

Minutes

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

April 24, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Cairo met for a Town Board meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at the Town Hall, Main Street, Cairo, New York.

Supervisor Ted Banta, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and then asked the attendees to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. The following Board Members were in attendance: Councilpersons Ostrander, Councilperson Joyce, & Councilperson Puorro. Councilperson Suttmeier was absent.

The minutes from the April 10, 2013 Workshop were accepted by Councilperson Joyce and seconded by Councilperson Puorro.

The Town Board went over the Department Reports.

Water and Sewer Administrator Kathy Jurgens asked about the well at Head Start. She stated they are not using well and are being hooked up to Town Water. Supervisor Banta stated they are looking to test the well at Head Start to find out about the water quality and make sure there is no runoff. They are considering drilling down at Town Park.

Superintendent of Highways Robert Hempstead reported on Earth Day cleanup. Supervisor Ted Banta thanked Doug Walker(present) and his wife Gail for coordinating the event.

Councilperson Ostrander reported that he did a tour of the building with the prospects of going to solar energy. Councilperson Ostrander explained they originally picked out two projects, this building and the library, which are on the same metering. And they also picked the Sewage Treatment Plant because of its high electric usage.

Superintendent Hempstead and Councilperson Ostrander toured all the buildings and area with 2 representatives from NY Light Energy to come up with a total package.

Dorothy True, Trustee of the Cairo Library, reported there will be a solar energy workshop on Monday, April 29, 2013.

Superintendent Hempstead reported the park is finishing the playground for the ribbon cutting on May 4th.

He also thanked the servicemen serving our country in Afghanistan, as well as his son Robert Hempstead, Jr., who is on his third contract.

Supervisor Banta announced the Volunteer of the Year 2012 as Elizabeth Brinkerhoff for all her efforts to improve our Town Park. She was given a Certificate and a gift at the Employee Luncheon held earlier in the day.

He also reported on the Memorial Day parade to be held Monday, May 27, 2013 at 11:00 AM. Also at that time the Cairo Historical Society will be launching their banners program. The Historical Society has 107 submissions for banners and there are only 62 sets of brackets. Town of Cairo paid for shipping on brackets. Superintendent Hempstead informed the Board they are looking into other organizations stepping up to help with the brackets. Cairo is the first in New York State to have this Hometown Hero's Banners program.

The Boy Scouts had a clean-up on Main Street and also assisted with the Earth Day clean-up.

Supervisor Banta went over the Supervisor's Report. (See Supervisor's Report)

Resolution No. 113 -13 "Receipt of Monthly Supervisor's Report" offered by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Puorro:

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 March, 2013.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 114 -13 “Payment of Bills on Abstract #307” offered by Councilperson Puorro and seconded by Councilperson Joyce:

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

RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize that Abstract #305, consisting of 2013 Vouchers #1418 through #1512 in the amount of \$131,567.61 is approved for payment.

The total amount to be paid from the:

General Fund - \$58,583.93	Street Lighting -
Highway Fund - \$45,511.80	Sewer Fund - \$8,804.10
Cap. Library Fund - \$304.00	Water Fund - \$770.98
Cap. Sewer Fund - \$10,092.80	Trust & Agency –
Hydrant Fund – \$7,500.00	Special Fire -

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 115 -13 “Accepting Water Billings Dated April 3, 2013” offered by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Joyce:

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Water Billings 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 Billings as presented from the Water Administrator in the amount of \$44,283.51, dated April 3, 2013.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 116 -13 “Authorize Cairo Court to Apply for a Grant” offered by Councilperson Puorro and seconded by Councilperson Ostrander:

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security provides local jurisdictions and authorities grants for planning, equipment, training, exercise needs, preparedness training, etc; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby authorize the Cairo Justice Court to file an application to seek Homeland Security grant funding through the Greene County Sheriff’s Department for security cameras, a bullet resistant transaction window, prisoner benches, a locking drop box, and any other appropriate products or materials to increase security & safety.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 117 -13 “Inter-fund Transfer from Sewer Fund to General Fund”

offered by Supervisor Banta and seconded by Councilperson Puorro:

WHEREAS, the Cairo Sewer District owes, through inter-fund borrowing, the sum of \$325,000.00 to the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Budget allocated \$3,500.00 to be paid to the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, there is sufficient Sewer District Funds to pay an additional \$11,500.00 to the General Fund; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby authorize an inter-fund transfer of \$15,000.00 from the Sewer Fund to the General Fund.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 118 -13 “Inter-fund Transfer from Water Fund to General Fund”

offered by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Puorro:

WHEREAS, the Cairo Water District owes, through inter-fund borrowing, the sum of \$82,897.36 to the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, there is sufficient Water District Funds to pay \$10,000.00 to the General Fund; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby authorize an inter-fund transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Water Fund to the General Fund.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 119 -13 “Authorize Supervisor to Sign Fireworks Agreement”

offered by Councilperson Puorro and seconded by Councilperson Joyce:

Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby authorize Supervisor Banta to sign the Fireworks Agreement with Rich Pilatich of Misbehaven Fireworks Corp. in the amount of \$4000.00.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Supervisor Banta opened the bids for the Cemetery Maintenance.

D & C Lawn Care	\$2,300.00
Mountain View Lawn Care	\$2,000.00
Holbrook	\$2,000.00
L and M Property Services LLC	\$1,749.00

Robert Hempstead submitted letter to Town Board to suggest taking care of the cemeteries. Town Board postponed this until the April 29th meeting.

Councilperson Puorro informed Town Board that the Cairo Court is the second busiest court in County behind the Village of Catskill. The Court would like to discuss additional hours. This will be discussed at Workshop.

Resolution No. 120 -13 “Postpone Cemetery Bids” offered by Councilperson Puorro and seconded by Councilperson Joyce:

Be it resolved that the Town Board does hereby agree to postpone the awarding of cemetery bids until April 29, 2013.

All members in favor – motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Puorro to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara A. Rumph, RMC, CMC
Cairo Town Clerk