

Public Hearing
Of the Town Board of the Town of Cuba

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

Supervisor James called the Hearing to order at 6:45pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

James stated that the purpose of the meeting was to give community members of Cuba the opportunity to pose any questions or concerns they may have regarding a temporary moratorium on the proposed land use law, to be composed by the Cuba Planning Board and presented to the Cuba Town Board.

Ed Meehan supports the moratorium because the town should not approve a major industrial land use before they have regulations specifically designed for it. Moratoriums give the town time to determine appropriate setbacks, emergency response requirements, environmental actions and decommissioning guarantees with maximum protections for tax payers. Once the standards are established, the town can make an informed long-term decision.

Suzanne Flierl asked is there currently a recommendation in place to put a battery storage facility in place in Cuba or is this proactive? James stated this is a proactive decision especially because of the concerns in other communities and doing more research on BESS to make sure that the town has a good time frame to put the moratorium in place and make considerations during that time frame. The planning board would be charged to come up with a proposed moratorium law that the town board would then review and send to the county planning board along with a SEQR and then it would come back to the town board and once it's approved the moratorium can be put into place and then the planning board would be charged with looking at all the other proposed laws.

Flierl fully supports a moratorium but it is her understanding that there is a difference between what municipalities can do if it is a stand-alone BESS as opposed to BESS combined with another type of storage. Her understanding is that New York State can override one of the two of those and would like to not have a BESS facility in Cuba.

Discussion continued.

Farwell made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Decker. All in favor, passed.

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, David Decker, Jonathan Enzinna, Bill Beck

Also Present: Allesia Heslin, Town Clerk, Trevor Hollenbeck, Dog Control Officer, Chad Smith, Highway Superintendent,

Absent: Dustin Burch, Chief of Police, Aaron Appleby, Ambulance Administrator

Supervisor James called the meeting to order at 7pm.

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

Board Comments: Enzinna stated that he and James attended an event in Lakeville, NY and met with people from Parks and Trails NY and there seems to be reinvigorated interest in the Trail Towns program and they want Cuba to be more involved than we were before. Enzinna is excited to see how that pans out.

Supervisor Comments: none

Minutes for 07/14/2026, Supervisor's Report for July & General, Highway and Assessor Abstract #8:

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

The Supervisor's Report showed the general fund received \$109,196.66. The highway fund received \$5,498.62. The assessor consortium received \$10,118.27. Disbursements include \$238,320.39 for general, \$80,072.61 for highway and \$21,727.71 for assessor consortium.

The August Abstract #8 dispersed \$42,679.74 from the General Fund, \$33,139.91 from the Highway Fund and \$749.36 from the Assessor Consortium.

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

Clerk Comments:

- The Allegany County DPW will be having their annual household hazardous waste collection day on September 12, 2026. Registration is required. Information is posted at cubany.gov and on the clerk's bulletin board.
- The proportionate share due from the Town of Cuba for worker's compensation for the fiscal year 2027 is \$26,339 and will be taken care of upon settlement by the tax collector with the county treasurer.
- Effective September 1st, Heslin will be changing her hours to Tuesday-Thursday 3-6:30pm.

Police Department Comments: In the month of July, the department conducted 111 traffic stops. There were 483 calls for service. The full report is on the website.

Ambulance Comments: The Cuba Ambulance Service responded to a total of 46 calls to service in July of 2026. 25 of those calls were taken to Olean General Hospital, 9 were taken to Jones Memorial Hospital and 11 were sign offs, 1 was taken by Mercy Flight and 0 were DOA. 36 of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling 34 and Olean 10/MTS handling 2. 18 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 17 were in the Town of Cuba, 1 was on the lake, 0 was mutual aid to Friendship, 0 was mutual aid to Clarksville, 0 were mutual aid to Ischua, 10 were to New Hudson, 0 was mutual aid to Rushford and 0 were on I-86.

- We have been busy doing standbys for Dairy Week, the New Hudson horse pulls, and a 5K run.
- Standbys have been posted for football games and the Garlic Festival. We will be teaching hands only CPR while at the festival.
- Some members recertified their CPR with another class scheduled at the end on the month.
- One member starts his EMT class on 8/11.
- Training is taking place with the fire department this month on 8/11.
- The ambulance participated in the Andover 4th of July parade and the county fireman's convention parade. We also participated in the scavenger hunt during the village summer recreation program.
- The CME program has been updated with the state, and our CLIA renewal has been submitted. (this allows us to check blood sugar levels)

Highway Comments:

- Changed crossover pipes on Beebe and Farnsworth
- Ditched on Farnsworth
- Blacktop patched
- Mowed roadsides

Equipment Repairs:

- Replaced valve solenoids on 2015 Freightliner
- Replaced air valve on 2015 Freightliner
- Had cab motherboard replaced in 2009 Freightliner
- Replaced side dump wipers in 2015 and 2019 Freightliner
 - The 2009 Peterbilt needs to be replaced. At the end of August, we will no longer be able to order a truck for this year and after that the price will go up by approximately \$30,000. We have one truck on order to replace the 2013 Freightliner. It would be \$197,000 to replace the 2009 Freightliner cab and chassis. The truck on order won't be here until February and it will be about a year before the plow equipment will arrive. Smith tried to call the accountants but they weren't available before tonight's meeting. Smith believes we should be replacing trucks every 7-10 years- the corrosion causes the electronics to go and the longest warranty you can get from any

company is 7 years. If we order by August 31 we won't have to pay for the truck until next year. The board can plan for that expense during the upcoming budget season.

- Farwell made a motion, contingent upon information from Justin about our financial situation, that we replace the 2009 Freightliner at a cost of about \$197,000 and order by August 31st. Seconded by Enzinna. All in favor, passed.
- James asked Smith if it would make sense to figure out over time, considering maintenance, if it would make sense to trade or sell the trucks before the warranty is up? Smith stated that selling them outright around the 5-year mark allows some municipalities to recoup a lot of their cost. Discussion continued.
- A highway employee will be resigning effective August 18th. Smith asked permission to put an ad in the paper to hire a new employee. The board gave permission. Heslin will post the ad.

Sewer Committee: none

Facilities:

- Burch received three quotes for the Town Hall HVAC. Mazza \$92,900. 5 Stone \$48,947. Non-Stop Comfort \$32,300. Discussion continued. The topic requires more review and will be discussed at the budget workshop.

Dog Control Comments:

- There have been 4 dog bites in the last month. Hollenbeck believes that the town needs to complete a dog census early next year and he is available to do that.
- Hollenbeck went to court last Tuesday for the dogs on Beebe Hill Road. The father euthanized his two dogs, but didn't bring the paperwork to court and the son still has his two dogs and didn't appear in court. The matter was postponed until September.
- Hollenbeck suggested that the town also host a rabies clinic. Heslin and Hollenbeck will look into it.

Code Enforcement Comments:

- Reed has had about 35 permits per year for the last two years and the town is on track to hit that number again.

Assessor's Comments:

- The assessors are 2/3 of the way done with data collecting and are now putting all of the information into the system.

Planning Board:

- The last meeting was postponed due to not having a quorum. James stressed that there are important things coming up and it is beneficial to have their meetings.
- Sweet sent the planning board information regarding BESS facilities, junk and lawn care codes from the Village of Cuba to see what the planning board can do to adapt them for the town.
- The Stocking application remains incomplete. Sweet will create a list of what information is lacking and send them a letter.
- The fifth position on the board still needs to be filled. There are ideas for candidates.
- Sweet asked about members to help with the comprehensive plan. Enzinna, Haas and Tina Dalton have expressed their interest in being on that board. There will be a meeting for the comprehensive plan late in September.

Old Business:

- The 911 renumbering project is nearing completion.
- There are no new updates on FEMA. James is concerned with errors in the Village that could be detrimental. At this point, FEMA has no funding to move forward with the project for at least two years.

New Business:

- Heslin read the proposed resolution regarding a moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems. Beck motioned to accept the resolution. Seconded by Enzinna. All in favor, passed. Roll call vote showed:

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Lee James	x		
Melodie Farwell	x		

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| William Beck | x |
| David Decker | x |
| Jonathan Enzinna | x |
- There have been several discussions regarding a new ambulance building. James received an inquiry from a gentleman trying to sell his facility if the town would be interested in purchasing it. It is one James had not considered because of initial cost when it was listed for sale. He is offering it at a reduced price to the town. It would fit the needs of the ambulance facility. It has overhead doors, a separate entranceway for a man door and it would be move in ready. There is approximately 6,200 square feet available, this space would fit all of the ambulance needs, file storage could be moved to this building, the clerk or the assessors could be moved to this building and a dog shelter could be set up in a building on site. James believes this would be the most cost-effective space to put a dog shelter. HVAC would need to be installed and the floors and walls would have to be redone to be able to be sprayed down and to meet the Ag requirements for a dog shelter. Frank Schostick walked through and checked out the electric. The building has radiant heat in the floor and is not very old. It is hooked to the town sewer and has its own well. More sophisticated door locks could be installed so each person would have their own code to keep track of who is coming and going. A vehicle impound could also be installed. James would like to look at USDA funding to see if there are any grants available. James wanted to see what interest there is and believes this would be a solution for several things. Building from the ground up is very costly. Farwell asked what the next step would be. Farwell made a motion to allow James to pursue or investigate the possibility of the purchase of this building for a multi-use facility. Seconded by Decker. All in favor, passed.

Public Comments:

- Ed Meehan suggested using the Cuba Gazette at cubany.news to disseminate information.

At 7:54pm Farwell made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal and contractual matters. Seconded by Enzinna. At 8:29pm the meeting reconvened with a motion from Enzinna, seconded by Beck.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allesia A. Heslin, Town Clerk