

Organizational 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: Melodie Farwell, Bill Beck, David Decker, Jonathan Enzinna
 Also Present: Allesia Heslin, Town Clerk, Chad Smith, Highway Superintendent, Dustin Burch, Chief of Police, Aaron Appleby, Ambulance Administrator
 Absent: Trevor Hollenbeck, Dog Control Officer

Supervisor James called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:52pm.

James asked for a motion to appoint Jonathan Enzinna to the board to fill Michael Mosgrove's term ending 12/31/2027. Farwell made motion. Seconded by Beck. All in favor, passed.

James listed the 2026 list of appointment and designations:

Depository:

Five Star Bank, NY Class and/or Community Bank, N.A. for all accounts,

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm at the Cuba Town Hall, 15 Water Street. Unless publicized otherwise.

Official News Paper:	Olean Times Herald
Attorney:	TBD
Deputy Supervisor:	Melodie Farwell
Registrar of Vital Statistics:	Allesia Heslin
Deputy Registrar:	Sherie Heslin
Deputy Town Clerk:	vacant
Police Commissioner:	Lee James
Historian:	David Crowley
Dog Control:	Trevor Hollenbeck
Budget Committee:	Entire board
Sewer District #5 Maintenance:	Dana Harvey
Code Enforcement:	Ryan Reed
Ambulance Administrator:	Aaron Appleby

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Police Committee:	Lee James, Melodie Farwell & Bill Beck
Ambulance Committee:	Aaron Appleby, Jonathan Enzinna & Lee James
Highway Committee:	Melodie Farwell, Bill Beck & David Decker
Equip. & Facilities Committee:	Dustin Burch, Chad Smith, Aaron Appleby, Lee James & Frank Schostick
Board of Ethics:	Mary Lindquest, David Decker & Allesia Heslin
Audit Committee:	Melodie Farwell, Bill Beck
Sewer District Committee:	Lee James, David Decker & Dana Harvey
Planning Board/Site Review:	As appointed by terms.
	Current: Lori Sweet, Mary Raymond, Lynette Decker, Eugene Haas
	Vacancy: Cassandra Ploetz

Meetings will be held the 4th Monday of the month at 4:30pm at the Cuba Town Hall, 15 Water Street as needed.

Board Members for Planning/
Development: Lee James, David Decker, Jonathan Enzinna
Board of Assessment Review: David Crowley, Linda Simons & Roderic Secrist
Assessor: Dustin Snyder, as per term
Emergency Manager: Aaron Appleby
Ad Hoc Committees: As needed

Enzinna motioned to accept all designations and appointments as presented. Seconded by Beck. All in favor, passed.

Farwell motioned to adjourn the organizational meeting. Seconded by Beck. All in favor, passed.

Regular Board Meeting
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Supervisor James asked Heslin to perform a roll call of present members: Aaron Appleby, Dustin Burch, Chad Smith, Jonathan Enzinna, David Decker, Bill Beck, Lee James, Melodie Farwell

Public Comments: Mary Lindquest thanked everyone for helping with Wreaths Across America.

Board Comments: Enzinna said it is good to be back, wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed David Decker.

Decker stated he is looking forward to working with the board.

Beck mentioned last week was law enforcement appreciation day and thanked the police department for all they do. Beck stated he has talked to many citizens that are reeling from their 2026 town and county taxes.

Farwell welcomed David Decker. Farwell is looking forward to a better 2026.

Supervisor Comments:

- James stated that there were many challenges in 2025 but overall, the board accomplished a lot. James thanked all of the departments for all the time and effort they put in.
- The ambulance had a record-breaking year. James thanked Appleby for his leadership and for bringing in new members and continuing to keep our ambulance service strong.
- James thanked Burch for keeping public order and safety and she hears good things about the department.
- James is thrilled to have a full board and welcomed David Decker and thanked Enzinna for coming back to the board.
- James introduced guest, Russ Hall, the GIS specialist for Allegany County. Hall explained that Cuba will undergo an address re-numbering process to update the information for a new 911 system. The current 911 system is existing on 1980's technology that is a separate, standalone phone system and is frozen in time. The GIS data is stripped out of the call before the call goes to 911 which can cause

routing problems. The new system will fix this problem and provide accurate GIS data. Many other companies (National Fuel, insurance companies, National Grid, etc.) also use the 911 database instead of having their own. The renumbering will start in the next couple of months. Hall will be sending letters to residents that will have an address change.

Minutes for 12/16/2025 and 12/30/2025, Supervisor's Report for December & General & Highway Abstracts #14 and #1:

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

The Supervisor's Report showed the general fund received \$36,105.55. The highway fund received \$335,203.74. The assessor consortium received \$82.62. Disbursements include \$165,706.52 for general, \$65,985.12 for highway and \$14,727.68 for assessor consortium.

The December Abstract #14 & January Abstract #1 dispersed \$44,595.92 from the General Fund, \$11,529.35 from the Highway Fund and \$79.93 from the Assessor Consortium for #14. \$68,161.18 from the General Fund, \$22,541.23 from the Highway Fund and \$250.00 from the Assessor Consortium for #1.

Farwell mentioned that in the minutes from December 16, 2025 a correction needs to be made that Cuba does not have a certificate of need for the Town of Clarksville. Heslin will fix the error.

On the motion of Farwell and seconded by Enzinna the reports were accepted as presented.

Clerk Comments:

- Heslin stated that there are many people who are upset about how high their tax bill is. In some cases, tripling.
- The Associations of Towns will be holding their annual meeting, Heslin will have information in her office if the board is interested.

Assessor's Comments: none

Police Department Comments: In the month of December, the department conducted 46 traffic stops. There were 295 calls for service. The full report is on the website.

- The village has increased their parking fines: 1st offense \$25, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$250
- The printers in the police department are starting to not work. Schostick recommended getting a large printer like the one in the Town Hall lobby. Discussion continued. Burch will print large jobs to the lobby printer.
- Burch asked the board for approval to deputize one of our officers as an ICE officer under a federal program. The training would be online 40 hours over 60 days during work hours. This would allow the department to hold illegal immigrants; they currently cannot hold illegal immigrants because they are not federal agents. The department would be reimbursed for any hours that they transport, process, etc. an illegal immigrant by the federal government. The department will also receive \$100,000 for equipment if they were to detain any illegal immigrants. Beck made motion to accept, seconded by Farwell. All in favor, passed.

Ambulance Comments: The Cuba Ambulance Service responded to a total of 28 calls to service in December of 2025. 18 of those calls were taken to Olean General Hospital, 4 were taken to Jones Memorial Hospital and 6 were sign offs, 0 were taken by Mercy Flight and 0 were DOA. 24 of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling 23 and Olean 10/MTS handling 1. 15 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 8 were in the Town of Cuba, 0 were on the lake, 0 was mutual aid to Friendship, 0 was mutual aid to Clarksville, 0 were mutual aid to Ischua, 4 were to New Hudson, 0 was mutual aid to Rushford and 1 was on I-86.

- One member is still taking her advanced EMT and will be testing out in the spring. One member will be starting her EMT class this week.

- Appleby has taken the class to become a certified CPR instructor through the American Heart Association.
- Appleby would like permission to hire Madelyn Sortore on her birthday. (01/19/2008) She already has her EMT certification and has some experience. She has passed a background check. Enzinna motioned to hire, seconded by Decker. All in favor, passed.
- Appleby is still in the process of trying to replace our stair chairs. Appleby applied for a grant but did not receive it.
- Efforts are still ongoing with a new ambulance bay.
- Hospitals are being overwhelmed with patients. ER wait times are increasing. On a call last week, we were one of 7 ambulances waiting for a bed.
- Year End Ambulance numbers as follows:
 - 610 total calls
 - 362 transports to the hospital
 - 188 non-transports (sign offs, DOA, lift assists)
 - 60 others (fire/police standbys, special events)

Highway Comments:

- Plowed 18 days in December
- Piled sand
- Took care of fallen tree limbs of windstorms
- Helped Village remove snow
- Put new shelving in court vault
- Hauled scrap

Equipment Repairs:

- Replaced fuel tank in ambulance
- Put new brake drum on 2015 Freightliner
- Smith asked for permission to post the roads. On the motion of Farwell, seconded by Beck. All in favor, passed.
- Smith asked for permission to order the cab and chassis for the truck that is budgeted for. The cost is \$183,002.86. On the motion of Beck, seconded by Enzinna. All in favor, passed.

Sewer Committee: none

Facilities: The school will itemize their cleaning invoices going forward.

Dog Control Comments: James is still in the process of trying to get a shared shelter with surrounding communities. There are some communities that are interested in Hollenbeck being their DCO as well.

Code Enforcement Comments: none

Planning Board: The planning board is trying to have a joint meeting with the Village to work on the comprehensive plan. They will reschedule.

New Business:

- David Crowley submitted his annual report for the historian's office (see attached). He continues to work with the historical society, keeping records and answering questions.

Old Business:

- A new ambulance building will be on hold until funding can be found.

- The board discussed options for attorneys. The topic was tabled until February.
- The trail and safe routes grant is coming up. James asked how much it would be for CPL's grant writer to write the grant. The cost would be all inclusive for not more than \$3,500. James would like the school and the Village to help with that cost because it would benefit everyone. James asked for a motion, contingent on the Village and school participation, to look into applying for the grant again. Farwell made motion. Seconded by Enzinna. All in favor, passed.
- James received the Allegany County Stop DWI contract and asked for a motion to sign the agreement. Decker made motion, seconded by Enzinna. All in favor, passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allesia A. Heslin, Town Clerk