



Minutes

Town of Cairo

Thursday, December 29th, 2022

Emergency Board Meeting @ 1:00pm

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

The Town Board of the Town of Cairo met for an Emergency Town Board Meeting on Thursday, December 29th, 2022 at the Town Hall, Main Street, Cairo, New York. Supervisor Watts called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

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

Absent: Council Member Flaherty, Council Member Powers

- Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea discusses the budget numbers that what was adopted in November and presented in September, and then sent to the County and the State all lined up. The only thing that could have happened is some type of typographical or accounting error that the Town presented the night of the public hearing for the budget that came out with a .5 increase not a 7.5 increase. This is simply to approve that the Town can go over the tax gap, the Town didn't originally approve the resolution to allow them to go over it since they didn't require it.
- Next is to approve this, then figure out what happen so that the Town does not get addressed by the Comptroller's Office if the Town did not approve a resolution to go over and they go over the tax gap anyway. This is get this done so we can figure out what happen, the Town understands the public's issues and concerns, the Board is not happy about this either.
- Monica Keff addresses Tal and states that NYS Tax and Dept. of Finance says that the Town cannot retroactive. This has to be in affect and passed prior to the vote on the budget. Tal understands and has been in contact with the County and State Tax and Finance Dept. and seeing what the Town can do at this point, still have to make an attempt to fix it whether its allowed or not and determine what to do if it is not allowed to be done.
- Monica goes on to state that now anything that was approved over the tax cap; raises and other dept. Increases will have to go into a reserve fund until the Town figures out what has been done and what needs to be done, on top of an audit. Tal agrees and that it is correct.

Resolution No. 2022-299 "Authorize the Town to Override the Tax Cap"

Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Cords.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo, County of Greene is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2023 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law 3-C.

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

Exit Board Meeting @ 1:05PM

Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Bogins.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Rockefeller
Deputy Town Clerk