Public Hearing
Of the Town Board of the Town of Cuba to Override the Tax Cap and on the 2027 Budget
Held at the Cuba Town Hall, 15 Water Street, Cuba, NY 14727

Supervisor James called the Hearing to order at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
James stated that the purpose of the Hearing was to hear any questions from the public regarding the tax cap. The Town is going over by 7.35% due to additional expenses that have been incurred for utilities and inflationary increases, payroll taxes, New York State retirement, etc.
James also noted that although we have gone back and restored to the 2023 rolls, our rate per thousand is going down about 40% so many people will see a reduction in the per thousand rates for their assessments. Town wide it is going from $9.44 to $5.77 and town outside will go from $2.74 to $1.75. James also noted that the new revaluation would be coming out soon and will take the Town back to 100% of assessed values. We are currently at 84%. James asked if there were any comments or thoughts. Farwell pointed out that Cuba has one of the lowest per thousand rates in Allegany County. The override will allow the Town to not take an excessive amount of money out of reserves which has been done in the past years.
Gene Haas asked when tax bills will be sent out. Heslin replied they will go out the last week in December.

James stated that any opinions regarding overriding the tax cap or the 2027 budget could be heard at this time.

At 6:30 pm Beck motioned to end the budget and tax cap override public hearings, seconded by Farwell. All in favor, passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allesia A. Heslin, Town Clerk

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

Supervisor James called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
Heslin read Resolution Authorizing Adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Cuba of Local Law No. 1 of 2026 (01-2026) and A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C.

- A motion was made to adopt Local Law 01-2026 overriding the tax cap to 7.35%. Farwell made motion. Seconded by Enzinna. The roll call vote showed:
  - Jonathan Enzinna Aye
  - William Beck Aye
  - Lee James Aye
  - Melodie Farwell Aye
  - David Decker Absent

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- Enzinna made motion to adopt the 2027 budget as presented. Seconded by Farwell. The roll call vote showed:
  - Jonathan Enzinna Aye
  - William Beck Aye
  - Lee James Aye
  - Melodie Farwell Aye
  - David Decker Absent

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allesia A. Heslin, Town Clerk