



Minutes

Town of Cairo

Town Board Work Session

September 11, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Cairo met for a work session meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at the Town Hall, Main Street, Cairo, New York.

Supervisor Banta called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM and then asked the attendees to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag with all Board members present. A moment of silence was observed in honor of 9/11.

The minutes from the public hearing on August 28, 2013 was accepted by Councilperson Ostrander and seconded by Councilperson Puorro.

The minutes from the August 28, 2013 Town Board meeting was accepted by Councilperson Joyce and seconded by Councilperson Suttmeier.

Supervisor Banta informed the board that Lange's Motel has been shut down by the code department as of yesterday. Stacey Sprague will keep the board updated on the case.

Resolution No. 203 -2013 "Library Card Sign-Up Month"

Councilperson Ostrander offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the library card is one of the most important school supplies;

WHEREAS, libraries are an essential service for the nation's children;

WHEREAS, libraries bridge the digital divide by providing a full range of information and services to children and adult learners;

WHEREAS, libraries offer free access to important educational resources such as online homework resources, access to online databases and e-books;

WHEREAS, libraries continue to find way ways to bring value to their communities;

WHEREAS, a library card is one of the “smartest cards” you can possess;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Cairo proclaims September 2013 Library Card Sign-up Month and encourages everyone to sign up at the Cairo Public Library.

Seconded by Councilperson Joyce.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 204 -2013 “Ronald Baitsholts NYS Thruway Auction Attendance”

Councilperson Puorro offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo acknowledges that the Town Supervisor authorized, at the request of the Highway Department, Ronald Baitsholts on September 10, 2013 to attend the NYS Thruway Auction on September 11, 2013 to potentially purchase equipment according to the Town of Cairo’s policies and procedures under the Highway Superintendent’s direction.

Seconded by Councilperson Ostrander.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 205-2013 “Recognizing Bullying Awareness Month October 2013”

Councilperson Banta offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, We must safeguard schools and communities for our children, and, through our recognition of the serious issues that face them each day, offer our children an environment that holds promise and security; and

WHEREAS, Many organizations, school districts, educators and parents have publicly expressed concern about the bullying of children; and

WHEREAS, Each day an estimated 160,000 children refuse to go to school because they dread the physical and verbal aggression of their peers, and the loneliness that comes from being excluded and made the target of rumors and cyber-bullying; many more students attend school in a chronic state of anxiety; and

WHEREAS, It is important that we acknowledge and heighten awareness about the serious issues and the negative effects of bullying, including the long-term damage it can cause in our youth as well as the risks of teenage suicide; and

WHEREAS, Providing a safe physical and emotional environment is a significant goal and a personal responsibility of each individual; and

WHEREAS, It is time to “**Stand UP for Character - DOWN to Bullying!**” now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby designate the month of October 2013 as Bullying Awareness Month as a symbol of our commitment to the year-round struggle against bullying.

Seconded by Councilperson Ostrander.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 206 -2013 “Appoint Sole Assessor”

Councilperson Suttmeier offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the six (6) year appointment for the position of Sole Assessor is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2013, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby re-appoint Janice Hull as Sole Assessor for the Town of Cairo for a term of six (6) years to expire 9/30/19.

Seconded by Councilperson Joyce.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Resolution No. 207-2013 “Appoint Member of Board of Assessment Review”

Councilperson Joyce offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) term that Robert Fritze filled because of the resignation of Robert Carey Sr. is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2013, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby re-appoint Robert Fritze as a member of the BAR for a term of five (5) years to expire September 30, 2018.

Seconded by Councilperson Suttmeier.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Supervisor Banta spoke about the possibilities of obtaining a grant writer for the town.

Clean up day is scheduled for October 12, 2013 from 7:30AM – 3:30PM at the Greene County Transfer Station on Route 385, Catskill, NY, 12414. Each household will be limited to one load. Permits will be issued at the Town Clerk's Office. Robert Hempstead will have an employee of the town to check residents in.

The board spoke about the new wells that are to be installed. The board will take a well site visit after the meeting today. Councilperson Suttmeier will get a quote for the well house flood insurance.

Supervisor Banta stated he has created a feedback form regarding zoning in the Town of Cairo. Anyone interested can find it on the town's website.

The board spoke about alternatives for animal control in the town. Ag and Markets will be down Friday to inspect the car which picks up the dogs.

Town Clerk Tara Rumph and Supervisor Banta will have the closeout of the library on September 17, 2013 at 9:30AM.

Budget meetings will commence on September 16, 2013. Budget cap is 1.66%.

Correspondences were read. One resident submitted a letter and petition for the intersection of County Route 31 and County Route 39 to have a speed reduction. The board will look into this matter.

Councilperson Suttmeier made a motion to adjourn at 5:20, Councilperson Ostrander seconded the motion.

All members in favor – motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Sommer

Deputy Clerk