



Minutes

Town of Cairo

Monday March 1st, 2021

Police Reform PH Meeting @ 6:50pm

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

The Town Board of the Town of Cairo met for a Special Town Board Meeting with the Library Board on Monday March 1st, 2021 at the Town Hall, Main Street, Cairo, New York.

Supervisor Coyne called the meeting to order at 6:50PM and asked the attendees to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Others in Attendance: Sergeant Richard Busch, Monica and Chris Keff, Art Evan, Ed Forrester, Sherry True, Jeremy Hughes, Bill Heath, Louie, Pastor Nelson.

Open Public Hearing @ 6:56PM:

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

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

Police Reform PH Meeting:

- Monica Keff, Bill Heath and Pastor Nelson along with Sergeant Busch all participated in meeting and discussion about the Police Reform and the requirement.
- The each municipality including our Town Police had do a Police Reform and Re-Invention Collaborative that has been set up by Governor Cuomo's Office.
- Had some meetings with Monica, Bill, Pastor Nelson, Anne Marie Raven, Jeff Lowes, and Muhammad from the Gas Station on Main Street across from the School.
- Reviewed all material and came up with 4 topics that needed to be addressed;

- Training and Continuing Education;
 - Recommend Annual Anti-Biased Training and Annual De-escalation Training to be a mandated. The Police have already been doing these annual but now it is listed in their policy to be required.
- Ban on Choke Holds;
 - Stand Alone Policy; with permission they will refer to the County for what was approved for a Good Stand Alone Policy.
 - The current policy banned chokehold and it had a stipulation with the exception of certain circumstances.
- Recommendation for Traffic Check Point;
 - The Police Department does not have a policy on this and does not require one. They can schedule to do more traffic check points throughout the year.
- Civilian Complaint:
 - Add a Civilian Complaint Form for anyone who has a complaint about the Police Department they can find it on the Town Website. Easily find, print and fill out the form and bring it the Police Dept., Supervisor or any Board Member. The issues can then be looked into, highly suggested by the Governor’s Office.

Supervisor Coyne then asks the crowd and the Board Member if anyone has any comments about the Police Reform that has been presented. No one in the Crowd, Zoom or on the Board has any comments, concerns or questions.

Adjourn Public Hearing @ 6:56PM:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla L. McAlister
Town Clerk