

UNAPPROVED

The Cuba Village monthly board meeting was held on Monday, May 12, 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. Superintendent of Public Works Richard Hall and Clerk-Treasurer Diane Wilson.

ALSO PRESENT: H. Jan Clement, D. Wayne Butts, Richard Seigel, John Wilson, Randy Snyder all representing the truck committee for the fire department. Fire Chief Derek Clement, Richard Klein, Bldg Insp/CEO, Don Donovan, John Foels, Director of Development/IDA/Planning of Allegany County, Police Chief Gary Fries.

THE MAYOR OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MAYOR TAYLOR WELCOMED EVERYONE TO THIS MEETING.

GUESTS: John Foels spoke about the Tracewell real estate transaction. Mr. Foels stated that in his stay in the past 7 years there have been four real estate transactions with the Tracewell building. He also said that all the debt carried over with each transaction and the Seneca Nation paid this. At about the same time this transaction was taking place Mr. Foels has a conversation with Maurice John of the Seneca Nation and Mr. John stated that they would like to remain a viable member of the community. Mr. Foels stated that the plans for the facility are still in process. Two things that would be important to this Board is they plan to keep this property on the tax roll and at this time there is no intention on making this facility a casino. Mr. Foels stated that he would like to set up a meeting within the next ten days with Mr. John Town of Cuba and Village of Cuba. This is about all he knows at this time and asked if there were any questions. Chief Fries asked if without telling the intentions for this facility would there be an increase in traffic? If there is an increase volume of traffic with the school and road conditions in could impact the community. Mr. Foels stated that it is too soon to tell, but this will be, but he does know that it will be addressed once the intent is known.

MINUTES: Clerk Wilson copied the board on the minutes of 4-14-08. With no amendments to these minutes a **MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JOHN SHELLEY AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE JUDITH ZAYAC TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 4-14-08. THIS WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

BILLS: Trustee Sweeten has a question on the weed killer amount in the abstract. Mr. Hall told him that it is used around the fences at the park, the wastewater plant and the fire department uses it at Fireman's Park. It saves time for a man to be weed eating all the time.

The Board was given a copy of the Abstract of Vouchers 719-780 totaling \$63,203.68 to be approved to be paid this month. The breakdown is as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$37,900.69
WATER FUND	\$ 8,079.80
SEWER FUND	\$17,223.19

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE DAVID SWEETEN AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE TO PAY THE MONTH BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,203.68. THIS WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Fries gave an activity report for April. There were 7 Uniform Traffic Tickets issued in the Village. The department had 261 calls for service total in Town and Village. Their caseload for April was 18 and he gave the breakdown to the Board. The Chief also gave the Board gave them a curfew law and some items to consider.

He also asked why there is a state DOT 55 MPH signs inside the Village Corporate limits? After looking at a map it was determined that this area is not within the corporate limits of the Village. The Assessor Don Donovan will show him a tax map to support this. This was a short conversation on parking tickets in the Village. The majority of tickets are written in the Village and the Village is reimbursed by the Comptrollers officer for these fines. Clerk Wilson felt that since the majority of these tickets are written in the Village the Village should pay for the tickets themselves. There was no determination on this at this time.

Chief Fries reported that both the Little League parade and the motorcycle parade to the Veterans Memorial Moving Wall went well. He stated that by the time other motorcyclist caught up with the group, there were probably about 1,000 motorcycles.

Year to date there has been approximately 109 calls for the ambulance. The ambulance and crew will be going to the elementary school to meet with third graders to educate them on the ambulance and what the responders do. Mayor Taylor asked if there was an update on the new ambulance building. Chief Fries gave an update on the building and some money saving issues he has looked at. He expects to have stamped plans this week.

The Mayor and Trustees thanked the Chief for attending this meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Clement reported that Cuba 6 the rescue truck went last month for routine service work and NYS inspection. There will be 2 more trucks sent out this month for their service work as well.

Fire Fighter I Course am underway in Cuba with the first month of classes complete. There is still approximately 2 more months of class to go.

There will be a few officers and members attending the Fire Expo in Harrisburg, Pa. This is a fire equipment show held every year and is very similar to the NYS Chiefs show held in Lake George, NY.

The department is working hard to get the park ready for the 1st Annual Demolition Derby on May 24th, as well as Dairy Week. The department responded to eleven incidents this past month.

The Fire Truck Committee Chairman, Jan Clement gave to the Board letter asking the Board for an additional \$7,802.00 for the purchase of the new pumper. He stated that the cost of emissions were not firm when the original request for funds was requested, the cost has since increased. He also thanked the Village liaisons, Mike Doyle, David Sweeten and the Mayor, Tom Taylor for taking the time to attend several of the truck committee meetings. Mr. Clement explained to the Board that the bid from E-One was the lowest which included a pre-payment of the cost of the chassis. The others quotes did not include this. After reviewing all the quotes, several times, E-One did not meet the specifications; therefore this bid was thrown out. The next lowest bid was from Ferrara and it was found they met the specifications required. They also reviewed the refurbish for Cuba 3 and it was found to be okay and the trade-in for Cuba 2 was in line with the amount they thought should be received. The options were looked at next to see which of these were really needed as opposed to safety. Upon review and discussion the Committee felt that the ladders and 6" hard suction thru the tank would reduce the risk of injury to the firefighters when removing them and less chance of damage to the truck. This is where the increase in cost comes in.

Prior to the Board Meeting the Clerk/Treasurer talked to the Chief on what he might have in balances in his budget for the end of the year. Chief Clement felt that he would have an amount that would help with the \$7,802.00 yet needed. The fire truck committee members had some further comments for the Board, which included what the department has raised to fund equipment, which the Village did not have to pay for.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JUDITH ZAYAC AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE NEW FIRE TRUCK TO FERRARA FIRE APPARATUS THE NEXT LOWEST BIDDER THAT MET ALL THE SPECIFICATIONS, ALSO THE INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR THIS TRUCK WILL BE PAID FROM THE BALANCE OF THE 2007-08 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET, PLUS OTHER FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000. IF NEEDED, TO BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE. THIS WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CEO: Mr. Klein reported that he completed training in April and now has his 24 hours certificate. This training was on updates to the NYS Codes.

The Village received a good rating from ISO to a class 5 for both residential and commercial, industrial properties. This up from class 10 in previous years. Mr. Klein reported that he would be attending another seminar in Cortland for NYS Electrical and Code requirements. He needs these credit hours to maintain NY status as an active member of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors.

Several building permits and business are in the works, keeping this office and zoning board busy.

WASTEWATER PLANT REPORT: Operator Lloyd Lewis could not attend this meeting. Rick Hall, SPW gave his report. Mr. Lewis reported that he had one non-compliance report, due to dilute influent, (I&I). Percent removal of B.O.D. was @ 82% vs. required 85% minimum.

Still as of yet to change out #2 primary pump. Am currently running at a very low speed until I can coincide schedules with a very busy Superintendent and his crew. So far it's holding its own. I know that if it were a serious situation that Rick would supply me the needed assistance in a heartbeat. Will be re-starting polymer system for the sludge soon. Am holding off the hauling of sludge until June 2008 for monetary purposes. We currently have about 6-8 loads ready to go.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Hall reported the following:

1. Spring hydrant flushing was done
2. Repaired water leak-Chapel St.
3. Water Quality Report for the DOH was done and is available on the web site, village hall, and village garage and will be in the Penneysaver this week.
4. Sweeping streets in the Village, Town, County and State
5. Picked up brush and steel goods. (Brush took 2 days)
6. Cleaned up by bus garage from dumping snow
7. Mowing and weed eating
8. Hammered bark in Chamberlain Park
9. Put out skate park equipment
10. Park bathrooms up and in service
11. Cleaning sewers by request and for maintenance reasons
12. Put up American flags downtown before motorcycles went through to attend the "Moving Wall" ceremony
13. "Storm water survey" sheets returning (109 so far)
14. Fixed broken sewer line Echo Lanes
15. Hauled junk dirt to canal on Maple Street
16. Painted flower boxes and distributed uptown. Mr. Hall asked when Trustee Zayac would like the topsoil put in and she told him when.
17. Thanks to the Town of Cuba for all of there help this last month. Great to have such a good working relationship.
18. The police caught a youth damaging the roof on a shelter in Willowbank Park; the Village will be reimbursed for these shingles.
19. Leak detection is in the Village for the night. They like to do this when there is less noise.

It was found out that the Village will get an increase in CHIPS funding, thanks in part to Senator Young's pushing. Last year was a little over \$31,000. this year will be over \$37,000.

Village public works employee Duane Hopkins was hurt getting out of the sweeper we should learn soon how long he will be off.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: The office has been kept very busy with day-to-day operations. Recreation employees have been hired and their names will be reported at the June Board meeting. Water bills have been coming in good. Tax bills should be delivered soon and will be working on stuffing them into the envelopes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Trustee Zayac reported that the bridge committee met. They did some brainstorming some ideas. They will meet again on 5-28 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. They thought that they would ask Jim Cross and Mike Kunz to help them some grants. Patti Petroni is going to write the railroad and get the specifications they may have if a bridge is put back.

Trustee Shelley reported that the personnel committee was in attendance with the start of the union negotiations. This first meeting went quite smooth. The next meeting will be held on June 10th at 3:30 pm.

Trustee Shelley also reported that one DPW employee has been let go.

Finance committee has not met recently, but he reminds everyone that it is belt-tightening time.

Mayor Taylor reported that the recycling this past week was picked up in one day. Trustee Sweeten couldn't understand when it has to unloaded by hand picking. Some discussion took place as to how this may be being done. At the next refuse meeting in Friendship on June 5th this will be discussed.

An update of the I & I grant funding took place. JC Smith has sent in applications and is working on an ARC grant. Marge Evaneck from Rural Development is also working on funding. The Village is hoping to get some grants and funding. Mayor Taylor reported that JC thinks that there might be other funding we can apply for and his checking into this.

Trustee Shelley asked if an engineering report has been started on storm water? A survey will be done with by the crew when catch basins are cleaned out this summer.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Taylor asked if the June Board Meeting could be changed, as he will be out of Town. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JUDITH ZAYAC AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DAVID SWEETEN**

AND APPROVED TO CHANGE THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING TO JUNE 2, 2008 AT 7:00 PM.

The Mayor thanked Faye Gibson for her tenure as Planning Board member and Chairman since 1995. She did a great job and always with a smile.

OLD BUSINESS: It was decided to wait on a decision with the South St. lights until a contract is received from National Grid. Survey thus far shows that the Coachlight style is the winner.

NEW BUSINESS: Water increase was once again tabled until the Board reviews the increase rate presented to them.

AT THIS TIME THE BOARD MAY A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO TALK ABOUT PERSONNEL ISSUES. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JUDITH ZAYAC AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE JOHN SHELLEY. TIME: 8:28 PM

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DAVID SWEETEN TO GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. TIME: 8:45 PM

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JUDITH ZAYAC AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE TO ASK RICHARD KLEIN, BLDG. INSP./CEO TO SUBMIT DAILY TIME SHEETS TO BE SUBMITTED WEEKLY TO THE CLERK AND TO REDO HIS APRIL 2008 VOUCHER AND INCLUDE TIME SHEETS. THIS WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSEE JUDITH ZAYAC AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DAVID SWEETEN TO MAKE RANDY SNYDER SALARIED EFFECTIVE 6-1-08 AS HE WAS APPOINTED AS THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT SINCE 6-1-05, AND THE PROPER TITLE WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH CIVIL SERVICE. THIS PASSED. CONTRACT TO BE NEGOTIATED BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND THEN APPROVED AT THE 6-2-08 BOARD MEETING.

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

TIME: 8:52 PM

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
D. WILSON**

