

**Regular Meeting**  
**Of the Town Board of the Town of Cuba**

Held at the Palmer Opera House, 12 W. Main Street, Cuba, NY

**Present:**

Supervisor: Lee James  
 Council Persons: Melodie Farwell, Michele Conklin via phone, Jacob James  
 Also Present: Nancy Orcutt, Town Clerk, Dustin Burch, Police Chief, Chad Smith, Hwy. Supt.  
 Absent: Michael Searle, Dog Control Officer, Aaron Appleby, Ambulance Administrator

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

**Public Comments:** Mary Raymond inquired who was on the ballot for November. There are 3 seats for council available. Running for Council Person are Jacob James, to replace Lon Sweet, Dan McGraw to replace vacancy left by Richard Patterer and Michele Conklin for a second term. Allesia Heslin is running unopposed for Town Clerk.

Ken Hintz asked about the Seneca Nation property that was formerly Tracewell. With marijuana being legal in NYS, whether the Town opts in or not, the Nation can operate sales, manufacturing or other related business from their facility.

**Board Comments:** Conklin spoke of the many activities being planned for the Cuba Bi-centennial which will begin on February 2, 2022. The Cuba Chamber of Commerce will participate by helping with fund raising and handling of finances. The Town's accounting firm was in attendance and suggested adding money to the Celebration Fund. The Board was unaware of this and will take it into consideration. On another note, she and Mike Doyle will be attending a conference of the Genesee Valley Trail Towns. She and Doyle have been chosen to participate in a break out session.

**Supervisor Comments:** Supervisor James explained the need to appoint another Deputy Supervisor. Council Person James motioned to appoint Melodie Farwell. Conklin seconded it. Roll call vote showed L. James, J. James, M. Conklin voting Aye. Farwell accepted the position.

Next L. James briefly spoke of the budget. She then asked for a motion to adopt the preliminary budget. Conklin made the motion, seconded by J. James. All in favor, adopted. The budget hearing was set for 6:30 pm prior to the next board meeting on November 9. Prior to the hearing at 6 pm is a District II meeting. These will all be held at the library where the Town's regular schedule will resume.

**Minutes for 09/14 & 09/22/2021, Supervisors Report for September & General & Highway Abstracts for October:**

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

**The Supervisor's Report** showed the general fund received \$10,006.50. The highway fund received \$106,638.20. Disbursements include \$73,171.82 for general and \$27,897.62 for highway.

**The October Abstract** dispersed \$75,255.43 from the General Fund and \$28,028.65 from the Highway Fund. On the motion of J. James and second from Farwell, the reports were accepted as presented.

**Clerk Comments:** More E-911 signs for house numbers were ordered. Since it has been so many years since they were ordered, the price has increased. They will now be \$25 which includes the sign, reflective numbers for both sides and the post.

**Police Department Comments:** In the month of September the department conducted 19 traffic stops, 5 in the Town, 1 in the Village, 8 on the Lake, 0 on I-86 for a total of 14 uniform traffic tickets issued. 3 motor vehicle accidents occurred, 1 in the Town, 1 in the Village, 1 on the Lake, and 0 on I-86. There were 150 calls for service and 16 cases developed.

**Ambulance Comments:** The Cuba Ambulance Service responded to a total of 19 calls to service in September of 2021. 14 of those calls were taken to Olean General Hospital, 2 were taken to Jones Memorial Hospital and 3 were sign offs, 0 was mutual aid, 0 were standby, 0 were taken by Mercy Flight and 0 were DOA. 8 of these calls were critical care with Cuba handling 7 and Olean 10/MTS handling 1. 12 of these calls were in the Village of Cuba, 4 were in the Town of Cuba, 1 was on the lake, 0 was mutual aid to Friendship, 0 was mutual aid to Clarksville, 2 were to New Hudson and 0 were on I-86. Standbys completed for football games, Smokey Sunday, and garlic festival. Meeting with ambulance members to present updated ambulance rules and regulations.

**Highway Comments:**

- Pulled shoulders on Jackson Hill & North Branch roads
- Ground bad spots on Summit & Shaffer roads
- Graded Dekay and Stoll roads

**Equipment Repairs**

- Replaced hose on excavator
- Replaced broken spring on Peterbilt
- Changed bad tire on broom

**East Main St. Culvert:** The Village will submit a resolution to the County for replacing the culvert with a bridge. The Village bears the building expense and the Town will maintain it. It will be poured concrete and bridge decking. Once the resolution is completed, it can be accepted by the Town at the October meeting.

**Sewer Committee:** No report

**Facilities:** A sensor on the door to Town Hall is malfunctioning again. The system will be updated ASAP. Temporary repairs are done for now. The server will be replaced soon. It is working fine, but is becoming outdated.

**Dog Control Comments:** None

**Code Enforcement Comments:**

September 16<sup>th</sup>

Wrote permit for demo of cottage 249 West Shore Rd.

Wrote permit for a 10'x18' prebuilt shed at 9826 County Road 7.

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Inspected 4478 Townline Rd. for shed

September 24<sup>th</sup>

Inspected 4317 Hamilton Hill Rd. Plumbing

October 5<sup>th</sup>

Inspected 16 South Shore Rd. needs a blower test before C of O.

October 8<sup>th</sup>

Stopped at office to pick up permit apps.

Wrote permit for roof replacement and demo of porch at 9703 West Cuba Rd.

Wrote permit for 3'x10' steel roof over sidewalk

**New Business:**

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**Old Business:**

**Local Opt-Out of Marijuana Retailers and Consumption Sites:** A brief discussion took place on the subject. The deadline for an opt-out decision is December 31, 2021. The Board feels more time is needed to see what is going to evolve as there are so many things up in the air at this time. The Town may opt back in at any time in the future.

Supervisor James announced Robin Pearl will replace Marilyn Bunk as court clerk. Bunk is retiring on December 31, 2021. Pearl currently works for Town of Olean Court and Town of Ischua Court. The court schedule has been revamped. Court will be held the first three Tuesdays of each month. One is traffic court and the other two are DA nights.

At 7:45 pm the meeting went into executive discussion for pending litigation, a request from Chief Burch. Moved by J. James and second by Farwell. Approved.

At 7:55 pm the regular meeting resumed where there was no further business to discuss.

Conklin motioned to adjourn, seconded by Farwell. All in favor, adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Orcutt, Town Clerk