



Minutes

**Town of Cairo
Town Board Meeting @ 6pm
Location: Town Hall Meeting Room**

June 2, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Cairo met for a Town Board meeting on Monday, June 2, 2014, at the Town Hall, Main Street, Cairo, New York.

Supervisor Ted Banta, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and then asked the attendees to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. The following Board Members were in attendance: Councilperson Cords, Councilperson Joyce, and Councilperson Ostrander. Councilperson Puorro was absent.

Summer Recreation Program Director, Janet McKeon, gave a presentation of this summer's rec program in the Town Park. The program runs for 6 weeks with no registration fee for Town of Cairo residents. There is a \$50 fee for registrants outside Cairo. This year, Janet has partnered with the Columbia-Greene Community College Youth Employment Program which employs young adults and pays their wages. She explained the Summer Rec Program is also going to be the pick-up location for the Cairo-Durham Summer School Program. The children will go to the rec program from 9 – 12. They will then be picked up and brought to school to have lunch and attend the reading instruction program until 2:30 PM. Janet also set up a Facebook page for the Summer Rec Program, by invitation only, so parents know what is going on.

Supervisor Banta commended Janet for all her work with this Program.

Greene County Legislators Bill Lawrence and Harry Lennon gave an update on what is going on in the County. Bill Lawrence updated the Town Board about the county-wide Ambulance Task Force. There are two medical care parts in Greene County: ALS paramedics, which is funded by county and the town and BLS, which is funded by a town or fire company or some other agency. The Town of Cairo has a very well-run ambulance system, but not all towns have this. They explained the County has decided to fund a task force to look at a county-wide system or ambulance and paramedic system.

Legislator Harry Lennon explained the Greene County Legislature has given the Town of Cairo about \$50,000 over the last 8 years for youth programs. They have given money to the Little League, Girl Scouts, Fire Company for children's activities and Cairo schools for their youth programs. He explained the Legislature could give money to the Park for youth purposes, but it would have to go through the Town Board.

Another program the Legislators spoke about is the Chargeback Program. This program is when a child lives in Cairo and goes to a college other than Columbia-Greene, there is a chargeback from the other county where the child attends school. The Legislature is now paying 80% of the chargebacks, and the towns are paying 20% of the chargebacks. Next year, the Legislature will take over the entire amount of the chargebacks to the towns. Their hope is that the towns will use the money they are saving on bills or paying down their debt.

The Legislators next spoke about the Jail Task Force. Greene County is spending 1.5 million dollars each year to send prisoners to other jails because Greene County is unable to house them. The County is looking into a new jail in a new location that would be affordable.

Next, the Legislators spoke about the Irene Storm a few years ago and how there was no communication between the mountaintop and the valley for three days because the lines were washed away. Greene County had to send Sheriff Deputies to the mountaintop to let the towns know what was going on. The Greene County Legislature is going to put in a series of towers from a homeland security grant. The first one is being put in Windham now.

John Kargoe of the Cairo Historical Society spoke to the Town Board about property boundaries between the Historical Society and the Town. Kaaterskill Associates did a survey

and straightened out the lines between the neighbors and the Town of Cairo is one of the neighbors. John asked the Town if they would transfer ownership of that piece of property to the Cairo Historical Society. No one owns the piece of property. It is known as a gore. The Cairo Historical Society wants to have a walking path in the future.

Attorney for the Town, Tal Rappleyea, informed the Board that they would do a quit claim deed. It would be a resolution subject to a permissive referendum. There is no value to this property.

John Kargoe also updated the Board on the Hometown Heroes Banner program. There are 212 banners that have been purchased and hung on the poles right now. Next, there will be a book coming out giving information on each Hometown Hero.

Mr. Kargoe updated the Board about the visit from Congressman Chris Gibson. Mr. Gibson wants to see the town do more with the Hometown Heroes and is willing to come back to do a presentation. He also lived here in the Town of Cairo for six months when he was 3 years old. We are the only town that goes back to the 1700's with the banner program.

Supervisor Banta thanked Councilperson Dan Joyce for coordinating the visit from Congressman Gibson.

Supervisor Banta thanked the Cairo Historical Society for their exceptional work in our town and stated the Society is essential in the revitalization of the Town of Cairo.

Supervisor Banta also thanked Superintendent of Highways Robert Hempstead and his crew for all the work they do in support of the different projects in Cairo.

Mr. Kargoe also spoke about acquiring the land from the Town where the original railroad station was located. By September, they are hoping to have a 30-foot section of narrow gauge rail installed at the corner where the marker is located, signifying where the railroad station used to be. They also, in the future, want to put a replica of the train station on the corner so it will house different artifacts and memorabilia of the railroad station.

The amended minutes from the April 22, 2014, Special Board Meeting were accepted by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Cords.

The minutes from the May 5, 2014, Board Meeting were accepted by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Joyce.

Supervisor Banta went over department reports.

Dog Control Officer, Brian Feml, reported he only brought one dog to the shelter this month and that was for the Town of Durham.

Dan Benoit, Chairman of the Planning Board, reported that there was some concern over the look of the Dollar General Store. The Dollar General is still in the process of finishing the exterior of the building. A picture of what it is going to look like was passed around.

Superintendent of Highways Deputy, Debra Sommer, updated the Board on the work of the Highway Dept. and the new dog cages at the sewer plant.

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

He reported that Special Long-Term EFC financing for our Sewer Loan is in progress.

Supervisor Banta is looking into an update from the County and will seek permission to drill on the County property.

He read a letter from the Park Task Force to help Robert Hempstead advance completion of the basketball court. Don Gibson of the Bank of Greene County has provided funds to help in the completion of the basketball court.

NYS Dept. of Tax and Finance has noticed us that our Equalization Rate is 70 percent.

Resolution No. 116 -14 "Receipt of Monthly Supervisor's Report" offered by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Joyce:

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, 2014.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 117 -14

“Authorization for the Assessor to Attend

Conference” offered by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Cords:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby approve the attendance of Janice Hull-Assessor, for a two day class on June 24 & 25, 2014, for Agricultural Issues Facing Tax Assessors, in Voorheesville, NY, for continuing education certification @ \$150.00 offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 118 -14

“Payment of Bills on Abstract #310” offered by

Councilperson Joyce and seconded by Councilperson Ostrander:

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 #310, consisting of 2014 Vouchers #1637 through #1722 in the amount of \$122,793.34 is approved for payment.

The total amount to be paid from the:

General Fund -	\$35,417.73	Street Lighting -	
Highway Fund -	\$72,218.69	Sewer Fund -	\$13,561.07
Cap. Library Fund -		Water Fund -	\$1,441.51
Cap. Sewer Fund -		Trust & Agency -	\$154.34
Hydrant Fund -			

All members in favor – motion carried.

Alan Tavener of Delaware Engineering gave the Board an update on the Sidewalk Project. He explained that Supervisor Banta, Councilperson Ostrander, Superintendent of Highways Robert Hempstead and Legislators Bill Lawrence and Harry Lennon started meeting about two months ago to go through possibly extending the sidewalks from downtown Main Street to Hannaford. There was a sidewalk study done in 2007. They decided to put everything on the north side of Main Street. They would construct a multi-use pathway/sidewalk for

bicycles and other vehicles and uses, about four-foot wide separated from the traffic lane with some markings, a three-foot grass strip and then a five-foot concrete sidewalk from the school extending down to a crosswalk just before Hannaford. They would also put an asphalt sidewalk from the crosswalk to the corner just past Cumberland Farms. The cost is about \$370,000. The town is at the stage of looking into funding sources.

Supervisor Banta asked if there was an update about the well drilling. Alan Tavener explained he went back to Greene County, and they said they would have to do an engineering evaluation of the bridge; and the Town of Cairo would have to pay for the engineer. Alan said he would have the cost this week on the Level 1 assessment.

Mike Murphy of the Little League informed the Board that he received estimates for the fence for the baseball fields. He is looking for the town to help support the purchase of the fence. If the Town could pay for the larger field, the Little League would have enough to pay for the smaller field. The fence is in desperate need of being replaced.

Legislator Harry Lennon mentioned they could try for a county youth grant in the amount of \$2500 or \$3000 for the fence and fixing the dirt infield. The Town could then pick up the difference of cost. The Little League would like to have the work done by the 40th Anniversary of the Little League, which will be celebrated at the 4th of July activities at the park.

Resolution No. 119-14 “Town Board to help pay for Little League Fencing” offered by Councilperson Cords and seconded by Supervisor Banta:

The Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby agree to pay for the Little League Fencing at the Cairo Town Park, contingent upon the company having the proper paperwork.

All members in favor – motion carried.

The Town Board will submit an application to the Legislature for the County Youth Grant. It will take about six weeks to get the money back from the County.

Supervisor Banta reported that under New Business there will be a 4th of July celebration at the Town Park. The Cairo Hose Company and the Cairo Chamber of Commerce will coordinate events. There will be a parade at 2:00 PM. The Town will sponsor the fireworks. Supervisor Banta will get a letter to the Cairo Hose Company requesting trucks for the fireworks. There will also be a softball game between the police and the fire company.

Supervisor Banta also reported that Code Enforcement Officer Stacey Sprague suggested the Town Board add “Inspections for Fireworks” to the fee schedule. There is no current fee, and she has to go onsite to inspect for fireworks when the Town, resorts, or other facilities have fireworks. She recommended an annual \$50 fee to inspect for fireworks.

Resolution No. 120 -14 “Fireworks Inspection Fee” offered by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Joyce:

Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby adopt an annual \$50 fee for fireworks inspections.

All members in favor – carried.

Resolution No. 121 -14 “Authorize Supervisor to sign Central Hudson Agreement for Hometown Heroes Program” offered by Councilperson Cords and seconded by Councilperson Joyce:

Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby authorize Supervisor Banta to sign agreement with Central Hudson to use their poles for the banners of the Hometown Heroes Program.

All members in favor – carried.

The Town needs to supply a Certificate of Insurance.

The Town Board went over the new dog law. The Board will address the changes and Attorney Tal Rapplelea will review the law. Supervisor Banta will keep it on the agenda and schedule a public hearing next month.

Resolution No. 122 -14 “Subject To A Permissive Referendum To Execute a Quit Claim deed for 0.02 Acres Of Real Property ” offered by Supervisor Banta and seconded by Councilperson Joyce:

WHEREAS, the Cairo Historical Society has requested that the Town of Cairo convey to it 0.02 acres of real property located adjacent to the Town Hall property, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board hereby determines that the subject matter property has no value to the Town of Cairo since the property, a “gore”, is of unknown origin and ownership, has never been utilized by the Town and is *de minimus* in size, for the fair market value of \$10 (Ten Dollars).

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo hereby determines that the subject matter property has no value to the Town of Cairo and declares said property surplus, and it is further

RESOLVED, that based upon the above findings, the fair market value of the subject property \$10 (Ten Dollars), and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute all necessary quit claim deed and associated documents to complete the conveyance of the said property to the Cairo Historical Society, it is further

RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution is made subject to a permissive referendum and shall become automatically binding on the 3rd day of July 2014, unless a petition is submitted to the Town to place the matter before the voters by referendum in the manner required by law.

All members in favor – motion carried.

The two bids for the pumping, hauling and disposal of residential and commercial septic tank waste were opened and documented. The first bid was from Residuals Management Services, LLC / EarthCare at \$215.00 per 1000 gallons. The second bid was from Hunter Environmental Inc. at \$224.98 per 1000 gallons.

The award of a bid was tabled pending review by Water and Sewer personnel.

Councilperson Ostrander reported the National Guard will be doing maneuvers at the Cairo Town Park this Saturday, June 7th, from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Resolution No. 123 -14 “Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign the Military Aircraft Hold Harmless Agreement” offered by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Cords:

Be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby authorize Supervisor Banta to sign the Military Aircraft Hold Harmless Agreement.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Councilperson Ostrander read letter from Catskill Mountain Housing Corp. informing the Board about a program to fund home repairs and trailer home replacements for Greene County,

New York. They are applying for funds from the HOME program. They have asked the Town for a Letter of Endorsement.

Resolution No. 124 -14 “Authorize Supervisor to sign letter of Endorsement to Catskill Mountain Housing” offered by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Cords:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign a Letter of Endorsement in support of the program being offered by the Catskill Mountain Housing.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Ray Pacifico sent a letter to the Town Board thanking Highway Workers Doug Duncan and Jim Kusisto for stopping and helping his mother when she fell.

Councilperson Joyce asked Town Board members about another Clean-up Day this year. He reported there were about 95 people last year that attended the clean-up day, and it cost the Town about \$1,600.

Supervisor Banta said they would ask Superintendent of Highways for his support and find out from the County what the cost would be. Councilperson Joyce will contact Bob VanValkenberg from Greene County Solid Waste and get a price.

Town Board members asked Planning Board members to review the final draft Zoning Law.

Resolution No. 125 -14 “Authorize Planning Board to Review Final Draft Zoning Law” offered by Supervisor Banta and seconded by Councilperson Ostrander:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby authorize the Planning Board to meet for two meetings with a full board to update/review the Final Draft Zoning Law. The Planning Board will come back to the Town Board for permission to have a third meeting if it is needed.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 126 -14 “Board to Move into Executive Session” offered by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Joyce:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby move into Executive Session at 8:15 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. 127 -14 “Board to exit 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 exit Executive Session at 9:25 PM.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 128 -14 “Additional Hours for Ambulance Clerk” offered by Supervisor Banta and seconded by Councilperson Cords:

Be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby authorize the ambulance clerk to work an additional 10 hours a week, not to exceed 20 hours in a pay period until July 31, 2014.

All members in favor – motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Joyce to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara A. Rumph, RMC, CMC
Cairo Town Clerk