



Minutes

Town of Cairo

Monday April 4th, 2022

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 April 4th, 2022, at the Town Hall, Main Street, Cairo, New York. Deputy Supervisor Cords called the meeting to order @ 7:01 and asked the attendees to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance: Council Member Cords, Council Member Flaherty, Council Member Powers.

Absent: Supervisor Watts, Council Member Bogins

New Business:

1. Full Time Park Employee
 - a. **Resolution No. 2022-094**
2. Cemetery Maintenance
 - a. The Town put out a bid for Maintenance for the Cemeteries owned by the Town but got no response. The Town will create a full time position for our Parks Dept., a part time will become full time and will be taking care of them along with look over the recycling when it reopens.
3. Recycling at the Park
 - a. **Resolution No. 2022-100**
4. Request Use of the New Community Center
 - a. The friends of the Cairo Library would like to use the large room at the new building on Route 32 for a nickel social fundraiser on June 11th. They would like to have use of the room on June 10th as well so they can set up for this function.
They will have to bring everything for this function due to the fact that room is completely empty. They would need a certificate of insurance to use the room and find out everything before approving it.
5. Janet McKeon – Summer Camp
 - a. Last year with the COVID restrictions the program was still a great turn out and the kids had a great time. Had max capacity per COVID about every day along with a wait list. Had a glowing report from the county which the Board would have gotten.
Almost a glowing report from the State, with some lights being out and an egress door that wasn't properly done, this was taken care of by Buildings, Parks and Grounds; this was the first time being a State Camp.

- b. This year there will not be as many restrictions, no masks required, still try to social distance if possible. Just needs Supervisor Watts to sign the permit application for this year and had a few questions for him, next time he is around. Reay Mahler should still be the point of contact for the Camp for First Aid, Medical and any injuries that may arise.
 - c. Lastly just have to finish up the letter that they have for the Greene County Sheriff's Office to request to have the school resource officer come down to the park for the kids. The kids enjoy seeing him and ask him lots of questions.
6. Kenneth McMahan
- a. Looking for the Town's permission to pump water out of the stream at the park. He has already spoke to DEC and they said you can pump 100,000 gallons of water a day out of water way as long as you are pumping into a clean tank there is no restriction. He is asking to use this for his pool during the summer to refill his 16x36 pool, lives on Thomas Road, he would need permission from the landowner to do this, which happens to be the Town. McMahan is going to have Borwegen fill it up he is just asking to refill it when it gets low throughout the summer, he cannot use his well for this. At least 1,000 gallons, he is purchasing a tank and will be filling it with this water, may take a couple trips to do so if needed. He has also spoken to Soil and Water with the County as well and was also told to call DEC, which is already been done. Cords is not completely sure for this and will have to look into due to the fact that water system and wells are in the park, if they will be affected or not. Tal will look into it, speak with the engineer about this.
7. Resignation of Supervisor Clerk
- a. "For personal reason and after a lot of consideration, I've decided it is time for me to resign my position as Supervisor Clerk with the Town of Cairo.
I am grateful for the opportunity given to me for the last 2+ years and I wish you and the Town board much success in the future.
With training my replacement, my resignation date will be effective close of business May 5th, 2022. Marianne Baldwin" **Resolution No. 2022-097**
8. Hiring of Supervisor Clerk
- a. The board has hired someone for the open position; Kimberly Weiss. She is currently being trained by Marianne before she leaves. **Resolution No. 2022-098**
9. Request for Speed Assessment of Doman Road
- a. Petition of the people on Doman Road for lowering the speed limit was presented, according to DOT the speed limit is legally 55 MPH and it is being requested by these residents to be lowered to 30 MPH.
The Town will be making a request to the County and then the State. Art Evans says the road was unmarked but someone may have taken some signs that say 40 MPH and put them there but not DOT. **Resolution No. 2022-102**

Correspondence

1. Resignation of Ambulance Billing Clerk

- "After many years of enjoying my work here with the Town of Cairo, I have decided it is time for me to retire. I am hereby submitting my resignation effective May 1st, 2022. Thank you for the opportunity you have given me. Pat Asaro" **Resolution No. 2022-096**

2. Resignation of Highway Employee

- "This letter is to inform you that I, Dalton Ebeling will be putting my two weeks' notice from my position with the Town of Cairo Highway Department. My final day at the Highway department will be

April 14th, 2022. It has been a pleasure working with Town of Cairo Highway Department. I intend to continue providing Town of Cairo Highway Department with the same high quality work from now until my last of employment. My last day of service will be April 14th, 2022. Dalton Ebeling” **Resolution 2022-092**

3. Resignation of Zoning Board of Appeals Member

- “Please accept this resignation, effective immediately from my position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Sean Tokle” As of the 30th of March. **Resolution No. 2022-099**

Public Comments:

- Residents who lives at the end of Church Street; Cullingtons’. They have a grievance on the house next to them which is also across from the Family Dollar on Main Street, the owner, who is now deceased is named Preston Nickels. They show the board pictures of the said property and what kind of trash is on the property. The property is overflowing with trash; stating it’s a health hazard; a hazard to us and our wildlife. Asks what the Town can do about this. She believes that after the gentleman died taxes were unpaid and is not too sure who would own it now. Worried about the animals that may be living in the trash and afraid their dog may get into it. States that code has been informed before along with the police and nothing has been done yet.
Powers says that the board should check with zoning and code to see what can be done.
Cords gets her name and phone number and says that board will look into it. She mentions that the Town does have a Town law about garbage disposal on property but the board will have to make sure who actually owns the property.
Cullington’s mention that there has been no one living there for 2 years but says that taxes haven’t been paid on the property in 5 years. Has also been told by State Troopers to not interfere because the person in the house has a right to be there. There also use to be a pond that is now filled with garbage. Monica mentions to call DEC.
- A gentleman that lives on Rolling Meadow Road addresses that someone who recently both property off of Rolling Meadow Ext. recently put a shed on the property and got a sticker on it stating he hasn’t gotten a permit and states that the property owner still hasn’t gotten one. He also has stated that the owner is planning to put a bunch of tractor trailers on the property, wants to know if this is legal. Cords states that he would have to check with zoning about that. It’s said that this property owner wants to retire and start a trucking business. Said property owner should be talking with planning and zoning.
- Emmy Cross brings to the attention of the Board that she has put in a notice of claims against the Town of Cairo regarding the Grant through Delaware Engineering and HUD. Plans on hiring a lawyer and moving forward.
- Cords brings up the Cannabis Law and how last time it was said and agreed on to put this vote on the back of a ballot in November. It’s been told by the Town Attorney that this now cannot be done. Tal speaks on the issue, speaks about certain referendums. This issue falls under permissive referendum, after the resolution was made last year that the Town would opt. out of this law until further notice, no one in the Town put out a petition to put this decision out to a public vote. Which would have to have been within 30 days after the resolution was passed. Due to this, this subject cannot be put on the ballot in November. The Town can still opt. in by repealing the opt. out law, if done, that law is not subject to permissive referendum. If this was put out to vote in November it would be violating New York State Law.
Cords mentions of having a Public Meeting and making sure to publicize it a lot to get as many people here as possible, for as many opinions as possible.

- Emmy and Monica mentions having survey through the mail and on the website and then come to several meetings. Making decisions after rules and guidelines come out for sure.
- Sherry True mentions that the laws/regulations should be out in May.

Resolution No. 2022-090 “Budget Amendments & Payment of Bills on Abstract #304 for March Payables & Prepaids”

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

WHEREAS, payment of bills should be properly authorized and documented in the minutes; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize that Abstract #304 Payables and Prepaids, consisting of 2022 V2 #00222 through V2 #00305 in the amount of \$347,379.48 is approved for payment; The total amount to be paid from the:

General Fund - \$216,350.36	Hydrant – \$ -0-
Highway Fund - \$108,956.50	Capital Water- \$ -0-
Street Lighting - \$ 5,994.49	Sidewalk - \$ -0-
Sewer Fund - \$ 3,494.68	Trust & Agency - \$2,841.38
Water Fund - \$ 1,650.07	Special Fire - \$8,092.00

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

Resolution No. 2022-091 “Receipt of Monthly Supervisor’s Report”

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Resolution No. 2022-092 “Resignation of Highway Employee”

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

WHEREAS, a resignation letter has been received from Highway Employee, Dalton Ebeling with an effective date of April 14, 2022 at close of business. Therefore;

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

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

Resolution No. 2022-093 “Accept Sewer Penalties”

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Sewer Penalties be authorized by the Town Board and documented in the minutes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept the Sewer Penalties from the Sewer Administrator in the amount of \$2,205.25 dated March 10, 2022.

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

Resolution No. 2022-094 “Appoint Full-Time Parks, Building & Grounds Employee”

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

WHEREAS, Hunter Sprague is currently a part-time employee of the Town of Cairo in the Parks, Buildings and Grounds Department at a rate of pay of \$15.30 per hour.

WHEREAS, there is currently a need for a full-time Parks, Buildings and Grounds employee. Therefore;
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo authorizes the change for Hunter Sprague from part-time to full-time and a change of salary from \$15.30 to 16.00 per hour not to exceed 40 hours per week.

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

Resolution No. 2022-095 “Update for Supervisor Record of Activities and Days Worked”

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

WHEREAS, Jason Watts, an Elected Official has submitted an updated Record of Activities to the Town Board for review for his position as Town of Cairo Supervisor for a three month period. Therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby accept the Record of Activities submitted as official duties of the Town of Cairo Supervisor and the updated Record of Activities result of 10.44 days worked per month.

Supervisor Watts – Absent, Council Member Bogins – Absent, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Flaherty – Aye, Council Member Powers – Nay. Motion Defeated.

Resolution No. 2022-096 “Retirement of Ambulance Clerk”

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

WHEREAS, a retirement resignation has been received from Patricia Asaro with an effective date of May 1, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the retirement resignation submitted by Patricia Asaro is hereby accepted by the Cairo Town Board.

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

Resolution No. 2022-097 “Resignation of Supervisor Clerk”

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

WHEREAS, a resignation has been received from Marrienne Baldwin with an effective date of close of business May 5, 2022.

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

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

Resolution No. 2022-098 “Appoint Supervisor Clerk”

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to designate Kimberly Weiss at an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour not to exceed 20 hours/week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to appoint and set salary for an annual stipend of \$1,000 annually to be paid bi-weekly for work with the Water & Sewer Department.

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

Resolution No. 2022-099 “Resignation of ZBOA Member”

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

WHEREAS, a resignation has been received from Sean Tokle to be effective immediately.

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

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

Resolution No. 2022-100 “Opening of Recycling Center”

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

WHEREAS, in resolution # 2020-162 it determined an effective closing date for the Town of Cairo Recycling Center as October 31, 2020.

WHEREAS, resolution #2022-094 to hire a full time Park employee was passed allowing an additional employee to be able to staff the recycling center.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cairo Town Board does hereby re-open the Town of Cairo Recycling Center with the following days and times: TBD

Supervisor Watts – Absent, Council Member Bogins – Absent, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Flaherty – Aye, Council Member Powers – Nay. Motion Defeated.

Resolution No. 2022-101 “Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Monies Section 284 of the Highway Law”

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

AGREEMENT between the Town Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Cairo, of Greene County, State of New York and the undersigned members of the Town Board for the year 2022.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. **GENERAL REPAIRS.** The sum of \$ 400,000.00 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 91.5 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts, trees and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.

2. **PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.** The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways:

a) On the road commencing at Hearts Content Road and leading to Bald Hill Road, highway known as Maple Lawn a distance of 1.7 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$175,000.00.

Type Back Top Width of traveled surface 18’ wide Thickness 2” – 3”

b) On the road commencing at Indian Ridge Road and leading to Rudolph Weir road, highway known as Beers Road, a distance of 0.9 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$65,000.00. Type Motor Paving Width of traveled surface 18’ wide Thickness 2” – 3”

c) On the road commencing at Indian Ridge Road and leading to Rudolph Weir Road, highway known as Middlefield Road for a distance of .63 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$45,000.00.

Type Motor Paving Width of traveled surface 18’ wide Thickness 2” – 3”

d) On the road commencing at Blackhead Mountain Road and leading to Winter Clove Road, highway known as Bald Hill Road South for a distance of .77 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$76,000.00. Type Black Top Width of traveled surface 18’ wide Thickness 2” – 3”

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

Resolution No. 2022-102 “Request DOT Traffic Survey for Doman Road”

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cairo has received complaints from residents concerned about excessive speed and unsafe travel along town, county and state highways within the town and,

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over traffic regulations on town, county and state highways and,

WHEREAS, unless the appropriate government body takes action, the statewide mandated enforceable speed limit of 55MPH shall continue to apply to all roads.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo hereby requests the NYS DOT conduct traffic surveys of both Doman Road between County Route 67 and Canniff Road to facilitate in the lowering of the existing speed limits.

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

Adjourn Town Board Meeting @ 7:46PM

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

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

Respectfully Submitted

Kayla L. McAlister
Town Clerk