

UNAPPROVED

The Cuba Village monthly board meeting was held on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Cuba Village Hall, 17 E. Main St.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Taylor, Trustees Judith Zayac, John Shelley, David Sweeten and Michael Doyle.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Public Works Richard Hall, Clerk/Treasurer Diane Wilson, Fire Chief Derek Clement, WWTP Operator Lloyd Lewis, Donald Donovan and Carl Racibor.

THE MAYOR OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND WELCOMED EVERYONE.

GUESTS: Carl Racibor attended this meeting to offer some suggestions on decreasing the budget to lower the taxes. He would like the Board to look at decreasing the budget on each line item by 10 percent. He feels the Village Board should communicate with the taxpayers more and let them know that they may not be able to have the services in the Village that they have had in the past. He stated that the taxes in New York State are going higher and property values are coming down. People are moving out because of these things. Trustee Zayac stated that the Board does look at the budget line items at every budget meeting to see where they can cut. The Board had a horrible time this year with the budget and at the time of adoption it was very difficult and the Board did hesitate on the adoption. The Mayor and the Board thanked Mr. Racibor for attending this meeting and expressing his concerns. His concerns are taken to heart and the Board will take a look at the next budget workshop time at his suggestions.

MINUTES: Clerk Wilson copied the Board on the minutes of the 6-2-08-board meeting. **WITH NO CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JUDITH ZAYAC AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DAVID SWEETEN AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 6-2-08 BOARD MEETING.**

BILLS: Clerk/Treasurer Wilson gave to the Board an Abstract of Vouchers 11-100 and 5-31-08 year ending vouchers 823-829 totaling \$158,085.26. Ms. Wilson noted that Junes bills are usually high do to the following; first quarter library contract payment, fire department contract payment, insurance for the Village trucks, buildings, etc as well as fire trucks is paid this month. Several trees and stumps were removed, the WWTP UV bulbs were ordered. The breakdown is as follows for these vouchers:

GENERAL FUND	\$100,633.41
WATER FUND	\$ 32,958.68
SEWER FUND	\$ 24,493.17

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DAVID SWEETEN AND PASSED TO PAY THE MONTHLY BILLS TOTALING \$158,085.26.

POLICE DEPT: Chief Fries did not attend this meeting but had left for the Board a copy of the Town of Friendships curfew law and the code committee will take a look at this. The Chief also dropped off a written report to the Board and is on file in the Village Hall.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Clement reported that on July 3rd a pumper and crew was provided for standby at the Cuba Lake Yacht Club during the fireworks. July 4th the rescue and Ariel went to Andover for their July 4th parade. First place was received for the rescue truck. July 9th-12th the department attending the Allegany County Fireman's Convention in Wellsville. The department competed against other departments in firematics, truck rodeo, truck judging and parade. The department places in several events and placed 2nd overall for the week. July 29th the department will be attending the Cattaraugus County Fair in Little Valley to participate in their parade, the rescue truck and Ariel will be sent. The department has purchased a new Hydrostatic hose test machine for annual testing of our fire hose required by OSHA and NFPA. This machine will not only relieve the possibility of damage to our truck pumps, but will also cut the risk of injury from a failure of a hose line. The department responded to 9 calls for the month of June.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CEO: N/A

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: Mr. Lewis reported that the UV Bulbs are in and as soon as Mr. Hall has a full crew he will have one of them help him install these bulbs. He came in the other morning and noticed that one of the cables for trickling filter was broken and this also needs to fix when manpower is available. Also been stock piling sludge, have about 10-12 loads when the manpower is available as one of the crew is still off work because of an injury. Should be back to work this month. The #2 final clarifier quite, Mr. Lewis stated that he tinkered with to torque limiting switch and got it going again. Mayor Taylor commented that it is just wearing out and Mr. Lewis agreed. Mr. Racibor asked if with the hospital and the lake coming on would be the need of updates to the plant. Mr. Lewis stated no the plant is capable of treating their solids; actually this will help the plant. The plant was built larger than needed for current users. The plant is over 20 years old and needs to have things replaced as they are wearing out.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Hall reported the following:

1. Read water meters
2. Replaced water shut-off stem @ Cuba P.D.
3. Repaired hydrant on Center St.

4. Installed water/sewer service for new funeral home on Bull St.
5. Cleaned sidewalk and bridge off on Bristol St.
6. Installed "United We Stand" sign in Genesee Parkway for the Chamber
7. Mowing and weed eating as needed
8. More hammered bark in Willowbank Park around trees as per tree board
9. Installed catch basin corner of Maple & Hardy Streets
10. Cleaning ditches-Windsor, Bristol and Woodruff Streets
11. Ran brush hog and weed eater by I-86 interchange per our contract with NYS DOT
12. Two new "Handicap" parking spots established
13. "Storm water survey" sheets 2nd notices are coming back in. I have 76 more sheets of data to get entered when time permits.
14. Repaired Main High Pressure elbow on sewer machine
15. Streets are striped and other insignia's placed where needed
16. Repaired lawns from previous work-top soil, seed & hay
17. Thanks to the Town of Cuba for all their help. They helped us patch the parade route and also on Spring St. and Hill where the new sewer line was installed last fall
18. We swept up loose stone on Farnsworth and Hamilton Hill Roads for the Town of Cuba the stone is deposit at the Village garage for use by the Town and Village is needed
19. Tree work has been completed for the year. New trees on East Main (Business District) as well as 3 on South Street and one at 93 West Main. Trees slated for removal are down
20. Vandalism in the Village seems to be getting worse-signs being spray painted on a daily basis, garbage receptacle on Main Street being bent up continuously and wood has been stolen from our shop
21. Gazebo damaged over the weekend. Police have been informed and have taken names persons who may have done the damage.

CLERK/TREASURER: Ms. Wilson reported that the sewer fund was running very low and in order to pay bills she needs to borrow from the water fund \$20,000. This has been done in the past and she is in hope that before the end of the fiscal year this can be paid back to the water fund. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE JUDITH ZAYAC AND PASSED TO LOAN THE SEWER FUND \$20,000. FROM THE WATER FUND.**

Water/sewer bills were sent out on July 3rd. Water was approximately 41,300 and sewer 44,200.

Clerk Wilson informed the Board that the Time Warner Cable tax bill in the amount of \$1,203.74 was returned to this office along with a letter stating that pursuant to the franchise agreement the cable company pays a franchise fee to the Village to operate in a public right of way. Section 626(1) of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York provides that the amount paid as a

franchise fee is to be deducted from the taxes levied on a special franchise. Therefore, this amount will be deducted from the tax warrant and not turned over to the County for reimbursement. When the franchise fee is received in March of 2009 this amount of \$1,203.74 will be transferred to the taxes received.

Ms. Wilson reported that the 2008 Village Taxes are coming in good.

A park use application was received from Sargeants Trucking for the use of Willowbank Park on September 13th or 20th as a rain date. In this application they were asking for a variance to have alcohol in the park for their company picnic. They have asked in the past and it was granted and there has not been any problem.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE JOHN SHELLEY AND PASSED TO GIVE PERMISSION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT WILLOWBANK PARK FOR THE SARGEANTS TRUCKING COMPANY PICNIC ON SEPT. 13 OR 20.

Cindy Colley had asked the Clerk to ask the Board for permission to close down Grove St. on August 23rd for the Grove St. picnic from noon to 6:00 pm. This was granted in the past and the Board approved this time as well.

Ms. Wilson had copied the Board on the end of year, 5-31-08 Transfers and Amendments. These were mostly for fuel and utilities. The Board made a **MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS OF TRANSFERS FOR YEAR END 5-31-08, WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THIS MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JUDITH ZAYAC AND SECONDED BY JOHN SHELLEY TO GIVE THE CLERK/TREASURER PERMISSION TO DO YEAR-END TRANSFER AND AMENDMENTS.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Trustee Zayac reported that the finance committee met on June 17th and discussed the year-end finances. It looks pretty dismal gas and utilities are high. On July 18th at 8:00 am the committee will meet again to go over year-end once transfer and amendments were made and look at bank reconciliations. This committee will meet monthly.

Trustee Shelley reported that the Personnel Committee met with the Villages union representative and as things are in negotiation nothing is to be reported.

Trustee Shelley reported that at the last refuse meeting with Friendship, Friendship is finalizing a pick up contract with the Friendship School.

Bob Cummins is getting quotes for painting the packer.

Tom Taylor suggested that the committee seriously look at purchasing a new packer in the near future.

The recycling agreement with Crown-Y is working well.

A motion was made to have repair work done at I86 Repair and Towing.

Friendship provided a copy of a proposed Solid Waste Law and ask Cuba to review it. Trustee Shelley there is some items in it that the Village should take a look at.

Discussion took place on a contingency plan for packer/recycling truck breakdown and this will be discussed further.

The next meeting will be held on 9-3-08 at 1:00 pm in the Cuba Village Hall.

The Code Committee will be meeting on July 17th at 6:00 pm in the Cuba Village Hall to review Village code.

Trustee Doyle state that the Transportation Enhancement Grant application has been sent. This is a grant for approximately \$450,000. This would be to connect the Greenway plan; it would include a walking bridge on Bull and Prospect Sts., sidewalks for Bull St. and Bristol St. This would connect with the historic areas of our Village. Should know about the awarding of this grant by the end of December 2008. Trustee Zayac wanted to thank Mike for the great job on putting this grant together as well as John Buzzard for the map and John Shelley with his help with the map which was included with this grant application.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Taylor thanked James and Jeanette Maxim for their donation for the Prospect Street Bridge in the amount of \$1000.00. Fran the representative of National Grid has informed the Mayor that the lights on South St. will be installed the end of July, beginning of August and will be completed within one to one and a half weeks.

Mayor Taylor thanked JC Smith from NYS Environmental Facilities Corp. attending a committee meeting to talk to the Board on all the funding opportunities applied for the work to be done at the WWTP and lines. There are four sources of funding in play. He also showed the worst-case scenario of possible sewer increases and what the receiving of any of the funds applied for would reduce this increase by. It was very informative. He also stated that the Village should go ahead with a bonding resolution for the project for the maximum to borrow, it would be one step out of the way and this does have to go before the users for a vote. Bond counsel would have to be hired for this. Marge Evaneck from Rural Development will met with the committee on 7-17-08 at 10:30 am in the Village Hall to go over the requirements to be met for application for a loan with them.

The Mayor will be meeting with the Council of Churches on 8-13 to discuss the Christmas lighting ceremony.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: A copy of the Shared Service Agreement with the Town of Cuba for the Salt Shed was given to the Board and Superintendent. After some

revision the final copy that was approved by the Town on Tuesday, July 8th, 2008 was presented to the Village Board. Some discussion took place on the mix and where this shed would be located. It will be located on Town property on Bull St. Construction to begin in July of 2009. **A MOTION WAS PRESENTED BY TRUSTEE JOHN SHELLEY AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF CUBA AND PASSED, A COPY ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

After talking with the Town Assessor Don Donovan and getting any explanation of a letter received from the Allegany County Real Property Tax Department concerning Alternate Veterans Tax exemptions it was decided to table any action on this until further review.

The Code Committee will review the changes to the Vehicle and Traffic law, as there have been many changes. Previous Mayor Wetherby had constructed a list of changes but this will be reviewed once again and add any that may have change since.

At this time a **MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JUDITH ZAYAC AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES. TIME: 8:14 PM** Superintendent Hall was asked to stay for this session.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE JOHN SHELLEY AND PASSED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. TIME: 8:50 PM

The Board authorized Superintendent Hall to hire a part-time public works employee until October 31, 2008 at a rate of \$10.00 per hour not to exceed 30 hrs a week. This person will be on a 30-day probationary period and the wages cannot exceed \$3,000. for the 14 week period.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JOHN SHELLEY AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE TO ADJOURN THIS BOARD MEETING.

TIME: 9:53 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
D. WILSON