



Minutes

Town of Cairo

Wednesday February 16th, 2021

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 Wednesday February 16th, 2022, at the Town Hall, Main Street, Cairo, New York.

Supervisor Watts called the meeting to order @ 7:00PM and asked the attendees to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance: Supervisor Watts, Council Member Cords, Council Member Flaherty, Council Member Powers. Absent: Council Member Kralovich

Resolution No. 2022-069 “Resignation of Council Member”

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

WHEREAS, a resignation letter has been received from Council Member Kralovich with an effective date of February 12th, 2022. Therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation submitted by Stephen Kralovich is hereby accepted by the Cairo Town Board.

Supervisor Watts – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Flaherty – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 2022-070 “Appointment of Council Member”

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

WHEREAS, a resignation letter has been received from Council Member Kralovich with an effective date of February 12th, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Cairo Town Board must appoint a replacement for Council Member Kralovich’s position for the remainder of 2022. Therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cairo Town Board does hereby appoint Debra Bogins as a Council Member for the remainder of the 2022 calendar year.

Supervisor Watts – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Flaherty – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye. Motion Carried.

Presentations:

- John Kargoe Presentation:

- Supervisor Watts starts by acknowledging John Kargoe, who has recently resigned from the Board of Assessment Review, for his service for over 33 years. Presents him with a plaque and thanks him for all of his hard work.
- Cornell Cooperative Extension – Climate Smart Project Summaries:
 - Town of Cairo Climate Smart Planning
Prepared by Audrey Kropp and Kelsey West, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties.
Climate Smart Resiliency Planning Tool is a checklist to identify gaps in a community’s planning process.
 - ‘The Climate Smart Resiliency planning Tool was used to evaluate opportunities for the Town of Cairo to improve its community’s resilience to flooding and climate change. The Planning Tool reviews many long and short-term aspects of storm and climate change preparedness by reviewing Village and County planning documents, activities and management. Documents were reviewed, and municipal staff member were consulted in the process of completing the assessment. The assessment and recommendation have been shared through meetings and correspondence with the Town Board and Municipal Staff.’
 - The completed assessment and recommendations highlight areas of opportunity for the Town of Cairo to integrate flood and climate change preparedness into its municipal operations and planning:
 - Areas of Strength
 - Areas of Opportunity
 - Recommendations
 - Vulnerability and Risk Assessment/Public Outreach and Engagement
 - Integration of Municipal Plans/Disaster Preparedness and Recovery
 - Hazard Mitigation Implementation
 - Potential Funding Sources
 - All of this information and more can be found on the Town of Cairo website; www.townofcairo.com. Under Community/Town Plans.
- Barton & Loguidice – Park Plans: (Leigh Jones & Jeremy Hughes)
 - Angelo Canna Town Park Master Plan
 - Planning Process
 - Master Plan
 - The intention is to reflect and illustrate the goals identified by the municipality and its community.
 - Public Engagement
 - Steers the design process leading to community buy in and support, which is important to any successful design and proposed improvements.
 - Site Inventory
 - Opportunities
 - Location/ Shingle Kill/ Recreation – Active and Passive
 - Green Open Space (Flexible Uses)/ Sport Fields and Athletic Courts
 - Parking/ Maintenance/ Programming/ Unused Space
 - Constraints
 - Overlapping Uses/ Recycling
 - Green Open Space (Limited Shade)/ Limited Parking Amenities
 - Shingle Kill Shoreline (Un-Stabilized)/ Soil (Limited Infiltration)

- Flooding/ Poor Drainage/ Overgrown/ Unmaintained
- Public Participation
 - Surveys, Meetings
- Proposed Projects (20)
 - Playground Area & Repurposed Multi-Sport Court Improvements
 - New Fitness Loop/ Site Drainage improvements
 - Improved Vehicular Circulation – Roadway & Parking Improvements
 - Improved Pedestrian Circulation/ New Overlook & Creek Access
 - Improved Expanded Bathroom/ New Performance Area
 - Improved Dog Park/ Relocated & improved Multi-Sport Courts
 - New Park Information Area Improvements
 - Memorial improvements/ New Picnic & Shaded Area
 - New Nature Play Area/ New Spray Park/ Enhanced Sledding Hill & Chute Slide
 - New Seasonal Ice Skating/ New Community Garden
 - Parking Lighting Improvements/ Signage Improvements
- Next Steps & Funding
 - Finding Potential Funding Sources
 - Encourage that residents write letter showing their support, to help
- All of this information and more can be found on the Town of Cairo website; www.townofcairo.com; under Community/Town Plans.

New Business:

1. Resignation of Council Member
 - Via Email: “It is with regret that I tender my resignation as Councilman for the Town of Cairo effective immediately. It has been an honor serving the people of Cairo but due to unforeseen personal circumstances I must step aside. Thank You, Stephen Kralovich”
 - Resolution No. 2022-069**
2. Appointment of Council Member
 - **Resolution No. 2022-070**
3. Catskill Mountain Housing (Larry Krajieski)
 - CMH is a non-profit housing agency, with several locations in Greene County. Currently in the process of purchasing East View Apartments; Klingerman Drive. Has asked Greene County for a grant to cover some of the repairs that need to be done to the buildings, and property. If they do purchase the property, they would be purchasing it as a non-profit organization which then requires them to not pay taxes, but would like to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes to the town. Would need to discuss further actions with someone in the Town, preferably the assessor.
 - Would like to discuss with the Board and community the possibility of extending the sewer lines towards that way, there are a few vacant lots, this may encourage development. Would like them to keep them in mind when it comes to funding if possible; mentions CDBG Block Grant could help extend infrastructure, also that the State has mentioned grant for infrastructure for non-profits.
 - CMH also has some other programs that have to do with trailer replacements, assistance with senior home owners, emergency repairs and weather situations.
4. Memorial Day Parade

- Monday May 30th, 2022 @ 11:00AM starting at Fabrizio’s on Main Street and ending in the Angelo Canna Town Park
- 5. Hiring of EMT
 - Reay Mahler is requesting approval to hire; Jordan Dunkle; Part-Time EMT
Resolution No. 2022-071
- 6. Request for Use of Pavilion
 - **Resolution No. 2022-074**
- 7. Residential Rehabilitation Grant
 - Supervisor Watts mentions that he would like to discuss this further and address at the next meeting. If all of this money is not given out or decided on where it goes within a year, the money that has not been used will go back be sorted out and disbursed to any new applicants.
 - The reason the whole grant is not going to be disbursed is this is a HUD Grant, which has specific guidelines on how much each applicant can get, dependent on multiple factors. The grant is 3 payments that are given to the applicants at 3 separate times during the process of repairs and improvements.
 - This loan that is to be given out from Delaware Engineering is broken down into 3 parts; 50% is a grant, 40% is a zero percent loan for 5 years to be paid to the Town and 10% has to be funded by the actual property owner.

Old Business:

1. Ray Pacifico Right of Way
 - a. Main purpose is to not land lock any piece of land. The Town currently uses their paper roads for the pump stations. Supervisor Watts would like to propose to Ray Pacifico is to use a paper road off of Main Street, leading to a cul-de-sac in the back that would only border his and Fabrizio’s properties. No land would be locked and it would not affect the walking path.
2. Miller Property Purchase
 - a. Supervisor Watts addresses that the properties need a plan, not sure what to do next with them. Possibly plan to sell it again or try to get it back on the tax rolls, it does have sewer and water; possibility to have a business, real estate; restaurant.

Correspondence:

1. Cairo Development Foundation
 - a. “The Cairo Development Foundation is respectfully requesting assistance with the Cairo Bears Community Art Project. We would like assistance with the barrels and stands. Cairo Development Members will place all bears on the stands. We would like to have the bears out before Memorial Day, May 30th, 2022. A week or two prior would be that day would be optimal Thank you for your assistance. Thank You, Diana Benoit.” **Resolution No. 2022-073**

Resolution No. 2022-071 “Appointment of Part-Time EMT”

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

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy and a need for a Part-Time EMT with the Cairo Ambulance. Therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that Jordan Dunkle has been hired effective March 1st, 2022 at a rate of \$17.28 per hour.

Supervisor Watts – Aye, Council Member Bogins – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Flaherty – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 2022-072 “Move remaining DARE funds to the Park Donation Account”

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Cairo DARE Program ended during the calendar year 2021.

WHEREAS, the leftover funds may not be use for the other Police activities and subsequently must be transferred. Therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the remaining \$14,682.17 DARE Funds be transferred to the Park Donations Fund with an account ending in 0297.

Supervisor Watts – Aye, Council Member Bogins – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Flaherty – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 2022-073 “Approval to Assist the Cairo Development Foundation with the Placement of the Bears”

Offered by Council Member Cords and seconded by Supervisor Watts.

WHEREAS, the Cairo Development Foundation is requesting assistance with the placement of the Cairo bears prior to Memorial Day weekend. Therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Cairo Town board does hereby approve the assistance request of the placement of the barrels and stands within the Town of Cairo for their Annual Bear Community Art project.

Supervisor Watts – Aye, Council Member Bogins – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Flaherty – Aye, Council Member Powers – Abstain. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 2022-074 “Authorizing Use of Pavilion for Rabbit Show”

Offered by Council Member Flaherty and seconded by Supervisor Watts.

WHEREAS, a small group called Royal Crown Holland Lop Specialty Club had requested use of the pavilion at the Town Park to hold a Rabbit Show. Therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cairo Town board does hereby grant permission for the Royal Crown Holland Lop Specialty Club to hold a Rabbit Show in the Pavilion on Saturday June 4th, 2022.

Supervisor Watts – Aye, Council Member Bogins – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Flaherty – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye. Motion Carried.

Adjourn Town Board Meeting @ 8:01PM

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

Supervisor Watts – Aye, Council Member Bogins – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Flaherty – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Kayla L. McAlister
Town Clerk