

September 9, 2008
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

Also Present: Nancy Orcutt, Town Clerk, Gary Fries, Police Chief &
Ambulance Administrator, 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: There were no comments at this time.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 08/12/2008: The minutes were approved as submitted on the motion of Sweet and second of Scott. All in favor, motion accepted.

Approve the Supervisor's Report for August: The General Fund received \$134,561.06, disbursed \$101,579.74 while the Highway Fund received \$332.00, and disbursed \$165,661.36 and the Capital Fund received \$108,560.36 and dispersed \$101,064.42. The Highway Fund included \$70,000 for final payment on the truck. Scott motioned to accept the Supervisor's Report as given. With the second of Carney and agreement of the rest of the board, motion carried.

Approve General & Highway Abstract for September: Total for the General Fund is \$53,441.62, Highway Fund is \$46,132.78. A motion was offered by Scott and seconded by Carney to accept the Abstract as presented. Motion passed with the agreement of all Board Members.

Clerk's Correspondence: A letter was received with the results of the Annual Election of the Cuba Lake District, held on August 30th. A five-year term for Commissioner was voted on, and Gerald Collins received 44 votes.

Board Comments: Scott received a request from Ann Brungard from the Cuba-Rushford School. In an effort to save tax dollars, the bus routes have been changed which now has some high school students walking to the Elementary School to be picked up and taken by bus. Concern was expressed that the few sidewalks in the Town may not be kept clear of snow and ice. This could be a hazardous situation for students that now need to walk to the Elementary School. After a brief discussion, it was decided to mail a letter to those residents with sidewalks, requesting they keep them cleared.

Police Department Comments: Totals for August - UTT, 60, YTD, 369, MVA, 8, YTD, 58, calls for service, 313, YTD, 2354 and number of cases, 25, YTD, 246. There are still complaints that parking on Main Street is not being enforced. Fries gave all the storeowners a letter explaining the regulation and requested that the tenants in the upper apartments be notified as well. Chief Fries is going to order a chalk stick to mark tires and be able to issue tickets to violators. If there is a car in question by a storeowner, they should feel free to call the station and report it. Radar has been run on South Street and there are no real violators of speed. The noise factor

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was also not found. There is an officer in the academy that was hired by Friendship that needs field training. Fries stated that Cuba would do 160 hours of training with him at no expense to the Town. Jeff Dahill will be gone soon as he has applied with the Olean Police Department and they do not allow officers to work for other locations. The new car arrived on September 5th. Arrangements are being made to transfer equipment; equipment that cannot be transferred will have to be ordered. It was decided on a motion by Sweet to sell the Jeep with a minimum bid of \$1500. It was seconded by Scott, all in favor, motion passed. All officers except two have qualified on the firing range. Those two will qualify through the Sheriff's Department.

Ambulance Comments: There were 35 calls to service for August. Of these, 14 were critical care calls with Cuba handling 8 and Olean-10, 6. A new policy regarding seat belts has been added. Policy is also being re-written concerning HIV as required by the State Department of Health. At the last Olean Medical Director's Meeting is stressed that all agencies adhere to the requirement to wear reflective vests and they should be Class 3 Break-aways. They are also required for police. The average cost is approximately \$40 each. They will soon be ordered. Questionnaires have been sent out again and all responses have been favorable. One contained a \$200 donation. The Midget, Pony, Pee Wee games are now to be considered "special events" and the ambulance personnel will be paid \$5 an hour for the session because the games last as long as 5 hours. The \$14 per session previously paid is unfair to the members who are on standby.

Fire Department Comments: The department attended the Allegany County Expo in Wellsville at River Walk Plaza this past Saturday. The Fire Expo is put on every year by the Allegany County Fireman's Association, and KA-102 Radio. This give the Community a chance to come and view the equipment used for emergency service. The department provided a tanker and crew to Clarksville; they had an old house that they performed a controlled burn Cuba 9 Arial went the Lyman's Truck Repair last week for a NYS inspection. While it was there they found a problem in the front spring pins, and replaced with new parts. Part of the truck committee went to Louisiana a few weeks ago where they performed the pre-pain inspection. This is done to check for errors in the truck that need to be fixed or changed prior to paint. Extra reinforcement in the cab steps compartment door configuration was necessary, and whether we wanted places painted or polished aluminum. There report overall was excellent, the truck was reported to look great. The truck has arrived in Boston, NY at the service shop for final lettering and detailing. We will be going up in the next few days for decisions on the lettering and the final inspection. There were six incident responses for August, MVA, 2, Alarm of Fire, 1, Assist Ambulance, 1, Aerosol Can Explosion, 1, Grass Fire, 1.

Highway Department Comments: The shoulders on Summit and Beebe Hill were graveled with help from Allegany County DPW, also assisted by Town of Belfast and Town of Clarksville. Graded and graveled a portion of Summit and repaired a sluice pipe that was partially washed out. Also graded Farnsworth and Bump roads. Also mixed-paved a tenth of a mile on the upper end of Beebe Hill and about the same distance on Old East Main Street. Ditching and grading has been done on Hubbell Hill. The roadsides are being

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mowed, and it is almost done. A truck was sent to Belfast to help haul gravel, a man and truck was sent to Friendship to help chip seal. Equipment repairs include replacing the transmission cooling lines in the F-550, repaired the excavator bucket bottom. The autocar that was on Teitsworth Auction received a bid of \$8,100 from someone in Maine. The cost to list it was \$100; a check for \$8,000 will be here soon. Bull Street and Keller Hill bridges were painted by the County in their five-year program and the Farnsworth bridge was paved, leaving a little dress work for the Department to finish up. Nease was approached by four other Towns to share the expense of purchasing an asphalt zipper. The cost to Cuba would be between \$4,000 to \$5,000 for the next five years. The offer will be turned down because out budget cannot support it.

Dog Control Officer Comments: In the month of August, there were eight major incidents, with a total of 93.8 miles completed. Two dogs were seized and returned to the owners almost immediately due to licenses being on the dogs. One dog did stay in the shelter for a few hours until the owner was found. Each of these cases the dogs either broke a chain or went through a screen door. No tickets were issued. New warning notices have been issued for certain violations. This seems to be working very well. Two other cases are still pending due to the seriousness of the problems, one deal with cruelty, and the other deals with dogs running at large and becoming a threat. The dog census has been completed in certain parts of the Town.

Code Enforcement Officer Comments: Copies of the renderings of the proposed Ambulance Bay are in Klein's possession. Next Monday is a meeting of the Zoning Board. Deming and Klein will be present to obtain the necessary permits involved in getting the project started.

Old Business:

Sewer District #5 Update: Most of the easements are in and a meeting will be held to decide what to do with the ones not yet received.

Reval Update: The reval is going smoothly thus far. No information will be going out until the assessments are complete.

Budget Information: Almost all information has been compiled. A workshop will have to be set for final adjustments.

New Business:

Ambulance Building: After a brief discussion, all seem to be in favor of the layout.

15 Minutes For The Public to Speak: No comments.

At 8:15 PM motion to adjourn was offered by Scott and seconded by Carney. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Orcutt
Town Clerk, Town of Cuba