



Minutes

Town of Cairo

Monday May 9th, 2022

Town Board Meeting @ 7:00pm

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

The Town Board of the Town of Cairo met for an Emergency Town Board Meeting on Monday May 9th, 2022 at the Town Hall, Main Street, Cairo, New York. Supervisor Watts called the meeting to order at 7:07PM.

Attendance: Supervisor Watts, Council Member Bogins, Council Member Cords, Council Member Powers.

Absent: Council Member Flaherty

Public Comments:

- County Legislature Harry Lennon gives an update to the Town Board about the new projects that have been going on in Town:
The park project has been a joint effort between the Town of Cairo and Greene County. Lennon appreciates the in-kind work being done between Cairo and the County. Wanted to originally pave the Town Park after the soccer field; some adjustments and increases were made to make the park paving more efficient. Drainage was also addressed by the Town Highway Dept. and the County allowed use of their own equipment so it would not cost too much to the Town. County went ahead and approved the money that was needed for the project, totaling to about \$338,000.00 and the Town is putting in about \$100,000.00. Lennon discusses the popularity of the park and the traffic that constantly comes in and out of the park. Mentions the multiple groups and events that go on each year and how this will benefit everyone who uses the park.
This is the counties first paving job of the year, Callahan won the bid and will be doing the work in the park and it should be done fairly soon. Also paving CR 84, CR 85 and part of Main Street and will be paving some of CR 24.
- Powers mentions getting as many photos as possible after and including the letters to see if this will help improve our chances with getting park improvement grants through Barton and Loguidice; there are over 100 letters of support so far.
- Lennon hopes to bring the recycling center containers back to the residents, but the Town must do their due diligence to make sure items not allowed are not dumped or else the center will be closed for good.
- Watts mentions paving near the 4H building since it was not in the original plans.

Resolution No. 2022-123

- Waiting on Barton and Loguidice for pricing/quotes on the Heating and A/C unit for the Town Hall. Price range of hopefully \$150,000.00-\$200,000.00. B&L need to collect and send out specs and then get everything out to bid.
- Lennon then addresses Jerome Avenue and the drain problem that have been going on for a long period of time; this will hopefully be worked on this year.
- Watts mentions the needs for the jackets for the ambulance dept. an increase from \$700.00 to \$958.00. **Resolution No. 2022-124**
- Powers brings up the house on Main Street across from the Family Dollar. How there is a squatter in the house according to the neighbors on the neighboring road and what can be done about this since it is claimed that taxes have not been paid on the property and it has trash everywhere. Would like to know what may be done with this property, Lennon says the County will be auctioning off foreclosed buildings for the first time since COVID, maybe something will get done with it then. Have the neighbors call the Treasurer's Office to see if anything else can be done.
- Lennon addresses EMT's in Greene County and how the County is short. The County will be offering to pay for future EMT trainings and certifications, however this will be paid for if the individual(s) work in the County for 18 months, average cost is \$800.00-\$1,000.00 dollars that the County will pay per individual.
- Watts addresses the bookkeeper resignation and the 8 people who applied and interviewed. None were qualified and the Town would have to increase the pay to have a new person come in and be trained and possibly spend more money on trainings instead of keeping the original bookkeeper and giving her a raise. Costs less to keep the same person and give them a raise in the long run. Most applicants were requesting \$70,000.00 or more, current bookkeeper will be making just under this, with her experience. **Resolution No. 2022-125**
- Janice, the Assessor, addresses the board on the raises being given; she thanks the board for the raises, wants to make sure that all employees are taken care of. Shows the board the money she got during assessment time last year, which was an increase of 9 million dollars and the current tentative increase for this year is another 9 million dollars. Harry Lennon compliments Janice for bringing money to the Town.
- Art Evans, Highway Superintendent, mentions that the Board is going to hear from the employees in his dept. due to the recent contract negotiations. Watts says due to his budget cuts from last year, they couldn't exceed what was already there.
- Discussion continues on the cost of everything that keeps increasing and the back order of items, pavement costs, paint for the fountain, new lawn mowers, new trucks, fixing transmissions, fixing highway equipment, needing pieces for other vehicles that cannot be found, etc.
- Bogins mentions looking into help from the State, OGS other State websites where they have vehicles and other items for sale. This was done before by past Highway Super, Robert Hempstead, didn't work out to well.
- Mention of other things that the Board needs to address, property in Town that was approved to be bought and what to do with, etc.....moving on to resolutions.

Resolution No. 2022-123 "Approve Town Park Paving to 4H Building"

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

WHEREAS, Greene County paving the road leading to the 4H Building at the Angelo Canna Town Park.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cairo Town Board does hereby approve the funds for the Angelo Canna Town Park road paving in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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

Resolution No. 2022-124 “Purchase Ambulance Jackets”

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

WHEREAS, Ambulance crews only have winter coats to use during inclement weather. Therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of fourteen 3-Season jackets for the ambulance crews in the amount not to exceed \$958.00.

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

Resolution No. 2022-125 “Salary Increases for Town Employees”

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

WHEREAS, that the Town Board does hereby authorize an increase to Kristin Griffin’s regular pay rate by \$3.61/hour effective May 20th, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby increase Janice Hull’s regular pay rate by \$1.00/hour effective May 20th, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby increase Stacy Sprague’s regular pay rate by \$1.00/hour effective May 20th, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize a 2% increase of the salaries of non-union, including part-time non-union highway employees and other than elected employees effective May 20th, 2022.

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

Exit Board Meeting @ 7:45PM

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla L. McAlister
Town Clerk