for service for the month of March. MVA, 3, vehicle fire, 1, stand by, 1, structure fire, 4, tree in road, 1, grass fire, 3, mercy flight, 1. The department received a wonderful letter of gratitude from Martha Bennett, Myrtle Hunt, and Lori Tiller. Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Hunt were occupants of the house fire on County Road 20 in January and they expressed their sincere thanks to the Department for all their efforts. A copy of this letter is attached to the end of these Minutes.

Highway Department Comments: Deming read the report for the Highway in Neases absence. Cold patching of asphalt roads has begun. Cutting brush and trimming trees on Stout Road has been done. Brooming excess sand from roadsides and working in the pit are also being done. Documentation from NYSDOT received that the guide rail on the Bull St. Bridge is OK and the yellow flag's removed. Equipment repairs include: NYS inspection on the F-550, NYS inspection on the 2008 Peterbuilt, 1989 Dresser grader winter service and repairs, 1999 John Deere tractor winter service and repairs, 1999 Mack rear brakes and oil pan repaired and 2005 f-250 transmission oil pan repaired.

Dog Control Officer Comments: The Town Clerk gave the Dog Control Report as submitted by Linda Botens. From March 5 through April 9, 70.4 miles had been completed for calls within the Town of Cuba. Calls included four loose dogs, barking complaints in the village and a pooper-scooper violation and a potential cruelty case. All calls were quickly resolved. After May 1st, the dog census will continue outside the Village. Notices will be placed in the Patriot and the Olean Times Herald. Census will be conducted by Botens, Claudette Haynes, Deputy

DCO and her husband, Matt. The Haynes are taking a certified Dog Control Officer Class offered through Hilbert College.

Code Enforcement Officer Comments: Dick Klein reported a new home being built at 325 Cuba Lake, a renewal permit is being worked out with another resident of Cuba Lake and a boathouse is being torn down at 315 N. Shore Rd. A manufactured home will be replacing a smaller camp building on Beebe Hill Rd. An addition will be added to a seasonal residence on Bump Rd.

Old Business:

Sewer District #5 Update: A pre-construction conference will be held on Thursday, April 16 and bids will be opened on the 28th at 2PM at Town Hall.

Highway Contract Update: Another meeting is scheduled.

CDBG GRANT: Deming called for a roll call vote on approving the Community Development Block Grant discussed at the public hearing earlier tonight. The vote is as follows: Scott, yes, Gluck, yes, Deming, yes, Carney, abstain, Sweet, absent. The resolution is attached at the end of the Minutes.

New Business:

Mowing Contract: The Town has again asked for bids to mow around Town Hall and the property on Water St. The Board would like to have at least two bids and only one has been received at this time. Scott motioned to table the topic until next month, seconded by Carney, all in favor, tabled.

Gravel from Pit: The DEC is starting to clean up the old dump on Jackson Hill Rd and has contacted Nease to purchase the overburden from the pit at the same rate as Blades paid last year, 65 cents/cubic yard. Gluck motioned to have a contract drawn up and sell the overburden to them at 65 cents/cubic yard. This was seconded by Carney, all in favor, motion carried.

Appointment to BAR: Robert Gleason has turned in letter of resignation from the Board of Assessment Review. Carney motioned to appoint Joseph Thompson to replace him, seconded by Scott. All in favor, motion carried.

County Bridges: Allegany County DOT is asking the Town to support a dedicated bridge fund. The topic was tabled to be able to further understand what is expected of the Town.

At 8:30 PM, Scott motioned to adjourn to executive session to discuss police matters, seconded by Carney, all in favor, motion passed.

At 9:35 PM, the regular meeting reconvened where Carney motioned to purchase a 2009 Dodge Durango for \$21,972.37. This was seconded by Gluck, all in favor, motion passed. Gluck then motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Scott, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Orcutt
Town Clerk, Town of Cuba