



## Minutes

Town of Cairo

Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 Bogins, Council Member Cords, Council Member Flaherty, Council Member Powers.

### **Approval of the Minutes:**

**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**

Offered by Council Member Bogins and seconded by Council Member Cords

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

### **New Business:**

- Harry Lennon – Recycling Center
  - Lennon starts by saying the project that was done in the park with paving was successful and worked out very well. The \$100,000 check from ARPA should be arriving soon for the Town, this is in addition from what the County has already given to the Town for the Park. Mention of trying to update the electrical and lighting to help the youth fair when they are in Town, Supervisor Watts says that is out to bid now and in the works. True asks about cameras and other security items; Supervisor Watts says he has been in contact with Mid-Hudson Cable about extending the Wi-Fi which would benefit the cameras and security, possibly putting more of them up in the park.
  - Lennon addresses that the County bought 5 new container for Cairo; glass, plastic, metal cans, newspaper and cardboard. This is not meant for anyone's household garbage just recycling, if it happens again the county will not support the recycling center within the town and it will be done. The Town is looking into hiring someone to man the center during the hours it is open to hopefully stop the disposing of trash; fence around the center looks great.
  - Lennon mentions the Water/Sewer project across from McDonalds on State Route 23 that will be going out in the Spring to extend the Water/Sewer District with County assistance. County mentions assistance with the Senior Center. Council Member Cords just needs from

information from the Dept. of Aging about how much space they need for certain things, but they have not gotten back to her about this, asks about a follow up. Lennon mentions there are also a lot of grant opportunities for seniors and being able to feed the seniors. Other options for meals on wheels is called moms meal, which is sent UPS to the home.

- Council Member Bogins asks the Legislatures about and email she sent out about the EMS Grant through Senator Hinchey's Office. The Senator's office is requesting more information from the Town and Bogins mentioned how the Town of Windham received \$400,000 for their senior center and EMS. Lennon says that once the building has an engineering study done the Town can then apply for this grant.
- County will be doing any and all of the signage needed for the recycling center; for the containers and name and hours of the center. Town will need to decide days and hours; 20 hours are committed for it to be open, so at least 4 days @ 5 hours a day; would like to open mid-January. Council Member Bogins had located some other grants for recycling center that maybe the Town or County could benefit from.
- Recycling Center days and Hours; Saturday 8-1, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9-2.

#### **Other:**

- Re-Organizational Meeting Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 @ 7PM; Next Board Meeting Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 7PM; bid openings will be held.
- Set up a meeting with Barton and Loguidice to make sure there on the same age for the senior center.
- Marc Gorelic says thank you to the Board for the light post in front of the Library and Post Office along with the hole for the menorah. Mention of renewing Ed Forrester's term for the next 4 years as a library trustee; **Resolution 2022-295**.
- Council Member Bogins mentions a group; Greene County Animal Alliance. They are interested in the old senior center and the church for when the time comes to move. They would like an appraisal but asking for the Town to do it. The board states that until the senior center is actually moving the appraisal should wait because it can change from year to year, may not be accurate.
- Supervisor Watts is currently waiting for some phone calls from an Attorney and the County on how to go about distributing the HUD money that was awarded this year to 3 groups. The money is going to Delaware Engineering for it to be signed off on and then distributed.
- Council Member Flaherty asks if Art Evans could reach out to TNT to check on the status of 2 trucks. After the new budget is approved he can put in for the 2 new vehicle that have been budgeted for.
- Council Member Flaherty also addresses how the Sergeant Busch put in for new body cameras from the State; won't know the answer for that till February.
- Supervisor Watts brings up how the court has asked about community service since people are not paying their fines and there are no repercussions. Possibly within parks and grounds or the highway dept. Supervisor Watts is wondering if this happens would Art and Hunter be able to work with a Probation Officer if necessary to say who worked and when they worked.
- Art Evans mentions that the Fencing for the Fossil Forest has started going up, moving the blocks.

#### **Resolution No. 2022-272 "Authorize Supervisor to Sign 2023-2025 Agreement to Retain Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux as the Labor Relations Attorneys and Consultants"**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo has received the Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux Agreement for January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 for approval and the agreement covers the fee schedule for monthly and hourly rates. Therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the 2023-2025 Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP agreement.

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

**Resolution No. 2022-284 “Appointment of Fossil Forest Chairperson”**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Fossil Forest Chairperson’s term for Joseph Hasenkopf ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board does hereby reappoint Joseph Hasenkopf as Chairperson of the Fossil Forest for a one year term starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and to expire December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

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

**Resolution No. 2022-285 “Hiring Part Time Highway Laborer”**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo Highway Department has a vacancy and is in need of a Laborer.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo Highway Department has hired Dakota Stein at an hourly rate of \$17.00 per hour effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Cairo Town Board does hereby approve the hiring of Dakota Stein effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

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

**Resolution No. 2022-286 “Grant Permission to the Board Members, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk to Attend the 2023 Annual Meeting and Training School”**

Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Bogins.

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Cairo Board Members, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk have been authorized to attend the New York State Association of Towns 2023 Annual Meeting & Training School being held on February 19-22, 2023 in New York, NY, and

**WHEREAS**, the early bird Registration fee for member municipality, conference is \$150/non-member municipality, conference is \$175, therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby grant permission for reimbursement of Registration Fees, hotel, mileage and toll expenses to attendees, per the Town of Cairo Travel Policy.

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

**Resolution No. 2022-287 “Appointment of Greene County Planning Board Member”**

Offered by Council Member Cords and seconded by Supervisor Watts.

**WHEREAS**, the Greene County Planning Board term for Allen Veverka ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby reappoint Allen Veverka to a one year term as the Greene County Planning Board Member effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and to conclude on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.  
*Supervisor Watts – Aye, Council Member Bogins – Abstain, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Flaherty – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye. Motion Carried.*

**Resolution No. 2022-288 “Appointment of Planning Board Chairman”**

Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Cords

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby make the following appointment to the Planning Board:

Joseph Hasenkopf appointed Chairperson for a one year term effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and to expire December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

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

**Resolution No. 2022-289 “Approve Hiring Part Time Highway Laborer”**

Offered by Council Member Cords and seconded by Supervisor Watts.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo Highway Department has a vacancy and is in need of a Laborer. Michael Maderic resigned as a Full Time Highway Laborer on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 and agreed to work part time for the Highway Department starting on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo Highway Department has hired Michael Maderic as a part time employee at an hourly rate of \$20.34 per hour effective November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Cairo Town Board does hereby approve the designation change from full time to part time Highway Laborer of Michael Maderic.

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

**Resolution No. 2022-290 “Hiring Part Time Highway Laborer”**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo Highway Department has a vacancy and is in need of a Laborer.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo Highway Department has hired Dale Becker at an hourly rate of \$17.50 per hour effective October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Cairo Town Board does hereby approve the hiring of Dale Becker effective October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

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

**Resolution No. 2022-291 “Approve Planning Board Appointment”**

Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Flaherty.

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board term for Elizabeth Hansen ended on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby reappoint Elizabeth Hansen on the Planning Board to conclude on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 with a salary of \$70.00 per meeting.

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

**Resolution No. 2022-292 “Appointment of Planning Board Alternate Member”**

Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Cords.

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board term for Alternate Planning Board member Richard Lorenz ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby reappoint Richard Lorenz to a one year term as an Alternate on the Planning Board to conclude on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 with a salary of \$70.00 per meeting.

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

**Resolution No. 2022-293 “Hiring Full Time Highway Laborer”**

Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Powers.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo Highway Department has a vacancy and is in need of a full time Laborer.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo Highway Department has hired James Gilmore at an hourly rate of \$19.88 per hour effective December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. James Gilmore has a class A CDL license. Therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Cairo Town Board does hereby approve the hiring of James Gilmore.

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

**Resolution No. 2022-294 “Approve Hiring Part Time Water/Sewer/Ambulance Clerk”**

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**Resolution No. 2022-295 “Appoint Library Trustee”**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Library Trustee term for Ed Forrester ends on December 31, 2022. Therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board does hereby appoint Ed Forrester to a five year term as a Library Trustee to conclude on December 31, 2027.

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

**Resolution No. 2022-296 “Appointment of Delegate to the Association of Town at the 2023 Annual Meeting & Training School”**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby make the following appointment of a delegate to the Association of Towns:

**Debra Bogins** is appointed as the delegate to the Association of Towns to represent the Town of Cairo at the 2023 Annual Meeting and Training School from February 19-22, 2023.

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

**Public Comment:**

- Diana Benoit address the large piles of snow that are still on the sidewalk that when people are parking on the road that they have to jump over to get to the sidewalk, just wondering if they were going to be removed and make it more convenient for people to get to their homes and the local businesses. Art did call the county about this and they came out and looked at it said that they should be gone since rain is coming in a few days and it’s supposed to get fairly warm.
- Art also mentions that they did put out the snow emergency signs and many of the residents ignored them, which also caused some problem.
- Diana Benoit brings up the Greene County Animal Alliance letter from Susan True. Basically looking somewhere to put a rescue for animals that may not be accepted at other humane societies. The

reason for looking at the current senior center is because it a more centralized location in the county and there is more land other animals. Is the property an option yet? Supervisor Watts doesn't have a problem with it but doesn't have extra money at the moment for an appraisal. Council Member Cords mentions that the appraisal has to be done within close proximity with selling the property or it may need to be done again. Mentions to Diana that if Ray is willing to do it just to look at it for nothing just so they can get some numbers, the board wouldn't have a problem with that. The timeline for selling the property is probably in the next 2 years or when the new senior center is complete.

**Adjourn Town Board Meeting @ 8:04**

Offered by Council Member Flaherty 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  
Cairo Town Clerk

**EMERGENCY EMAIL VOTING – TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

**Resolution No. 2022-297 “Amend Employee Policy to Increase Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) Levels”**

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

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Cairo has been informed that the deductible for health care coverage will be increased for the 2023 calendar year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo wishes to increase the level of the HRA contribution in order to cover such increase. Therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Cairo coverage for HRA shall be and hereby is increased to \$4,400 for individual and \$8,800 for family coverage.

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

**Resolution No. 2022-298 “Inter-Fund Loan from Water Fund to Hydrant Savings Fund”**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Cairo Hydrant Savings is short funded in the sum of \$8,500.00 and is in need of inter-fund borrowing from the Water Fund; Therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby authorize an inter-fund transfer of \$8,500 from the Water Funds to the Hydrant Savings Fund.

DR SW-630                      DR SH-201  
CR SW-201                      CR SH-391

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