

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: 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 7pm.

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

Board Comments: Enzinna reminded everyone that Dairy Days are coming up this weekend with lots of activities. Tuesday is the school budget re-vote and the primary election is on June 23rd.

Beck wished everyone a happy and safe Dairy Days weekend.

Farwell neglected to tell Dustin Burch last month that her sister attended the ladies hand gun safety class and she had high praise for the whole thing.

Supervisor Comments: James said it is great to have people come together and celebrate Dairy Days.

James attended the school board meeting and listened to their budget proposal. James thinks they did a good job of trimming back where they needed to and didn't go too far. She thinks of everything our students will lose if the budget is voted down and encouraged everyone to participate in the vote.

Minutes for 05/11/2026, Supervisor's Report for May & General, Highway and Assessor Abstract #6:

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

The Supervisor's Report showed the general fund received \$61,452.01. The highway fund received \$4,585.75. The assessor consortium received \$97.03. Disbursements include \$155,358.23 for general, \$50,059.83 for highway and \$15,751.73 for assessor consortium.

The June Abstract #6 dispersed \$122,801.11 from the General Fund, \$14,224.29 from the Highway Fund and \$325.28 from the Assessor Consortium.

Farwell took exception to the school attorney bill. She believes that we should not be paying anything after 2/11/2026 and almost everything on the three-page bill is out of their lane, it's in our lane and they needed to stop. She believes we should cut them off at 2/11/2026. It wasn't up to them to be calling the other attorneys and trying to negotiate settlements. They had no authority to do that on the Town's behalf. James agreed that the board should make adjustments and send a memo back to the school on those bills. Discussion continued.

The board agreed to take the bill of \$3,470.00 off the abstract and pay it as a prepay before the next meeting with adjustments.

Farwell motioned to approve the consent agenda with the adjustment to the general fund removing the Cuba Rushford School district invoice of \$3,470.00. Seconded by Beck. All in favor, passed.

Clerk Comments:

- The board received a thank you note from Dawn Wildrick-Cole for allowing her to introduce herself at the last meeting. Wildrick-Cole is running for a county judge position.
- Heslin received correspondence from Cornell University with local roads program infographics. The "Things that don't belong in the road" flyer will be on the website.

Police Department Comments: In the month of May, the department conducted 84 traffic stops. There were 339 calls for service. The full report is on the website.

- The department is all set for Dairy Days-the sheriff's office will be assisting.
- The radar trailer is out with the warmer weather. The department has been focusing on the primary spots of South Street, the lake and the school zones.

- Burch has a meeting with a member of the lake district regarding the fireworks this year. They may be trying to raise funds for that which may involve them being around the lake.
- E-bikes-kids are getting a little wild with them. The department is trying to educate people and they are able to ticket riders who are not following the rules. Parents can be held responsible for their child's actions.
- There is an increase in park activity with the warmer weather. If you see anything let the department know.
- The Amazon account should now be squared away. There was an outstanding balance from when the cameras were installed in the court room, but Burch believes at the time it was discussed and action was not taken. The account should now have free shipping and monthly invoicing.
- Fuel costs have doubled. Burch is trying to reduce officers to one car to save a little bit.
- James returned a call about aggressive dogs on Beebe Hill. Heslin will check to see if they are licensed.
- Burch called the DOT and was told that the items on Worth Smith's parking lot on the corner are not in the right-of-way. Burch will talk to Worth Smith about maybe lowering their product to be less of a hazard.

Ambulance Comments: The Cuba Ambulance Service responded to a total of 33 calls to service in May of 2026. 19 of those calls were taken to Olean General Hospital, 4 were taken to Jones Memorial Hospital and 6 were sign offs, 2 were taken by Mercy Flight and 0 were DOA. 24 of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling 24 and Olean 10/MTS handling 0. 14 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 13 were in the Town of Cuba, 1 was on the lake, 0 was mutual aid to Friendship, 0 were mutual aid to Clarksville, 0 were mutual aid to Ischua, 5 were to New Hudson, 0 was mutual aid to Rushford and 0 were on I-86.

- Annual skills for all EMTs will be held on 6/8/26. This is a state requirement.
- Standbys are coming up for Dairy Days, a 5K run, and the horse pull in New Hudson.
- CPR class scheduled for 6/29/26.
- Fuel costs are up.
- The ambulance is also seeing a lot of extended wait times at the hospital because it is so busy.

Highway Comments:

- Graded Bump Road
- Ditched Health Camp Rd., Beebe Hill and West Main
- Mowing roadsides
- Installed driveway pipe on Beebe Hill

Equipment Repairs:

- Got trucks inspected
- Put brake chambers on 2015 and 2019 Freightliner
- Put torsion arms on Peterbilt, slack adjusters and s cam
- The cost of fuel and oil is up and is affecting how many roads can be chipped. The cost jumped from \$16,000 to \$23,000/mile.

Sewer Committee: Harvey is having sewer district orders shipped to the lake district building which is not one of the Town's facilities. James would like to know if it's being offloaded and then being brought down to the Bull Street building or if there is permission to store things there. If it is being stored there, James would like the board to set some sort of protocol or policy to allow that. James will get more details and she would like to make sure the town is covered if something happens.

Facilities:

- Burch will get the yellow paint done in the front of the building like they do every year.
- Smith will remove the wood in the front of the building and replace it with stone.
- Burch would like to get a memorial stone in the front of the building for fallen officers and first responders.

- Burch spoke to the school project manager about what the Town needs to do concerning the school's capital project. A new 400-amp service will be installed for Town Hall.
- Burch met with another HVAC contractor and he will soon have a quote from them. That is the fourth quote Burch has received to install HVAC in Town Hall independently of the school.
- Burch spoke with Zeuch's Environmental Services to see if they could sleeve the sewage tank and keep the pumps that are installed at Town Hall to save some money. Zeuch's is able to do that.
- Town Hall will be getting a gas generator as part of the project with the school.
- Burch is cleaning the trailer out behind the highway building. When that is finished, Harvey can use it for storage.
- Burch requested time in executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Dog Control Comments: none

Code Enforcement Comments: none

Assessor's Comments:

- Grievance was held May 27th.
- The assessors are still collecting data and will be out all summer.

Planning Board:

- The last meeting was cancelled due to not having a quorum.

Old Business:

- Nothing new with the ambulance building. The FEMA grants are for equipment and ambulances, not buildings.
- With final reconciliation of bills being passed, the Town should hear something soon regarding USDA grants.
- No updates on 911 renumbering.
- Enzinna asked were everyone is on getting official .gov emails. Department heads have received new email accounts. James will talk with Frank Schostick about who needs emails and potential training.

New Business:

- Monday, June 15th at 1pm at the Cuba Library, ESD will be presenting about the next round of grants available for municipalities and non-profits. James will be attending and is hoping the Village Mayor will also attend so they can look collectively if there are any joint projects that could be done.
- There is a FEMA meeting for officials June 16th at the Wellsville Library. James is unable to attend, but feels it is very important that we have some form of representation there. It looks like Cuba will have more homes and buildings that will be classified as in a higher hazard flood zone. Residents are encouraged to go to the Cuba Rushford Elementary School from 3:30 to 7 if they have any questions about flood risk and insurance. Discussion continued. Farwell plans on attending the meeting for officials.
- James wanted to address the issue of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) because the Town of Angelica is looking into installing one on Hess Road. James would like the board to do some research and put a moratorium in place on BESS and wind farms. There are concerns about potential fires. The Allegany County IDA is in favor of BESS and giving pilots so they will affect everyone at some point. Discussion continued.

Public Comments: Mary Lindquist stated that she may not be able to get enough sponsorships for all of the wreaths they need for Wreaths Across America. Farwell encouraged Lindquist to go to the veteran's club's business meetings and making a presentation. Enzinna suggested making a presentation to the Cuba Chamber of Commerce.

At 7:53pm Enzinna made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Seconded by Decker. At 8:14pm the meeting reconvened with a motion from Farwell, seconded by Beck. With no further business to discuss, Beck motioned to adjourn, seconded by Enzinna. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Allesia A. Heslin, Town Clerk