

The Village of Cuba held a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 7:00 pm regarding Wastewater Treatment Upgrades and Community Development Block Grant Funds.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Diane Wilson, J.C. Smith, Environmental Project Manager from NYS Environmental Facilities Corp., Tom Swift, Engineer for Clark Patterson. Cindy and Dale Dutton and Lon Sweet.

THE MAYOR OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

J.C. Smith spoke of the need for the improvements to the Village's wastewater treatment plant and plans to apply for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$600,000. from the NYS Office for Small Cities. If awarded, the grant would be used towards the cost of the proposed treatment plant and collection system improvements.

Mr. Sweet asked what improvements were needed at the WWTP? Mr. Swift explained that the primary pump station needs to be replaced; also, the clarifier, the recirculation pump station, and the trickling filter all need improvements. The roofing on the sludge drying beds needs to be replaced and the anaerobic digester should to be converted to an aerobic process. This work will not increase the size of the facility.

Mr. Sweet further questioned if these improvements had to do with the storm water system and Mr. Swift explained that it did not, as the storm water system is a separate issue. Mr. Sweet then wanted to know if these improvements were related to the Cuba Lake sewer project. Mr. Smith answered no, however, income received by the Village from the Lake sewer project will help with improving the WWTP.

It was noted that for years the Village has been cited by DEC for the inflow and infiltration of storm water into the sanitary sewers and the DEC will no longer ignore these issues.

Mr. Sweet inquired what the Village's plan would be if the Small Cities Grant was not approved. Mr. Swift, Mr. Smith and Mayor Taylor explained that other grants would be pursued, along with no interest or low interest loans. Mr. Sweet wanted to know that the projected cost of the project would be. Approximate total cost is 2 million. Mr. Swift stated about half for the WWTP and the other half for the sanitary sewer lines. Mr. Swift explained that there is a possibility that the lines can be relined in places and this will be done if possible, which will cut down the cost.

Mr. Smith explained that the first loan payment for Village project wouldn't be for about four years and by that time the lake project would be completed, which will help with the cost. It was explained that the WWTP is large enough. It is 20 years old and some improvements and maintenance needs to be done.

Mr. Swift stated that the WWTP is not a capacity for treating solids, and it is only at about a quarter capacity right now. The plant is big enough to treat more solids.

Mr. Sweet stated that he was glad he came to this meeting and he now knows what is going on and why this work needs to be done. He can let others know what he has learned. He

does realize the lines need to be done, but in concerned about the WWTP and now knows that the work is basically "retrofitting" not expanding.

Mayor Taylor asked how the Empire Zone would help. Mr. Smith stated that because the Village is in an Empire Zone, this is something the loan and grant people look at and it should help.

WITH NO FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL DOYLE AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE JUDITH ZAYAC AND PASSED TO ADJOURN.

TIME: 8:02 PM

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
D. WILSON**