



## Minutes

Town of Cairo

Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Special Town Board Meeting @ 7:00pm

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

The Town Board of the Town of Cairo met for a Special Town Board Meeting on Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Town Hall, Main Street, Cairo, New York.

Supervisor Coyne called the meeting to order at 7:02PM and asked the attendees to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance: Supervisor Coyne, Council Member Cords, Council Member Kralovich, Council Member Powers.

Absent: Council Member Watts.

### **Open Public Hearing @ 7:03PM: "Sewer EDU Billing Decrease"**

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

*Supervisor Coyne – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Kralovich – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye, Council Member Watts – Absent.*

- EDU's are charged for the updates for the sewer system and used for paying the debts to fix the sewer system.
- Residents are currently paying \$115.00 a quarterly for their EDU and the Town is looking to decrease this payment to \$25.00 quarterly.
- Sewer usage billing will stay the same and should not change.
- Mike Lamenc explains what the EDU will be decreased to and why, this is due to the fact that the Town has paid off a large portion of their debt.
- The EDU will continue, for at least a few more years.
- For anyone that does have any questions can contact Mike Lamenc.

- The reason for the meeting before the end of the year is due to the fact that the Town would like to enforce this for the next billing cycle which is mailed out in December.
- The Town still has some debt and the residents wanted to make sure that the large decrease will still continue to pay off the rest of the debt, which it will.
- The original payment timeline was correct, the debt started in 2000 and was to be almost completely paid off by 2020.
- Eventually the sewer usage bills will be enough for helping pay for the lasting debt and other repairs, unless another large debt incurred.

**Close Public Hearing @ 7:14PM: “Sewer EDU Billing Decrease”**

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

*Supervisor Coyne – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Kralovich – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye, Council Member Watts – Absent.*

**Open Public Hearing @ 7:15PM: “Water Billing Increase”**

Offered by Supervisor Coyne and seconded by Council Member Kralovich.

*Supervisor Coyne – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Kralovich – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye, Council Member Watts – Absent.*

- Due to the recent updates to the water district; water tower, Jerome Ave, Bross St., water project in the park the water billing will need to increase from 61.81 to 70.00 per quarter.
- A base increase of 13.25% for all homeowners.
- Mary Finneran questioned if there will be any more loans taken out, right now no, but there are always repairs to be made and Jerome Ave. does need to be addressed eventually.
- Adele Carr questions if the Town can look into grants for projects in the water district, the Town has always had grants, but most grants don't cover all costs.
- Mary Finneran asks about the cost of water testing and what it would cost for additional testing for the town. The cost of this is anywhere from 350.00 to 900.00 per test and about 4000.00 annually.

**Close Public Hearing @ 7:21PM: “Water Billing Increase”**

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

*Supervisor Coyne – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Kralovich – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye, Council Member Watts – Absent.*

**Other Business:**

- Hydrant District Increase
  - o This would increase the same percentage as the Water billing increase, which would 13.25%. The Town will be increasing this.
  - o The Town explained exactly what the hydrant district is and what classifies a home as in the hydrant district. Which is being next to within a certain feet near a fire hydrant in Town.
  - o It was also stated that when a home is in the hydrant district that your home insurance is decreased.

**Resolution No. 2020-178 “Decrease Charges from \$115.00 to \$25.00 per EDU”**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo has paid off the debt of the Sewer District by a large amount within the past 20 years,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Cairo has agreed to decrease the Sewer/EDU quarterly charges from \$115.00 per household to \$25.00 per household.

*Supervisor Coyne – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Kralovich – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye, Council Member Watts – Absent.*

**Resolution No. 2020-179 “Increase Water use from \$61.81 to \$70.00 per quarter”**

Offered by Council Member Powers and seconded by Supervisor Coyne.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo has made multiple updates to the Town Water District with in last few months; Water Tank, Bross Street, Jerome Ave., Town Park,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Cairo has approved to increase the water usage billing from \$61.81 to \$70.00 per quarter, a 13.25% increase, for households with a minimum of no usage up to 9,000 gallons of water usage. This 13.25% increase is across the board and doesn’t exclude households that exceed 9,000, this rate of increase are as follows, which is effective January 1, 2021:

**TOWN OF CAIRO WATER DISTRICT**

RATES INCREASE FOR QUARTERLY WATER BILLING	
Effective January 1, 2009	Effective January 1, 2021
Minimum Charge Per Meter Line Size	
5/8" x 3/4" meter - \$61.81 (0 - 9,000 gallons)	5/8" x 3/4" meter - \$70.00 (0 - 9,000 gallons)
1" meter - \$130.45 (21,000 gallons)	1" meter - \$147.76 (21,000 gallons)
1 1/2" meter - \$227.47 (39,000 gallons)	1 1/2" meter - \$257.65 (39,000 gallons)
2" meter - \$348.91 (63,000 gallons)	2" meter - \$395.14 (63,000 gallons)
3" meter - \$637.33 (120,000 gallons)	3" meter - \$721.77 (120,000 gallons)
Bulk Rates for Metered Water	
0 > 9,000g \$6.87 per thousand	9,000g > 30,000g \$7.78 per thousand
9,000g > 30,000g \$5.72 per thousand	9,000g > 30,000g \$6.48 per thousand
Over 30,000g \$5.06 per thousand	Over 30,000g \$5.73 per thousand
Private Hydrant Rate increase to \$125.00	Private Hydrant Rate increase to \$142.00

per hydrant, per quarter	per hydrant, per quarter
Hydrant District \$7,500 per quarter	Hydrant District \$8,500 per quarter
Update of rates – November 19, 2008 Board meeting	Update of rates – November 25, 2020 Board meeting

*Supervisor Coyne – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Kralovich – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye, Council Member Watts – Absent.*

**Resolution No. 2020-180 “Increase the Hydrant District Usage by 13.25%”**

Offered by Council Member Kralovich and seconded by Supervisor Coyne.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo Water District is increasing the rates for the Town of Cairo for their hydrants,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo now needs to increase the rates for the households with in the Hydrant District,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Cairo agrees to increase the hydrant district usage by 13.25%, to cover the expenses that the user will incur for the increase.

*Supervisor Coyne – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Kralovich – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye, Council Member Watts – Absent.*

**Adjourn Board Meeting @ 7:29PM:**

Offered by Council Member Kralovich and seconded by Supervisor Coyne.

*Supervisor Coyne – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Kralovich – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye, Council Member Watts – Absent.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla L. McAlister

Town Clerk