



Minutes

Town of Cairo

Thursday Sept. 22nd, 2022

Emergency Board Meeting @ 6:00pm

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

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The Town Board of the Town of Cairo met for an Emergency Town Board Meeting on Thursday September 22nd, 2022 at the Town Hall, Main Street, Cairo, New York. Supervisor Watts called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

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

Approval of the Minutes:

August 17th, 2022:

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

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

- Council Member Powers addresses Supervisor Watts on the purpose of Emergency Meeting tonight. Watts states that this is to approve the increase of the Police Dept. salaries and to hire the new full time police officer. The JCAP Grant is also time sensitive.
- Powers asks about the time sensitivity of the matter and could of it been done on the next meeting. Watts states that the Police Dept. asked if this could be done as soon as possible. Also an executive session needed to be done within discussion about the Highway Dept.
- Watts readdresses the 2 light poles that were hit on Main Street by the County and a log truck, he believes that the log truck driver was not at fault; its stated that the flag was caught and not the pole and when it drove away the pole was so rotted that it fell first instead of the flag simply ripping away.
- The County is going to help the Town with the lighting down in the park; approx. 50 grand. When Watts approached the County about the pole and the cost they stated that they would just take it out of the 50 grand that was to be donated. There is no paperwork from the County on the pole and Harry Lennon could not make it to the meeting tonight. Watts will try to see if he can come to the next meeting.

- Powers would like to hear from Harry before the poles are approved. Cords goes on to say that the Town should approve the resolution first and work it out after since the poles still have to be ordered.
- Patti Asaro asks about when the next pole is possibly knocked down, will the next person actually be liable? Is there anything stating for whoever knocks over a pole that themselves or their insurance co. will pay the Town for a new pole? Seems like the Town is making a precedent that if you knock a pole over you don't have to worry about it. Could there possible be a law or rule for a height limit due to the light poles or anything on the pole?
- Watts goes on to say that the County hit the pole 2 years ago and was unaware of and with the log truck that the flag was pulled not necessarily the pole. Watts and Cords agree that is someone happens to run off road and hit one then yes they would be liable. Doesn't believe that someone is at fault if their simply parked on the side of the road and a flag is caught unknowingly.
- Powers believes if the Board approves the resolution that it should reflect the changes of just allowing the order of the poles. Powers also mentions a possible resolution for the height on items on the pole. Watts states if it too high that the Town couldn't actually put anything on the poles.
- Flaherty asks if there any chances of changing all of the lights in the future. If that's the case board should wait on purchasing them.
- Powers believes the Town should have the street lights but the Town should be saving money right now, doesn't believe spending the money on this right now is the way to go when there are other things. Watts says there is money in the lighting district for this in the 2022 budget. Cords states that poles should be replaced eventually because if the poles do get bad and fall the Town is liable. Possibly budget for a few each year.

Resolution No. 2022-178 "Authorize Highway Department to Install Light Poles"

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is in need to install two light pole fixtures/poles on Main Street; Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize the expenditures listed in the quote from CDE Electric Inc. in the amount of \$8,200.00.

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

Resolution No. 2022-198 "Appoint Full-Time Police Officer"

Offered by Council Member Flaherty and seconded by Supervisor Watts.

WHEREAS, Nicholas Orso is currently a part-time employee of the Town of Cairo in the Police Department.

WHEREAS, there is currently a need for a full-time Police Officer. Therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo authorizes the change for Nicholas Orso from part-time to full-time effective September 21st, 2022.

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

Resolution No. 2022-199 “Pay/Salary Increases for Police Department”

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase the Police Departments hourly pay to retain qualified officers in all ranks of the Police Department in the Town of Cairo.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby increase the Officer-inCharge salary, Richard Busch, Full Time pay rate to \$28.84/hour effective September 21st, 2022. This rate is derived from 10% added to the Full Time Police officer rate for Sergeant Status.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby increase Full-Time Police Officers regular pay rate to \$26.22/hour effective September 21st, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby increase Part-Time Police Officers regular pay rate to \$23.00/hour effective September 21st, 2022.

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

- Powers asks if this money is within the budget, Watts and Flaherty state yes it is.

Resolution No. 2022-200 “Authorize the Justice Court to Apply for the 2022-2023 JCAP Grant”

Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Bogins.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cairo, The Town of Cairo Justice Court needs, (1) Judge Chair, (3) Lateral filing cabinets, (1) Shedder, (3) desk risers, and (2) Judicial Robes.

WHEREAS, there is a 2022-2023 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) available,

BE IT RESOLVED, Town Board of the Town of Cairo, authorizes the Cairo Town Court, to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2022-2023 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

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

Resolution No. 2022-201 “Authorizing Use of the Route 32 Senior Center”

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

WHEREAS, the Toys for Tots program is looking for storage for their toys for Columbia and Greene Counties for the 2022 Christmas Season.

WHEREAS, they would need this storage for the period of October 10th, 2022 through January 10th, 2023. They will need enough space for 10 tables to place their toys on. Therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cairo Town Board does hereby approve the request to use the Route 32 Senior Center on the above dates.

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

Resolution No. 2022-202 “Waive the Fee for a Fireworks Permit”

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

WHEREAS, The Cairo Chamber of Commerce is having Fireworks during the Harvest Festival. Currently there is a \$100.00 Fireworks permit. The Chamber is requesting a waiver of that fee. Therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cairo Town Board does hereby waive the \$100.00 Fireworks fee for the Cairo Chamber of Commerce Fireworks during the Annual Harvest Festival.

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

- Powers addresses the possible split rail fencing. Watts states that fencing is being looked into, under \$2,500.00, he said to go get it while we can. Watts also said that he would donate the equipment for install. This is to stop people from driving off the road in the Town Park and onto the path by the pavilion.

Enter Executive Session @ 6:22pm

Offered by Supervisor Watts 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.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DISCUSSIONS

Exit Executive Session @ 6:37pm

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

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

Exit Board Meeting @ 6:39PM

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla L. McAlister
Town Clerk