

Regular Board Meeting
Of the Town Board of the Town of Cuba

Held at the Cuba Town Hall, 15 Water Street, Cuba, NY 14727

Present:

Supervisor: Lee James

Council Persons: David Decker, Jonathan Enzinna, Bill Beck

Also Present: Allesia Heslin, Town Clerk, Dustin Burch, Chief of Police, Chad Smith, Highway Superintendent

Absent: Aaron Appleby, Ambulance Administrator, Trevor Hollenbeck, Dog Control Officer, Melodie Farwell, Council Person

Supervisor James called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Supervisor James asked Heslin to perform a roll call of present members: Chad Smith, Dustin Burch, Jonathan Enzinna, Bill Beck, David Decker, Lee James. Melodie Farwell was excused for a family emergency.

Board Comments:

- Enzinna encouraged everyone to go to the Cuba Garlic Festival September 19th and 20th.
- As we approach the anniversary of 9/11 Beck thanked first responders, law enforcement locally and nationwide who have done so much good work to keep us safe.
- Decker is looking forward to this weekend coming up and the following weekend with Garlic Festival.
- Decker acknowledged that the power company had trucks ready to go after the big storm this week.

Supervisor Comments:

- James received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce with an invite to the Garlic Festival festivities. The opening ceremony is September 19th at 10am and will be on the grounds until 6pm and then Sunday 9-4. James thinks the Chamber does a fabulous job and looks forward to it every year.
- Beck and James had a brief workshop meeting with the accountants, but there was not a quorum so they did an initial run through, an initial work draft has been sent out with no decisions made on it. The next workshop will be Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:30pm at the Town Hall. The board needs to take a good look at everything and see where we are going to end up this year, it may require that we go over the tax cap even though it looks like the rate per thousand is dropping.

Minutes for 08/11/2026, Supervisor's Report for August & General, Highway and Assessor Abstract #9:

When asked, board members responded yes, they had reviewed the minutes, reports and abstracts.

The Supervisor's Report showed the general fund received \$45,322.23. The highway fund received \$11,554.91. The assessor consortium received \$595.22. Disbursements include \$110,125.20 for general, \$60,300.63 for highway and \$16,384.80 for assessor consortium.

The September Abstract #9 dispersed \$16,886.76 from the General Fund, \$6,344.55 from the Highway Fund and \$737.95 from the Assessor Consortium.

On the motion of Decker and seconded by Beck the reports were accepted as presented.

Clerk Comments:

- The Cuba Lake District Vote showed that Michael Nenno was elected commissioner to serve a five-year term.
- Heslin asked the Allegany County Department of Health for information regarding hosting a town rabies clinic-they can schedule one for some time at the end of next year. Allegany County will provide vaccines, syringes, dog tags, promotional outreach and payment to the vet and vet techs. The town would be responsible for administrative duties such as scheduling, staffing, and creating and filing record of rabies certificates for the clinic.
- Southern Tier West will be hosting their 2026 fall planning and zoning training on November 4th in Salamanca. Planning board members and town board members can get further information from the clerk.

- Heslin asked for a motion to accept the New York State Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. Beck made motion. Seconded by Enzinna. All in favor, passed.

Police Department Comments: In the month of August, the department conducted 87 traffic stops. There were 398 calls for service. The full report is on the website.

- Burch echoed Decker's statements regarding the storm. The highway crew and police department were out and it was a crazy night with a lot of trees down but everyone did a great job.
- The department is gearing up for Garlic Festival.
- School is starting tomorrow so they will be following the school buses like normal and the SRO's will be pretty visible.
- Burch finished applying for a \$125,000 technology grant. He applied for a new camera system for the entire building, new laptops, tough books for the cars, new radar units that are solar powered, a new informational board for the Town Hall and another drone that would help with search warrants and officer safety.
- Greg Stagg is going to be resigning.
- Burch asked permission to hire Chris Lunn part-time. Decker motioned to hire him part-time pending all background checks. Seconded by Enzinna. All in favor, passed. Lunn has all his own equipment and would just need uniforms.

Ambulance Comments: The Cuba Ambulance Service responded to a total of 42 calls to service in August of 2026. 35 of those calls were taken to Olean General Hospital, 2 were taken to Jones Memorial Hospital and 5 were sign offs, 0 were taken by Mercy Flight and 1 was DOA. 33 of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling 31 and Olean 10/MTS handling 2. 15 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 19 were in the Town of Cuba, 2 were on the lake, 0 was mutual aid to Friendship, 0 was mutual aid to Clarksville, 0 was mutual aid to Ischua, 4 were to New Hudson, 0 was mutual aid to Rushford and 2 were on I-86.

- One member has started their basic EMT class.
- CPR class was held at the end of August. Most of our crew is now recertified. One member took a wilderness EMS class.
- Standbys are ongoing for football games. We will also be standing by for Garlic Festival and teaching hands only CPR.
- Both of our heart monitors have been serviced and recalibrated. We also had to purchase two new EZ-IO drills. These are used to drill a needle into bone if unable to start an IV. They are a sealed unit, so once the battery is dead, you replace the whole unit. (these are almost 10 years old)

Highway Comments:

- Blacktop patched
- Put gravel on Farnsworth Road
- Chip sealed Beebe, part of Summit, Hopkins, Bump, North Branch, Hill Top and Health Camp

Equipment Repairs:

- Serviced loader
- Fixed tires on Peterbilt
 - Smith has gotten many questions about the county roads. Some county roads are going to be blacktopped. The lake will not be blacktopped.
 - James received a letter from a lake resident detailing why large trucks shouldn't be allowed around the lake. Allegany County would have to limit them; it is not the town's jurisdiction. James will respond to the resident.
 - Smith had an inquiry about the speed limit on Mt. Monroe. Smith called the state and the only thing the town can do is ask for a study.
 - Smith will have some bills that will need to be prepaid and will be paid from CHIPS money.
 - James asked if there have been any applications for the open highway position. Smith has received one application.

Sewer Committee: none

Facilities:

- The floors in the Town Hall were waxed.
- The generator will be installed in November and the electric will be upgraded all at no cost to the Town as part of the school project.
- The highway department will pour the pad for the memorial in the front of Town Hall, Burch has received some donations and the Cuba Chamber of Commerce would like to make a contribution.
- Burch talked to Schostick about the bid for the HVAC and then asked Non-Stop Comfort LLC if the items that were not included in the bid could be included. Those items will be included. Burch reached out to another HVAC business but didn't hear back. Discussion continued. Enzinna motioned to move forward with Non-Stop Comfort, LLC for the heating in the Town Hall at a cost of \$32,300. Seconded by Decker. All in favor, passed. James asked Burch to make sure that they provide us with general liability and worker's comp. certificates.
- Burch needs to meet with the potential building cleaner again and get a list of supplies for the town to buy. She would be a 1099 employee. Burch received another quote but it was too high for cleaning. The town currently uses the school's dumpster, but with the project the town will need to purchase some cans to put to the curb on pickup days.

Dog Control Comments:

- Reports submitted in writing, mileage will be on the next abstract
- Hollenbeck passed the NYS Agriculture and Markets inspection.

Code Enforcement Comments: none**Assessor's Comments:** the assessors are finalizing everything for the reval.**Planning Board:**

- There are no meetings planned for the comprehensive plan.
- Sweet provided James with a proposed local law concerning removal of brush, grass, weeds and other junk including unlicensed vehicles. Reed replied that a lot of it is in state codes already. There was a question regarding having the highway superintendent mow and remove things on problem properties. James stated that if that situation arose, the town would hire an outside firm. Reed has the right to assess the charges according to state code. James is waiting for Reed's feedback.
- The planning board is looking at three BESS moratoriums from other communities. Mary Raymond asked if there is a time limit on enacting a moratorium. James would like a 12-month minimum moratorium.

Old Business:

- The 911 renumbering project is almost complete.
- There are no updates on FEMA.

New Business:

- Ambulance facility and dog shelter- James went on another walk through and talked to Don Glover on what his offer would be. James had another business come forth and offer that the town could use a portion of the facility that they have for ambulance storage and responses and give us some office space. They would be willing to do a 99-year lease in exchange for plowing and lawn care. James is going to do a walk through of another facility tomorrow and she will bring back information.

Public Comments:

- Mary Lindquest expressed her concern with lots of places on the lake having two residences on a lot that are not being charged on taxes. Are people going to be charged for that on the reval? James replied that she hasn't seen anything new that has come out of the assessor's inspections. The assessors are still compiling the data. James would say that most people have been very willing to let the assessors on their property but there are a few in that area that would not allow them on the property. At that point, it would be assumptions and the owner would have to prove otherwise. This applies townwide, but the assessors can use aerial tools and other tools to assess the property.
- Mary Lindquest saw on the news that the state is trying to get a state law requiring a helmet, insurance, etc. for e-bikes and wondered if the department was a part of that. Burch stated that no they are not but they

can submit their input through the chief's association. Ultimately, it comes down to the law makers in Albany. Burch has had people mentioned that things have slowed down a little bit in the village regarding e-bikes.

At 7:45pm Beck made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters. Seconded by Enzinna. At 7:55pm the meeting reconvened with a motion from Decker, seconded by.

With no further business to discuss, Enzinna motioned to adjourn, seconded by Beck. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Allesia A. Heslin, Town Clerk

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