

UNAPPROVED

THE CUBA VILLAGE MONTH BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 9, 2007 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CUBA VILLAGE HALL, 17 E. MAIN ST.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Taylor, Trustees John Shelley, David Sweeten and Michael Doyle. Trustee Judith Zayac was not present. Superintendent of Public Works Richard Hall and Clerk/Treasurer Diane Wilson.

ALSO PRESENT: Jason Butts, 2nd Lieutenant of the Cuba Fire Dept., Donald Donovan and Wendall Brown, Director of the Friendship Empire Zone.

THE MAYOR OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MINUTES: Clerk Wilson copied the Board on the minutes of the 6-11-07 monthly board meeting. Ms. Wilson informed the Board that on page three under the Building Insp. Report one of the properties listed as in violation of the code was not. This property of the Colleen Sheahan Estate at 6 Maple St. should not have been on the list. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DAVID SWEETEN AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 6-11-07 WITH THE ABOVE CORRECTION.**

BILLS: Clerk/Treasurer Wilson copied the Board on Vouchers 37-97 of bills to be paid this month in the amount of \$86,043.18. She also explained that in the first two months of the new fiscal year there are many bills that have to be paid right away for the new fiscal year, such as insurance, contract payments, tax bills, etc. The breakdown by funds for these bills is as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$61,392.56
WATER FUND	\$10,022.92
SEWER FUND	\$12,390.20
CAPITAL FUND	\$ 2,237.50

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JOHN SHELLEY AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DAVID SWEETEN TO PAY THE MONTHLY BILLS. THIS WAS APPROVED.

GUESTS: Wendall Brown, Director of the Friendship Empire Zone came to the Board meeting to inform the Board of a lot of changes that have occurred since the zone was established in 1994. In his presentation he gave a vision statement, goals and objectives, today's situation, thirteen-year results. Mr. Brown explained Regionally Significant Projects and the eligibility requirements. Mr. Brown also informed the Board that Senator Winner's Empire Zone reform legislation was developed based upon a Legislative Commission on Rural Resources (LCRR) survey last year of Empire Zone officials in 35 rural counties. A December 2006 report from the LCRR, "Actions to Revitalize Rural New York

through an Enhanced Empire Zone Program," summarizes the survey's findings, highlights the recommendations offered by local zone officials and provides a map of both rural and urban zones statewide.

Winner told Assembly leaders that his proposed legislation would promote flexibility and streamlining in the current Empire Zone program so that it's more useful to rural areas and small business development.

Mayor Taylor asked if the Board had any questions for Mr. Brown? Mayor Taylor asked Mr. Brown what Senator Winner had in mind for the Friendship Empire Zone? Mr. Brown stated to simplify the paperwork and employment issues. Mr. Brown was thanked for attending this meeting and giving his presentation.

POLICE REPORT: none

FIRE DEPT. REPORT: Jason Butts, 2nd Lieutenant reported the following:

A truck was sent Cuba Lake Yacht Club for standby for the July 3rd fireworks.

Sent the Rescue Truck, Cuba 6, to Andover's July 4th celebration parade and we received 2 trophies, one for newest rescue and best appearing rescue.

This week is the Allegany County Fireman's Convention in Belfast, July 11th through the 14th. The department will be participating in fire matics events as well as a marching unit and trucks for the parade on Saturday July 14th.

Cuba 3 Pumper is having pump problems again. Hale Pumps has been contacted to look at the pump to see what needs to be done to resolve the problem. Have not heard back yet from them.

The fire department responded to 13 incidents for the month of June.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CEO: Mr. Klein gave the Board a copy of his report for the month, as he could not attend this meeting. Mayor Taylor pointed out a couple items on this report. Mr. Klein counted 8 blue inflatable pools in the Village, which require a building and zoning permit. Pool specs and applications are available in the Village Hall. Mr. Klein will be contacting these individuals starting 7-11-07. Also Mr. Klein posted notices on to properties he has condemned. These properties are 14 Chapel St. and 17 Medbury Heights. A legal notice has been drafted siteing Village Codes and State property maintenance codes. The condemned process will be slow and it is quite expensive to have the Village demolish these properties.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Hall reported that top soil, grass seed and hay were put on at 20 locations were trees were planted, water was work was done etc. Tree grant work has been completed and he has completed the narrative so that the Clerk can send the grant completion work into the state for reimbursement.

Streets are being swept on Fridays.

The drain on Medbury and Union Sts., along with lawn work is done. Grate across driveway still to do.

I&I Smoke testing is complete. About 80-90 reports to do for the engineer.

Working on patching potholes throughout Village.

Crack sealed E. Main St.

Read water meters.

Brush hogged by I-86 interchange.

FEMA grant reports filled out and submitted for Spring St. Hill riprap.

A nuisance letter was sent to an individual for a tree on his property. Talked to the property owner and he will rectify this problem.

There has been some vandalism at Chamberlain Park. A certain group of kids have been doing this. The police department will meet with the Mayor on this.

Crew is doing a great job as usual.

In the coming month there are various projects that will begin. North Branch Rd. will be done as soon as A.L. Blades can free a crew up from the I-86 project.

Sidewalk replacement will begin. We will also get under motion with the drain line on Hardy St. Drain line on Spring Street Hill will be replaced.

Trustee Sweeten asked Mr. Hall how the new mower was working? Mr. Hall stated wonderful, the crew was very happy with it.

Mayor Taylor asked how the new man was working out. He is working out well, he can free up a man when two men are needed to work by himself some place else and let the new guy work with someone to learn.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Ms. Wilson reported that she received from the Allegany County Real Property Tax Service an error report on parcel #179.7-1-41.5 for property located on Bristol Street in the name of Erin's Isle Co. They were billed for a taxable value of \$852,621. and the corrected value is \$825,000. With a corrected tax of \$11,913.00 which is \$398.85 the Village will not receive this year 2007.

Water and sewer bills were sent out July 3, 2007. In the near future the Clerk would like to set up a finance committee meeting for the end of July. She will contact the finance committee on a date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Trustee Shelley reported that personnel issues concerning sick time needs to be talked about after hearing from MYCOM and the Village Attorney. This will be tabled until more information is obtained. Trustee Sweeten wanted to know if another refuse meeting had been scheduled? Mayor Taylor stated that he has not heard from Friendship as they had canceled the previous meeting and said they would get back to us the next week but have not.

Trustee Doyle reported a meeting he and Mayor Taylor attended at STW to apply for funds to create a Strategic Plan for the Village and Town of Cuba and other

major stakeholders, such as the Chamber. Any money that we have received thus far from grants was because the Village does have a Strategic Plan. Therefore a Town wide plan would be very helpful for other bigger projects.

MAYORS REPORTS: Mayor Taylor reported that he received a draft agreement from Empire State Development for the Cuba-Restore Palmer Block, Project #U956. This agreement is Grant Disbursement Agreement. This has been reviewed by both the Village Attorney John Cappellini and Bill Reemtsen of Stuart Brown Associates. They find that the draft grant agreement accurately describes the project and the budget of the project. This agreement is for the Village to accept the funding and any obligations the agreement states. There is no financial obligations from the Village only what is covered by the grant once the project is completed and all documentation is met funding will be received to cover all expenses of the project.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JOHN SHELLEY AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE TO GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE FINAL GRANT DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT ONCE RECEIVED. THIS PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Sweeten is reporting that after several meetings with the fire department and fire truck Village Committee meetings the committees recommendation on the request from the Cuba Fire Dept. was to allow them \$240,000. for 7 years. This would include \$220,000. for a new truck and \$20,000. for repairs to the 1994 truck. A letter will be sent to the department fire truck committee explaining the Boards recommendation. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE DAVID SWEETEN AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE TO ALLOW THE CUBA FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SEEK BIDS FOR A NEW TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,000. AND THE VILLAGE WILL GIVE THE DEPARTMENT \$20,000. FOR REPAIR ON THE 1994 TRUCK. THIS WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Shelley thanked everyone who contributed to his care package after his surgery and their concerns. Clerk Wilson informed the Board that one member initiative grant has been sent for reimbursement of \$6,800. for the engineering fees for the I & I project. The other grant will be sent in next couple of days and the tree grant will be also for reimbursement.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE DAVID SWEETEN AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE AND PASSED TO ADJOURN THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.

TIME: 8:00 PM

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
D. WILSON**

