

Village of Cuba Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: March 9, 2026

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

Committee Meeting- 5:30 p.m.

RC arrived 5:52 p.m.

The Board Discussed and email request forwarded from the Town of Cuba Clerk- for a woman wanting to hold a rally in Genesee Park/ Veterans' Memorial Park, Five Energy Bids for the electric bills, Elected Officials training through Southern Tier West- Candidates on the ballot, are tentatively scheduled to attend, the proposed Meter Lockout Law- Board working on the language changes, .gov emails- will be active with Officer F. Schostick's help very soon, Clerk Bump will create emails through Google now that a decision has been made for the rest of the board, volunteer opportunities for a school sports team, Inquiry of erosion around the Clock in Genesee/ Veteran's Memorial Park, Cameras the park/ Village Hall, The Budget workshop on 3-6-26., Planning and Zoning Board Member vacancies, Grease Traps notices from R Cavalletti will be issued on Tuesday- Mayor Morrison asked Cavalletti to be sure he takes the warnings in writing to be in compliance.

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- Cindy Colley, Shannon Albert, and Sandy Tsujimoto.

Excused: N/A

Guests- Sandy Tsujimoto and Shannon Albert were representing the group "Worth Fighting For"- a local group of approximately fifty members concerned with the training of local police department employees for ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) related matters-287g.

Shannon thanked the Board for their work and presented all in attendance with 18 questions (on file) that the group previously asked the Town of Cuba Board Members, and asked the Village Board- "Does the Village Board have concerns with the actions of the Town of Cuba, Police Department? What is the Village Board's role with the Town of Cuba PD? Do you take a stance?" Shannon stated many of their questions and concerns were answered at The Town Board meeting.

Mayor Morrison agrees the questions are valid and deserve clarification for all to understand. He is not entirely familiar with 287 g, however as he understands the Town is not taking action until further clarification can be given. He found that training would be at the expense of ICE, with no cost initially. Shannon stated that money would only be available if they detained someone. Trustee Wild asked about the NYS involvement and Shannon said it's called "Local Cops, Local Crimes", and it has been introduced when looking online. She states that would get rid of 287 (g). Mayor Morrison reiterated that as he understands from the Town Board Meeting, Chief Burch has not acted yet on the Memorandum of agreement, and Shannon said I guess.

Trustee Miller and other Board members answered that the Village Board has no jurisdiction over the Cuba Police Department, and Trustee Miller stated she believes there is an image issue, and she does not want visitors or residents- deterred or feeling surveilled or that "Big Brother" is watching. She said it's a hot topic and comes with mistrust. Trustee Leichner said that Chief Burch has shared clarification that answered a lot of the questions for the community. He would like to see the Village keep an eye on the situation.

Trustee Miller was asked by Mayor Morrison and the Board to write a letter to the Cuba PD, asking to be kept in the loop on behalf of the Village Board, send to the Board members for review and sign off, then submit from the Village Board. Sandy asked The Board to share what the Village Board's Role as it relates to Town of Cuba Board decisions. Mayor Morrison stated- nothing, they are two separate entities. She asked what the purpose of the letter would be, and Mayor Morrison said to put it on the record. Mayor Morrison suggested the group contact the State Senator to express their concerns.

Shannon invited the Board to a Bipartisan Congressional Town Hall Meeting with Republican Candidate Jim King, & Democratic Candidate Aaron Geise, on March 24, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cuba Palmer Opera House. Trustee Wild stated he feels that people who commit crimes should be prosecuted, and all agreed and Trustee Miller stated she will acknowledge that in her letter. Trustee Swift stated he sees that it would be a good thing to have the officers with the training and not masked, however there are still unknowns. Mayor Morrison stated it was also beneficial of the requirements in place for the officer that would be trained. Mayor Morrison thanked them and Shannon said she would sit there for a little while for the meeting.

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

Code Report- Full report on File- Brief discussion took place.

STP Report: The DMR was sent in for the month of January and within limits. The plant is operating well and Roman changed two mechanical seals successfully in the secondary pump station. The new permit takes effect April 1 with new sampling requirements which will have an increased cost to the monthly samples. Sampling will be five to six times a

month, quarterly wet sampling, and has to be hired out. He also has to test twice a year for PFAS and PFOA and he needs to learn more about it. A pipe collapsed by the influent, and the outfall is officially permitted. He does not have a date for the new pump installation.

Shannon Albert left the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Public Works Report-

SPW Krzos said he and the staff are working on water leaks, the reservoir, cold patch, water meters, and other daily tasks that keep the village fully functioning- the company is working on the pump at the Bi well. Mayor Morrison asked when 716 is coming out for warranty work. SPW Krzos said sometime in the spring, and Mayor Morrison is adding a note to Mr. Crowley's newsletter for residents to contact the office with concerns. Trustee Swift asked about the sidewalk in front of South Street Mart and Trustee Miller asked about the area in front of the Clock in Genesee Parkway. It's all warranty work. Discussion took place regarding the mussel study for the creek. Trustee Miller stated Mary Radomski contacted her looking for volunteer opportunities for the high school sport team she coaches. She will let Mary know to contact SPW Krzos.

Clerk Treasurer's Report- On File

With the growing concern of the energy costs for the Village, Clerk Treasurer Bump contacted Five Energy for current contract energy rates.

Quotes from Five Energy was sent to the Board to lock in energy prices for 12 months.
TRUSTEE SWIFT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ENERGY CONTRACT FOR 12 MONTHS WITH TRUSTEE MILLER OFFERING A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED. CLERK BUMP WILL SEND TO JENNIFER DUSSAULT IN THE MORNING TO FINALIZE THE PROCESS.

Discussion took place regarding an email request forwarded to the Clerk's email from the Town Clerk, from Patricia McEwan regarding holding a rally in Genesee Park/ Veteran's Memorial Park. The Board asked Clerk Treasurer Bump to respond to Ms. McEwan with the park rental application, and rules to rent the park, and a link to the Village Code on the website www.cubany.gov and to also inform Ms. McEwan the Village is not able to rent any Village Parks on a To Be Determined Date due to other rentals throughout the year. If there are any variances to the park rules, or if an insurance policy needs to be added, to please make the village aware in a timely manner for all involved to ensure the safety of all. The Village will notify Cuba PD of the rally once Ms. McEwan determines a date and time to hold the rally.

There will be a Public Hearing In April to adopt the Budget and override the Tax Cap. The preliminary budget shows a 60% jump in the tax rate but it's actually only 3%. At this time, at the recommendation of BBS Accounting, the Board will be passing a Local Law to override the tax cap at the Public Hearing in April. 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 previously pending lawsuit on the taxable assessment. The taxable assessment has dropped 24,000,000 from last year. The

next Budget meeting will be 4/6/26 and the Trustees will notify the clerk's office of any necessary changes to the budget before the meeting.

Roman Cavalletti left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Committee Reports-

Finance- A request for a sewer credit was presented for an apartment on Bristol St. that had a leaking hot water tank. After discussion and review of presented documents from the property manager on behalf of the tenant, **TRUSTEE MILLER MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW A SEWER CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34.93 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, Trustees Leichner and Swift will meet with the Teamsters rep. on Tuesday 3/10/26.

Parks- Working with Jonathan Enzinna for Park Cameras

Police: N/A

Mayor's Report- The .gov emails should be activated any day now. There will be only five static-.gov emails for the Mayor, Superintendent of Public Works, Waste Water Treatment plant operator, Clerk Treasurer and Deputy Clerk Treasurer with the rest of the staff using alternate emails. With that decision finalized by Mayor Morrison- Clerk Treasurer Bump will set up the remaining current Trustees with Trustee emails tomorrow. He asked for the status of the sidewalk inventory and all have been completed except Trustee Leichner's quadrant which he will complete and turn in before April 5th, the end of his term. Mayor Morrison asked for the Board's help in possible appointees for the Zoning Board of Appeals due to a recent and existing vacancy.

Old Business-

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

New Business: Several residents have reported to the Clerk's Office their concern of paying their bills and rising energy costs. After some research by The Clerk's Office, and collaboration with the Village Board and other municipalities, Mayor Morrison read the following proposed Resolution #2-2026 followed by a **MOTION TO APPROVE BY TRUSTEE LEICHNER AND SECOND OFFERED BY TRUSTEE WILD WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE OF MAYOR MORRISON- AYE, TRUSTEE LEICHNER- AYE, TRUSTEE MILLER- AYE, TRUSTEE SWIFT- AYE, TRUSTEE WILD- AYE**

VILLAGE OF CUBA, NY RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF ELECTRIC DELIVERY CHARGES, DEMANDING IMPROVED COST CONTROLS AND TRANSPARENCY, AND AUTHORIZING FORMAL COMPLAINTS TO THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING THE ESCALATING COST OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, residents, seniors, and small businesses in the Village of Cuba are experiencing unsustainable, repeated, and compounding increases in electric bills that are placing a growing financial strain on households and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of these increases is attributable not to increased energy consumption, but to escalating delivery and supply charges, fees, and approved rate adjustments imposed by National Grid; and

WHEREAS, electric delivery charges and rate structures are regulated and approved by the New York State Public Service Commission, which is statutorily charged with ensuring that utility rates are just, reasonable, and affordable for ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has received numerous complaints from residents who are struggling to afford basic electric service and who have expressed serious concern regarding the frequency, magnitude, and lack of transparency surrounding recent and ongoing rate increases; and

WHEREAS, rural and low-density communities such as the Village of Cuba are disproportionately impacted by delivery charge increases and cost-recovery mechanisms that fail to adequately account for affordability, equity, and the cumulative burden placed on ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that continued approval of rate increases without stronger cost controls, greater transparency, and meaningful affordability protections is unacceptable and contrary to the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Cuba formally and strongly urges the New York State Public Service Commission to conduct a thorough and immediate review of electric delivery charges, rate increases, and cost-recovery practices applicable to National Grid customers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board calls upon the Public Service Commission to prioritize ratepayer affordability, demand greater transparency from National Grid, and require demonstrable cost-containment and operational efficiency measures before approving any future rate increases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board expressly opposes continued or automatic rate increases that shift rising operational, infrastructure, and administrative costs onto ratepayers without clear justification or adequate protection for rural communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to submit formal complaints, written comments, and supporting documentation to the New York State Public Service Commission on behalf of the Village and its residents, objecting to excessive electric costs and requesting regulatory intervention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the New York State Public Service Commission, National Grid, the Governor of the State of New York, members of the New York State Legislature, and neighboring municipalities served by National Grid, and to encourage coordinated action among affected towns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 9th day of March 2026, by the Village Board of the Village of Cuba, NY.

MOVED BY: *Chuck Leichner*

SECONDED BY: *Gene Wild*

VOTE: Mayor Morrison - *aye*

Trustee Leichner - *aye*

Trustee Miller - *aye*

Trustee Swift - *aye*

Trustee Wild - *aye*

CERTIFICATION OF THE TOWN CLERK

I, Corine Bump Village Clerk of the Village of Cuba, do hereby certify that

March 9, 2026 the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Village Board at a regular meeting held on March 9, 2026.

Village Clerk: *Corine Bump*

Date: *3/9/2026*

Executive Session – MAYOR MORRISON 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., WITH TRUSTEE MILLER OFFERING A SECOND.

7:03 p.m.

TRUSTEE LEICHNER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MOVE BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION MEETING- WITH TRUSTEE SWIFT OFFERING A SECOND 7:21 PM

TRUSTEE MILLER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN WITH TRUSTEE SWIFT OFFERING A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:21 PM

Respectively submitted: Corine Bump Clerk Treasurer