

# *THE DISTRICT DISPATCH*

## The Cuba Lake District Board of Commissioners Information Letter ERRATA

This article started out as errata for the June 2009 dispatch issued this week. You can read the errata at the end of this article. But first some good news relative to the major subject of the errata – The Town of Cuba District 5 Sewer Project (and related Village Projects):

The following “Headline” was forwarded to the Lake Commissioners by Bruce Smith a resident at the Lake – Dateline 9:28 AM.

### **Headline:**

### **ALLEGANY COUNTY**

### **In battle for stimulus dollars, tiny lake is \$7.4 million winner**

By Jerry Zremski

### **NEWS WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF**

WASHINGTON — Tiny Cuba Lake in Allegany County came up as a big winner Thursday in the battle for federal economic stimulus money, winning \$7.4 million to end wastewater problems that have been polluting the small but popular vacation spot for years.

The Town of Cuba will receive \$5.3 million to build a wastewater collection system that will serve homes around the lake — thereby ending residential discharges that were impacting the lake’s water quality.

Instead, the collected sewage will be sent to the Village of Cuba’s wastewater treatment plant, said Rep. Eric Massa, D-Corning, who announced the stimulus funding.

As part of the package, the village will receive \$2.1 million for a massive renovation of its wastewater collection system and its treatment plant.

Included will be a new collection system that will increase the plant’s capacity and allow it to more consistently meet discharge requirements, thereby improving water quality.

‘I’m proud to have helped deliver these job-creating funds to the families of Allegany County,’ Massa said. “The recovery plan is all about creating jobs, lowering taxes and improving the infrastructure of our nation and that’s why I voted for it. I look forward to making similar announcements in the days and months to come.’ “

In a brief discussion this morning with, Barb Deming, Town Supervisor, she confirms the information is true and adds that the stimulus money is a 50% payback” arrangement and confirms that the original funding source is “grandfathered” in and would be available for the payback. Barb also noted the funding available to the Village for repairs to the existing infrastructure.

The interesting thing will be to see how many additional parcels will now “volunteer” to be added on to the system. It seems that the larger struggle will now be how to handle parcels that lie outside the planned new system defined district and want to add on recognizing the advantages of such a system.

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This Editor applauds the work of Barb Deming and the Cuba Town Board in working through this Sewer Project with all of its pros and cons; working with the appropriate legislators and being at the right place at the right time and doing what is necessary to bring a portion of the taxpayers' stimulus money (if it has to be spent) back to our local area.

### Now the Errata:

In the June 2009 issue of the *District Dispatch* there were several typos which were corrected on June 4th. A corrected copy can be found at [www.ourcubalake.com](http://www.ourcubalake.com).

Also in June, in the article on the Town of Cuba Sewer Project, a reader correctly pointed out that the following statement made an incorrect comparison of cost to voter-approved cost.

*"Nine bids were received from contractors, ranging from a high bid of \$5,989,000.00 to a low of **\$3,147,240.20**. The average of the remaining seven bids was \$4,515,622 and the next-lowest bid was \$4,250,000. All but one of the bids were within the voter approved value of \$5,687,000."*

A recent summary of a current estimated cost compared to a breakdown of the voter approved total of \$5,687,000 made available to this Editor by a member of the Town Board is as follows:

Item	Approved Budget	Current Estimate with Blue Heron as Approved Contractor
<b>Administrative</b>	\$163,265.09	\$163,265.09
<b>Technical Services</b>	\$469,755.00	\$544,755.00
<b>Construction</b>	\$4,595,600.00	\$3,147,240.20
<b>Contingency</b>	\$458,379.91	\$458,379.91
<b>Total Projected Cost</b>	\$5,687,000.00	\$4,313,640.20

This statement "*All but one of the bids were within the voter approved value of \$5,687,000.*" should have said that:

Of nine bids, 6 bids were below the "Approved Budget", "Construction" value of \$4,595,600 with the highest of those six = \$4,371,315. The highest bid was \$5,989,000.

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