



Minutes

Town of Cairo

Monday February 4th, 2019

Town Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

The Town Board of the Town of Cairo met for a Town Board Meeting on Monday February 4th, 2019, at the Town Hall, Main Street, Cairo, New York.

Supervisor Benoit called the meeting to order at 7:04 and asked the attendees to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance: Supervisor Benoit, Council Member Cords, Council Member Joyce, Council Member Warner.

Absent: Council Member Watts

Review and Approval of Minutes:

January 14th, 2019: Offered by Supervisor Benoit and seconded by Council Member Joyce.

Supervisor Benoit – Aye, Council Member Joyce – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Warner – Nay. Council Member Watts – Absent. Motion carried.

December 31st, 2018: Offered by Council Member Joyce and seconded by Council Member Cords.

Supervisor Benoit – Aye, Council Member Joyce – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Warner – Nay. Council Member Watts – Absent. Motion carried.

Existing Business:

- A. Presentation from Alex Johnk with Greene County Youth Fair
 - a. Annual update on the funds and plans for the fair. Who will be involved and what other things will be included or changed. Their plan is to apply for grants for the youth fair. Try to get enough funds for the possibility of a larger Pavilion in the park near the Greene County Building for fair activities that can still be used by the public after the fair concludes.
- B. Water Infrastructure Update: Approval on water meter letter date of March 15th for final request to install
 - a. Send a letter to the 15-20 property owners left for meter installations.
- C. Sidewalk project – Still on target for Summer 2019

- a. Meeting time, Tuesday February 5th, 2019 @ Creighton Manning Engineering to discuss the construction with the Town of Greenville.
- D. Ambulance building update
 - a. Supervisor Benoit spoke with Brendon from Kaaterskill. Within the next couple of weeks all last minute specifications should be addressed and it will be ready to review and be put out to bid on March 4th, 2019.

New Business:

- A. Repair of leaks at Town Hall and the Cairo Library
 - a. Address the leaks after the snow is gone.
 - b. A resident also addressed the water and ice that goes across Route 41/Jerome Ave. Possible water/sewer plant leak that comes out of the ground and goes across. Approx. 4-6 inch of ice that builds up, cars are going into the other lane to avoid.
- B. Cairo Town Hanging Baskets – Approval to take over from Chamber - \$500 allotted for baskets
 - a. The town will take over the flower baskets from the Chamber of Commerce. A resolution will be made up for next month’s meeting in March.

Hidden Views Farm in Cairo; addressed the possibility of growing Pot/Hemp.

Resolution No. 2019-049 “Blight Designation Resolution”

Offered by Supervisor Benoit and seconded by Council Member Cords.

Whereas, in 2009 the Town of Cairo had adopted a revised town Comprehensive Plan that sets forth Main St. as a center of the town’s commercial development and activity and envisions a time where there is a vibrant economy with no empty storefronts, and

Whereas, “Main St.” is defined as that portion of County Route 23-B between the intersections of County Route 24 (Mountain Ave) on the eastern end and County Route 84 on the western end, and

Whereas, at least 25% of the properties throughout the Main St. area are experiencing one of more of the following conditions:

- Physical deterioration of the buildings or improvements;
- Abandonment;
- Chronic high turnover or high vacancy rates in commercial and industrial buildings;
- A significant decline in property values or abnormally low property values relative to the other areas in the community, such as Purling and Round Top;
- Known or suspected environmental contamination, and

Whereas, the Cairo Development Foundation has conducted a review of the Main St. Properties and created a map that clearly outlines the Main St. area that depicts nearly 50% of the properties as meeting at least one of the criteria set forth above, now therefore

Be It Resolved, that the Town Board does hereby declare that Main St. is a blighted area that meets the criteria set forth in the federal regulations at 24 CFR 570.208 (b)(1)(ii)(A).

Supervisor Benoit – Aye, Council Member Joyce – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Warner – Aye. Council Member Watts – Absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2019-050 “Authorize Repairs to Bobcat Mini-Excavator”

Offered by Council Member Warner and seconded by Council Member Joyce.

Whereas, the town’s Bobcat mini-excavator has been evaluated by Robert H. Finke & Sons and found to require approximately \$7,000 in repair costs to make it operational, and

Whereas, Finke also recommends replacing the vehicle’s tracks at a cost of approximately \$3,000, now therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Robert H. Finke & Sons to make the necessary repairs and replace the vehicle’s tracks for a total cost not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Supervisor Benoit – Aye, Council Member Joyce – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Warner – Aye. Council Member Watts – Absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2019-051 “Authorize Robert Fritze to Investigate the Placement of Commercial Solar on Certain Town Property”

Offered by Council Member Warner and seconded by Council Member Cords.

Whereas, the town owns certain property on Joel Austin Road that was formerly used as a town dump, and

Whereas, the State of New York and NYSERDA currently recommend siting commercial solar farms on such “brownfield” properties, now therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Robert Fritze to investigate and obtain proposals from interested commercial solar companies to site a commercial solar field on the site of the former town dump on Joel Austin Rd.

Supervisor Benoit – Aye, Council Member Joyce – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Warner – Aye. Council Member Watts – Absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2019-052 “Budget Amendments and Payment of Bills on Abstract #302”

Offered by Council Member Cords and seconded by Council Member Joyce.

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 2018 budget amendments:

From	A1990.400	Contingent	-747.45
To	A1355.4	Assessor – Contractual	+210.63
To	A3120.400	Police – Contractual	+50.89
To	A3510.4	Control of Dogs – Contractual	+126.91
To	A7110.400	Parks – Contractual	+331.90
To	A8020.4	Planning – Contractual	+27.12
From	A4540.200	Ambulance – Equipment	-552.58
To	A4540.400	Ambulance - Contractual	+552.58
From	DA599	Fund Balance	-760.00
To	DA5130.400	Machinery – Contractual	+650.00
To	DA9089.804	Other Benefits – Meal Allowance	+110.00
From	SS8120.400	Sanity Sewers – Contractual	-13.56
To	SS8110.400	Sewer Admin – Contractual	+13.56
From	SW8310.200	Water Admin – Equipment	-13.56
To	SW8310.400	Water Admin – Contractual	+13.56

and be it **Resolved**, the Town Board does hereby authorize that Abstract #302, consisting of 2018 and 2019 Vouchers #103850 through #103933 in the amount of \$129,096.92 is approved for payment; The total amount to be paid from the:

General Fund -	\$38,114.30	Hydrant -	
Highway Fund -	\$58,082.40	Capital Water-	\$5,691.17
Street Lighting -		Sidewalk -	\$2,478.19
Sewer Fund -	\$1,530.51	Trust & Agency -	\$1,471.25
Water Fund -	\$21,729.10		

Supervisor Benoit – Aye, Council Member Joyce – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Warner – Aye. Council Member Watts – Absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2019-053 “Receipt of Monthly Supervisor’s Report”

Offered by Council Member Joyce and seconded by Council Member 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 Town 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 December 2018.

Supervisor Benoit – Aye, Council Member Joyce – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Warner – Aye. Council Member Watts – Absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2019-054 “Authorize 3-Year Youth Fair Contract with Greene County Agricultural Society, Inc.”

Offered by Council Member Warner and seconded by Council Member Cords.

Be It Resolved, that the Cairo Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Daniel A. Benoit to sign a proposed 3-year contract with the Greene County Agricultural Society, Inc., to hold their annual Greene County Youth Fair at the Angelo Canna Town Park for July 22nd thru the 28th 2019, July 20th thru 26th 2020 and July 19th thru 25th 2021 calendar years.

A copy of the agreement is attached hereto for reference.

Supervisor Benoit – Aye, Council Member Joyce – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Warner – Aye. Council Member Watts – Absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2019-055 “ATM Machine”

Offered by Council Member Joyce and seconded by Council Member Cords.

Waiting on Supervisor Benoit.

Supervisor Benoit – Aye, Council Member Joyce – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Warner – Aye. Council Member Watts – Absent. Motion carried.

Adjourn Town Board Meeting @ 8:17PM

Offered by Council Member Warner and seconded by Supervisor Benoit.

Supervisor Benoit – Aye, Council Member Joyce – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Warner – Aye, Member Watts – Absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
 Kayla L. Warner
 Town Clerk