



Minutes

**Town of Cairo
Town Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Location: Town Hall Meeting Room**

July 11, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Cairo met for a Town Board meeting on Monday, July 11, 2016 at the Town Hall, Main Street, Cairo, New York.

Supervisor Dan Benoit called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM and then asked the attendees to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. The following Board Members were in attendance: Councilperson Cords, Councilperson Joyce, Councilperson Warner and Councilperson Ostrander.

The Town Board opened the Public Hearing on the Defense and Indemnification of Employees and Officers. This law is to update Local Law 1 of 1993 – Providing for the Defense of Town Officers and Employees.

Supervisor Benoit went over law to be passed.

Resolution No. 150 -16 “Close Public Hearing on Local Law 2 of 2016 - Defense and Indemnification of Employees and Officers” offered by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Cords:

Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby adopt Local Law 2 of 2016 - Defense and Indemnification of Employees and Officers.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 151 -16 “Adopt Local Law 2 of 2016 - Defense and Indemnification of Employees and Officers” offered by Councilperson Warner and seconded by Councilperson Cords:

Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby adopt Local Law 2 of 2016 - Defense and Indemnification of Employees and Officers.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Supervisor Benoit informed Board the Zoning Board of Appeals is looking for another secretary. The Town will advertise for another secretary.

The minutes from the June 6, 2016 Board Meeting were accepted as amended by Councilperson Warner and seconded by Councilperson Joyce.

Resolution No. 152 -16 “Water Billing Adjustment” offered by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Cords:

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Water Penalties to be authorized by the Town Board and documented in the minutes; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo accepts the adjustment to the Water bill dated January 1, 2016, to be credited to Account Number 1270 for \$364.09, which was posted due to an incorrect water meter reading.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 153-16 “Accept Water Billing” offered by Councilperson Joyce and seconded by Councilperson Warner:

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Water Billing to be authorized by the Town Board and documented in the minutes; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo accepts the Water Billing from the Water Administrator in the amount of \$42,508.52, dated July 6, 2016.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 154-16 “Sewer Billing Adjustment” offered by Councilperson Cords and seconded by Councilperson Ostrander:

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Sewer Billing adjustment to be authorized by the Town Board and documented in the minutes; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo accepts the adjustment to the Sewer bill dated February 2, 2016, to be credited to Account Number 1270 for \$422.40, which was posted due to an incorrect water meter reading which created a high sewer use.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 155-16 “Authorization to attend NYS Association of Magistrates Court Clerks Annual Fall Conference” offered by Councilperson Warner and seconded by Councilperson Ostrander:

Whereas, Joan M. VanDenburgh and Kathleen Costanzo, have been authorized to attend the New York State Association of Magistrates Court Clerks Annual Fall Conference being held September 25 – September 28, 2016; and

Whereas, the cost of the conference, which is being held at the Doubletree by Hilton in Binghamton, New York, is \$432.90 per person for double occupancy, meals included; and

Whereas, the cost of the registration fee, for Joan M VanDenburgh and Kathleen Costanzo, is a membership fee which is non-refundable is \$80.00, \$40.00 for each member of the NYSAMCC;

Be it resolved, mileage and toll expenses will be reimbursed according to the Town of Cairo Travel Policy.

All members in favor – motion carried

A resolution was brought before the Board to accept new Planning Board Alternate but the Board tabled this resolution pending further discussion.

Resolution No. 156-16 “Hire Engineer” offered by Councilperson Cords and seconded by Councilperson Joyce:

Be it resolved, the Town Board does hereby authorize Highway Superintendent to hire Praetorius and Conrad PC, to complete engineer design for Polly’s Rock Bridge, costs not to exceed \$8,000.

All members in favor – motion carried

Resolution No. 157-16 “Setting Rate for Parks, Buildings and Grounds Personnel” offered by Councilperson Cords and seconded by Councilperson Ostrander:

Be it resolved, the Town Board does hereby set the rate of Parks, Buildings and Grounds employee Steven Rumph to be \$13.95 per hour.

All members in favor – motion carried

Resolution No. 158 -16 “Receipt of Monthly Supervisor’s Report” offered by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Warner:

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the NYS Comptroller’s Office in the Town of Cairo Report of Examination 2008M-175, that the Supervisor should present a Monthly Report to the Board Members consisting of cash receipts, cash disbursements, and a budget versus actual report for expenses and revenues, and it be documented in the minutes; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board Members accept the monthly Supervisor’s Report for May, 2016.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 159 -16 “Budget Amendments and Payment of Bills on Abstract #314” offered by Councilperson Joyce and seconded by Councilperson Cords:

WHEREAS, town law requires that no fund or appropriation account may be overdrawn; and

WHEREAS, payment of bills should be properly authorized and documented in the minutes; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize the following budget amendments:

From	A-1990.4	Contingent	-19.35
To	A-1010.4	Legislative-Contractual	+19.35
From	A-1680.416	Central Data-Copy Machine	-87.77
To	A-1680.2	Central Data-Equipment	+87.77

And be it further **RESOLVED**, the Town Board does hereby authorize that Abstract #314, consisting of 2016 Vouchers #3513 through #3660 in the amount of \$118,599.13 is approved for payment.

The total amount to be paid from the:

General Fund -	\$69,805.07	Hydrant -	\$7,500.00
Highway Fund -	\$18,533.17	Sewer Fund -	\$12,244.48
Special Fire -		Water Fund -	\$6,583.91
Street Lighting -	\$3,873.82	Trust & Agency -	\$58.68

All members in favor – motion carried.

There was discussion with Superintendent Robert Hempstead about roads that need to be paved. He needs money to pave the roads.

The Board discussed Good Energy. It is an entity to get a number of community in our area and put them together for a cost savings. NYS Legislation passed rules accepting this activity. The village or city then will pass a law to bid this energy and then replace the initial supplier. This contract would be for one year.

Attorney for the Town Tal Rapplelea explained what is missing from the contract is there is no guarantee that there will be savings and no clause to get out of agreement with Good Energy. The Board needs to update the agreement. Board will not act on this tonight.

The Town Board discussed the status of Jason Watts farm with Code Enforcement Officer Stacy Spague. She informed them she went out to do a site inspection and there were no violations. She had also met with Cornell Cooperative Extension. One of the concerns was the compromising of the well.

Stacy went over Nuisance Law and found nothing to sustain a violation. She will get a written statement from Cornell Cooperative Extension. She will also talk with Dr. Schneider and with the neighbors.

The Board also discussed the South Road violation with Stacy. They have 2 weeks to remedy her violations. Someone interested is taking property. The Town will clean up property and put on her taxes.

Sergeant Rick Busch explained about a traffic stop on Route 145 and Route 23 in Cairo where they found a person shot inside a car with his own legal gun.

Robert Uzillia asked about the railroad turntable on Railroad Avenue. He asked the town if they could do a 99 year lease to use the pit.

A request was made that Joel M. Austin Road South needs a speed limit review and posting.

A request was made to have a speed limit review and posting on Mountain Avenue up past Bavarian Manor. They will contact county to see what they feel it should be.

Resolution No. 160 -16 “Board to Move into Executive Session” offered by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Cords:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby move into Executive Session at 8:50 PM to discuss medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation within the Town of Cairo.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 161 -16 “Board to exit Executive Session” offered by Councilperson Joyce and seconded by Councilperson Ostrander:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby exit Executive Session at 9:45 PM.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 162 -16 “Setting Rate for Seasonal Highway Parks, Buildings, and Grounds Employees” offered by Councilperson Joyce and seconded by Councilperson Ostrander:

Resolved, the Town Board does hereby set the rate of Seasonal Highway, Parks, Buildings and Grounds employees to be \$11.00 per hour; and

Be it further resolved, the Town Board does hereby set the hourly rate for Dale Becker to be \$14.00 per hour; and

Be it further resolved, new rates will be retroactive from January 1, 2016.

All members in favor – motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Joyce to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara A. Rumph, RMC
Cairo Town Clerk