

Village of Cuba Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: February 9, 2026

Location: 17 East Main St. Village of Cuba, NY Board Room

Committee Meeting- 5:30 p.m.

RC arrived 5:41 p.m.

The Board Discussed the proposed Meter Lockout Law and SEQR, .gov emails, snow removal, overnight parking, and The Budget workshop on 25-26., Planning and Zoning Board Member vacancies.

Call to Order & Attendance-The monthly meeting of the Village of Cuba Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Jason Morrison. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Present: Mayor Jason Morrison, Deputy Mayor Chuck Leichner, Trustee Michele Miller, Trustee Jerome Swift and Trustee Gene Wild

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Corine Bump, DPW Superintendent Kris Krzos, STP Operator Roman Cavalletti, Community Members- Terry Moot, Lionel Legry, and John Hupp

Excused: N/A

Mayor Morrison opened the Public Hearing for Local Law #1-2026. Mayor Morrison opened the floor to the public for discussion regarding the proposed Local law.

Letters were mailed to the affected property owners in advance notice of the Proposed Local Law #1-2026. Information was advertised in the newspaper, the website, around town, and on the Village's Social media page.

Terry Moot inquired why the way the law is written, the burden is on the property owner. He stated the Village is costing the property owners money. He has concerns with the Proposed law affecting the plumbing in his many rental properties. He stated he feels this change is not necessary, it's punitive. Mr. Moot asked how property owners are supposed to know if a bill is unpaid and stated that The Village should be informing him if a bill is unpaid. Clerk Treasurer Bump stated in NYS it is the Property owner's responsibility and that the majority of the property owners in the Village of Cuba with rentals either keep the bills in their own name, or they follow up with the Clerk's office on their tenant's accounts through a call or email for unpaid balances. Mr. Moot said he did not believe Ms. Bump. He asked how many property owners this affected, and she responded with about 32 property owners. He asked how many people are on the shut off list as of today and she responded with 200 at this time. Shut off notices are mailed to the registered account two weeks prior to shut off. Discussion between the Board and Mr. Moot, and additional attendees continued.

John Hupp said if the purpose is to have separate lockouts, he is concerned with the cost to access the lockout from outside being in thousands of dollars.

SPW Kris Krzos discussed the option of having a lockout mechanism installed after the meter inside each unit to relieve the property owners of high expenses, and to indicate theft of services from the account owner at the residence. Further discussion took place between the Board and the public.

The Board has due diligence to collect all monies owed for water/ sewer services, and the proposed local law is intended to protect the property owners when a tenant does not pay their bill and prevent theft of services. Attendees were asked to send their ideas to the Board and consideration will be given to make changes to the Proposed Law for another Public hearing in the future.

Mayor Morrison asked if anyone had anything further to add for the Public Hearing portion of the meeting, and after hearing none, closed the Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Mayor Morrison asked if anyone else had any questions, comments, or concerns for the Board.

Terry Moot brought up the ramp out front and offered thoughts for improvement of the ramp. He had offered and even received a building permit to install a ramp in the back of the Village Hall a few years ago, which has since expired. He stated he jumped to conclusions and was insulted by the Board that his offer to construct the handicap ramp out back failed to proceed. He stated he can't get his snow machine between the tree and the ramp in front of the Village Hall. He said it might be cheaper to cut down the tree so his snow machine can get through more easily. He stated the construction has made it so his Aunt with a walker and another resident won't even use it because it's so difficult to navigate. He thinks the ramp can be fixed- by removing the switchback platform and extending the ramp to his building. He would like to see the ramp not have an industrial look as it is now with camouflaging in the same color as the Village Hall, and there are more details that can be added for not a lot of cost. Mayor Morrison stated the ADA Compliant ramp was constructed with the platform in front of his property down the block and built to match, and the majority of the feedback from the public has been with praise especially for those that use the ramp.

Lionel Legry a property owner of the Village addressed the Board- he feels everyone should work together as a community with the village and lessen the "punitive" feel of the last few months.

Mayor Morrison stated when the laws are not followed, there has to be some sort of repercussions.

John Hupp asked the Board to consider dropping the ticket charge against him for snow in the road and so did Terry Moot.

Donna Raub, resident and candidate for the Village Trustee remarked that she appreciated the board's willingness to hear the concerns of all in attendance this evening, and thanked the attendees for using their voices for what they believe in.

Minutes- TRUSTEE SWIFT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH A SECOND OFFERED BY TRUSTEE MILLER, ALL IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Bills- All vouchers and reports were submitted via shared drive and physical packets prior to the meeting.

TRUSTEE SWIFT MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE BUDGET LINE A7140-2 FOR THE DOWN PAYMENT FOR THE REPAIR OF THE CLOCK IN GENESEE PARKWAY WITH A SECOND OFFERED BY TRUSTEE WILD. ALL IN FAVOR AND THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY MAYOR MORRISON AND APPROVED. CLERK TREASURER BUMP WILL CONTINUE TO PAY ACCORDING TO LAW AND INVOICE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR HALF THE COST OF THE REPAIR ONCE THE FINAL INVOICE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND PAID.

TRUSTEE MILLER MADE A MOTION TO PAY THE MONTHLY ABSTRACT WITH TRUSTEE LEICHER OFFERING A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

A Fund- \$23,235.49

F Fund- \$8099.15

G Fund- \$9,945.64

WIP- \$164,424.63

Mayor Morrison signed a Pay App from Barton and Loguidice (Band L) as well as a change order to be sent to Noah Williard. Clerk Treasurer Bump will email the signed documents to B and L.

Code Report- Full report on File- Brief discussion took place and the annual report is on file as well.

STP Report: The DMR was sent in for the month of December. There was a soft violation for percent removal caused by high volume of I&I.

The plant is running well for the extreme cold we have been having.

Roman found the water leak inside the plant and was able to get it shut down until the weather breaks. All he needs is a new water hydrant. He spoke with the DEC and filled out the paperwork for the testing. He does not have any quotes to present to the board this month that was tabled last month. Tabled until March meeting. He did not have quotes from Pierce Steele either. Tabled until March.

The parking lot is being maintained and so far he has had no issues.

Roman discussed attending a meeting with the Barton and Loguidice regarding the Sewer expansion and reported that an income study still needs to be done, but there is a timeline for how long it is good for. There is an option for a free/ no cost income study or one that costs \$30,000. Mayor Morrison told B and L The Village would like to use the free study with R Cap Solutions. He said he would like to do the bare minimum to appease the project to not burden the residents with an increase in cost after having neared completion of the water improvement project.

Public Works Report- SPW Krzos circulated quotes to the Board for the storm sewer project, Bishop to Windsor and on Woodruff St. **TRUSTEE SWIFT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF PIPE FROM CORE AND MAIN IN THE AMOUNT OF**

\$3,961.44 WITH A SECOND OFFERED BY TRUSTEE MILLER. ALL IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

SPW Krzos gave an update on Tannery creek located on West Main St. He has been working with Emily from Soil and Erosion out of Belmont. There are potentially mussels in the creek that is causing the delay to the repair in the creek by Willow Bank Park. The Village has been encouraged to do a study at the cost of \$2,300 for the mussel habitat study. If mussels are found and the Village does not do a study, the Village could be fined up to \$60,000.

- **Clerk Treasurer's Report-** No septage received as of 2/6/26
- Filed the AFR after BBS reviewed and input information
- Posted all public meeting requirements and notices for Budget Meeting on 2/5/26, Next Budget meeting 3/6/26 at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall.
- The Tentative Budget shows a 60% jump in the tax rate but it's actually only 3%. At this time, at the recommendation of BBS, the Board is discussing passing a Local Law to override the tax cap. There has been another shift in the tax burden with the lawsuit from the Lake District against the Town Assessors. Where the tax assessment was spread out amongst all in the Town, Village, and Lake District- now the burden is shifted back to the Town and Village due to the pending lawsuit on the taxable assessment. The taxable assessment has dropped 24,000,000 from last year.
- Updated the website and re-uploaded all the minutes that were lost in the switch from.org to .gov, working on catching up the minutes books as time allows.
- Worked with the funding agencies, and Engineers for the Water Improvement Project, provided to Branden at USDA for closing. Worked with Colton for Single Audit deadline- all docs provided to Lumsden and McCormick by 2/3/26
- Continue Scanning Documents/ Paperless as much as possible
- Corine and Lori mailed W2's to all staff on Friday 1/23/26 and uploaded to BSO
- Corine mailed-1099's- 1/28/26 and uploaded to IRIS
- Processed quarterly 941 and mailed
- Worked with Dale Harrington for the Annual Worker's Compensation Audit
- Many docs uploaded for Board review to the shared Drive for Jan and Feb.
- Received clarification from Mayor Morrison regarding new payroll processing for salaried staff
- Budget Meeting with BBS 1/6/26
- Received Code Enforcement docs. worked with Code, Zoning, resident, and engineer, and provided minutes from previous ZBA meeting for a property on Champlain- issue with previously approved variance
- Worked with SPW Krzos for meter change out list, we referred several inquiries to SPW Krzos regarding meter lockouts, also provided info based on weekly reads for high continual consumption customers- with leaks on South St, The Econo Lodge, Grove St, ACCORD buildings, and the STP. Frozen meter plate at a Chapel St. residence, broken pipes in Lee's Court, received report from a resident on N. Park of a possible water leak on 2/6/26
- Attended a Zoom meeting for next steps in Sewer Project- with B& L, Roman, & Mayor Morrison

- Ordered supplies and new phone case for Roman, With direction from Mayor and assistance from SPW Krzos, ordered technology and accessories for Board room
- Filed Jan. NYSLRS
- Worked with residents regarding concerns with their water/ sewer invoice explaining the reason for the Capital fee and rates increases.
- Redirected numerous calls regarding Town tax bills and requests for dog licenses, birth and death certificates (at least 50 calls and many residents in the wrong place to pay, or did not receive their bills)
- Notarized and filed Certificates of Acceptance with the Board of Elections
- Ordered election documents for the March 18, 2026 election at the Baptist Church- early voting, and absentee
- Prepped vouchers and reports for Board meeting.
- Worked with SPW Krzos to update the Water Emergency Response Plan and Marshall Insurance to provide information to USDA Funding Source on the WEP sheet- Debra Huffsmith has retired- her replacement is Kari Blair- she is out of Canton and no one is in the Bath office anymore from their office.

TRUSTEE SWIFT MADE A MOTION FOR MAYOR MORRISON TO SIGN THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT WITH FISCAL ADVISORS AND TRUSTEE MILLER OFFERED A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED. Clerk Treasurer Bump will email the signed document to Kelly Lathan at Fiscal Advisors.

Committee Reports-

Finance- A request for a sewer credit was presented for an apartment on West Main St. that had a leaking hot water tank. After discussion and review of presented documents, **TRUSTEE MILLER MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW A SEWER CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$288 FOR WATER THAT DID NOT GO INTO THE SEWER AND LEAKED IN THE RESIDENCE WITH TRUSTEE SWIFT OFFERING A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Personnel- Tabled discussion for Executive Session

Parks- Working with Jonathan Enzinna for Park Cameras, The Clock repair information will be sent with the invoice for payment as well as emailed to Verdin Company tomorrow.

Police: N/A

Mayor's Report- The .gov emails should be resolved by next month. The Village will split the initial charge with the Town of Cuba. The cost is \$50 per account, and there will be 5 emails with the remainder of the Village staff using an alternate address.

Old Business- Mayor Morrison still needs to meet with Gwen Cooper from Ardent Solutions regarding the EV Charging stations.

Water Meter Lockout Law- Tabled until the Board can review discussion and possible changes for the March meeting.

Executive Session – TRUSTEE LEICHNER REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN MATTERS LEADING TO THE MEDICAL, FINANCIAL, CREDIT OR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON OR CORPORATION, OR MATTERS LEADING TO THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION, DISMISSAL OR REMOVAL OF A PARTICULAR PERSON OR CORPORATION WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF CUBA, NY., AND SNOW TICKETING WITH TRUSTEE MILLER OFFERING A SECOND.

7:51 p.m.

TRUSTEE LEICHNER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MOVE BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION MEETING- WITH TRUSTEE SWIFT OFFERING A SECOND 9:04 PM

TRUSTEE MILLER MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL GIVEN DEPOSITIONS REGARDING THE ILLEGAL PLACEMENT OF SNOW IN THE ROAD AGAINST RESIDENTS AS DISCUSSED WITH TRUSTEE WILD OFFERING A SECOND. PASSED

TRUSTEE MILLER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN WITH TRUSTEE SWIFT OFFERING A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:06 PM

Respectively submitted: Corine Bump Clerk Treasurer