

May 11, 2026

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, Trevor Hollenbeck, Dog Control Officer, Aaron Appleby, Ambulance Administrator

Absent:

Supervisor James called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

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

Board Comments:

- Enzinna is looking forward to warmer weather.
- Beck is looking forward to Little League opening day Saturday, May 16th.
- With EMS week coming up, Farwell said thank you to the EMS squad. Residents in Cuba and surrounding areas get great service, dedicated and diligent personnel thanks in no small part to the leadership. Thank you Aaron and the group.

Supervisor Comments: James asked the community to keep the Wight family in their thoughts and prayers after losing their father.

Minutes for 04/01/2026 and 4/14/2026, Supervisor's Report for April & General & Highway Abstract #5:

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

The Supervisor's Report showed the general fund received \$87,565.71. The highway fund received \$4,721.33. The assessor consortium received \$117.12. Disbursements include \$126,869.76 for general, \$53,657.85 for highway and \$18,571.77 for assessor consortium.

The May Abstract #5 dispersed \$81,829.99 from the General Fund, \$31,629.26 from the Highway Fund and \$225.51 from the Assessor Consortium.

James presented budget modifications. The board members reviewed the modifications.

On the motion of Enzinna and seconded by Decker the reports were accepted as presented including budget modifications.

Clerk Comments:

- Skylighters of New York submitted a fireworks display permit for July 3, 2026 at Cuba Lake. The Board approved.
- The Allegany County planning board is hosting a training May 20th from 5-6:30pm at the Crossroads Center in Belmont for any town employee regarding open meetings law.
- There is now a line on dog licenses to make an optional donation to the Allegany County SPCA per NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets.
- The clerk will be out of the office beginning May 27th and will be back in the office June 9th. She can be reached via email in an emergency.
- The Town of Angelica will be hosting a parade for the United States' 250th anniversary on July 11th. They are looking for parade participants. Information will be in the clerk's office.
- The Office of the Aging is celebrating Older Americans Month. There are several dates for luncheons. Information will be in the clerk's office.

Police Department Comments: In the month of April, the department conducted 88 traffic stops. There were 347 calls for service. The full report is on the website.

- The department is starting to see an uptick in complaints regarding e-bikes. Burch provided some cards with e-bike facts. The officers will be handing them out to kids and parents. Parents can be held liable if their kids are causing an issue.
- Park checks will increase with the warmer weather and increase in activity.
- Fuel costs are very high. Burch is having officers double up whenever possible. The last fuel bill was double what it usually is.
- The department completed their night range certification for the state.
- Burch provided information about the yellow dot program. Anyone can fill out the card, put it in your glovebox and put the yellow dot on your car window. This will alert first responders to check your glovebox in case of an emergency. The dots can also be used in your home on your front door with the card stored in your freezer. The cards are available at the police station and at the clerk's office. This is a completely voluntary program. The program is state wide.
- The department is signing an agreement with the child advocacy center. There is no financial obligation to the town, the program is done through the county. The center provides trained counselors and has a mobile unit to assist if a child has been sexually abused or has gone through other trauma. The agreement allows the department privilege to use the service.
- There were two accidents on the report. An officer backed out of the bay and scraped a Friendship school car. The second accident occurred when a stretcher hit a taillight on the police car and broke it. Repairs will be made.
- Rita Budinger brought up concerns about the corner of Rt. 305 and Water Street. She stated that the intersection is too full for visibility for pedestrians with supplies stacked on the corner of the Worth Smith parking lot. Burch will talk with the business owners. Burch stated that it is illegal to cut through a parking lot from one road to another. The department has had to stop people for doing that through the Worth Smith parking lot.

Ambulance Comments: The Cuba Ambulance Service responded to a total of 36 calls to service in April of 2026. 26 of those calls were taken to Olean General Hospital, 6 were taken to Jones Memorial Hospital and 4 were sign offs, 0 were taken by Mercy Flight and 0 were DOA. 27 of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling 26 and Olean 10/MTS handling 1. 20 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 10 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, 4 were to New Hudson, 0 was mutual aid to Rushford and 1 was on I-86.

- Josh Horton has passed his paramedic exam. Congratulations to him!
- Annual EMT skills mandated by the state have been scheduled to be completed in early June.
- We sent an ambulance and crew to the mock DWI drill held at the fairgrounds in Angelica. This was for high school students to make them think about consuming alcohol and then driving. Friendship Fire, Wellsville Ambulance and MTS also participated.
- Our advanced EMT and basic EMT student have both passed their respective practical exams and have scheduled to take the written portion of their tests.
- Our new stair chair is in service. We have now upgraded both of our stretchers and stair chairs. This was accomplished using almost all donations. Thank you to all that have donated to this cause.
- National EMS Week is May 17-23. I would like to recognize all of the members of Cuba EMS. I feel as we provide top notch care and are able to respond in a timely manner even with the increased number of calls.
- Appleby asked the board to hire David Cornelius and Gabriel Horton. Both are looking to take the EMT course when it starts in August and both have passed their background check. Enzinna motioned to hire. Seconded by Beck. All in favor, passed.
- Appleby and James met with Hunt Engineers who came up with a proposal for what it would take for an EMS building for architect engineering of \$17,442 with base lump sum value of 7.75% of the construction budget. James will solicit more bids. It is a professional service which does not need to be bid but James believes it would behoove the town to do so.

Highway Comments:

- Cut brush on Keller Hill, Little, Hunt and Health Camp Roads
- Cut up fallen trees on Beebe Hill and Stout Road
- Graded Dekay, Stoll, South Road
- Helped county with Bull St. bridge-the bridge is finished and open.

Equipment Repairs:

- Getting trucks ready for inspections
- Fuel prices have doubled
- The blacktop plant in Olean opened on Monday. The Cuba plant will open next Monday.
- Smith received a complaint about debris in ditches causing flooding. It is illegal to put anything in the ditches.

Sewer Committee:

- Harvey has requested to purchase a small laptop and printer for the sewer district. Frank Schostick has been asked to make a recommendation.
- Harvey has been out on more calls with residents opening their cottages for the season.

Facilities:

- Burch spoke with Zuechs Septic Services and will set up a time to meet this week or the beginning of next week.
- Josh Brown is unavailable to do the boiler system. Burch also received bids from Mazza and Non-Stop Comfort. Non-Stop Comfort's bid was half of Mazza's at \$32,300. Burch will ask Ryan Lewis what the hard date for the town to get the new boiler system installed is.
- Schostick will get the new hose installed out front when the weather is better.
- James and Burch will work on the landscaping in the front of town hall. The funds for that are included in the budget.
- James asked Smith if he can get rid of the grass near the town hall sign and the road and maybe install rock. Smith said that he would do that.
- Heslin asked if the parking lot can be restriped. Parking has been a problem on court days. Burch will talk to the village.

Dog Control Comments:

- Hollenbeck has had a few calls and it is, fortunately, been pretty slow.

Code Enforcement Comments:

- Reed has been out inspecting.
- James would like to follow up on a couple of the complaints of debris at a few homes.
- Smith received a complaint about debris on a property and he was wondering who to notify. The person who complained needs to make a complaint with the code enforcement officer.

Assessor's Comments:

- The assessors have hired another person to help with measuring. They are out and about data collecting.
- The assessors provided a resolution for reassessment that corrected the dates. The original resolution was fine per Allegany County but this new resolution would be cleaner. Beck motioned to pass the resolution to correct the dates. Seconded by Farwell. Roll call vote showed:

Lee James	yea
Bill Beck	yea
David Decker	yea
Jonathan Enzinna	yea
Melodie Farwell	yea

Planning Board: none

Old Business:

- There are no updates on the 911 renumbering project. Farwell asked about buying new signs. Heslin will buy more if necessary.
- Farwell mentioned again that the town needs a yard waste lot.
- James needs to reach out again to Melissa Pingitore from the Allegany County IDA. Melissa provided a drawing of what the IDA would like to do with the RV park property if they were able to purchase the property at foreclosure. The drawing included a loop of two- and three-bedroom homes with an area to give a buffer with the existing pond, a park and possibly a walking trail.
- Decker asked if there was a new sluice pipe installed at the RV park. Smith stated it was part of the snowmobile trail system.

New Business: none

Public Comments:

- James brought a tourism report from Ashley Smith (from Allegany County Economic Development) because it was a concern of residents that tourism would be negatively impacted due to training allowed to our police officers. The report showed a growth from 15.9% in February up to 21.7% indicated robust growth in our visitor activity.
- Heslin mentioned that the bakery, Scoops and Crumbs, is now opened on Main Street. They had a great grand opening.

At 7:49pm Farwell made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Seconded by Decker. At 8:08pm the meeting reconvened with a motion from Beck seconded by Enzinna.

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

Allesia A. Heslin, Town Clerk