



## Minutes

Town of Cairo

Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Town Board Meeting @ 7:00pm

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

The Town Board of the Town of Cairo met for a Town Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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:**

***December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022:***

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

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

### **Comment:**

- Council Member Powers asks about the HUD Grant funds that are mentioned on the previous minutes, about how it is going to be distributed. Supervisor Watts states that he is meeting with Delaware Engineering on Monday, and will ask about this then. Will also be addressing the new well in the park with them.
- Council Member Powers also asked about the appointment of a new Water/Sewer/Ambulance Clerk and if there had been any more progress about filling the spot again. Supervisor Watts says that he has to see what the age to hire someone in the Town would be, due to the fact the Town does have candidates that are applying who are under 18. Currently waiting for a response back from Elaine Gold.

### **New Business:**

- SOL Source Power Proposal to Option & Lease Town Property
  - A company is looking to put a Solar Farm in the old dump on Joel Austin Road. Soil had been tested for PFOA's in the past but the company who is interested will have to do an environmental study and no living spaces will be put in there but there is power. The company has submitted paperwork along with a letter of intent to Option & Lease. Council Member Powers says that maybe Robert Fritze can arrange a meeting with these people since he started this project idea and they can speak with the board. A lease would be over 25 years

with a profit of \$1,245,745 million for the Town. Robert Fritze has been working on this project for years and the board compliments him on a job well done.

- Public Hearing
  - Open Public Hearing @ 7:11pm
    - Offered by Council Member Cords and seconded by Supervisor Watts  
*Supervisor Watts – Aye, Council Member Bogins – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Flaherty – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye. Motion Carried.*
    - No Comments from the Public
  - Close Public Hearing @ 7:12pm
    - Offered by Council Member Flaherty 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.*

**Comment:**

- Supervisor Watts addresses that Home Depot came through with their donation of \$2,000 worth of pretreated lumber to the Town, this will be for the new picnic tables that will be made and put in the park. Possible project for a group who would like to paint them. Old ones will be scattered throughout the park and new ones will replace where the old one were.
- Supervisor Watts addresses that someone had asked the board for the Creekside to be cleaned up in the park, right now the weather is unpredictable and other projects are coming to lite, will be addressed when weather is better and time and manpower are available.
- Community service hours are brought up again for the court dues that are not paid. Possibly helping build/paint picnic tables or cleaning up the park, etc.
- Council Member Cords states the she got a call from Dorothy True about the Community Center. The Town of Jewett is looking to close their community center and working with Windham. They have a pool table and table shuffle board set that they are asking if we would be interested in having. Supervisor Watts said he will take a look next week and see if we can use it for the recreation area.

**Resolution No. 2023-047 “Building and Code Clerk Appointment and Salary”**

Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Cords.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board does hereby appoint and set salary of the Full-Time Building & Code Clerk effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 as follows:

**Kyrie Fielder** continues in her appointment as a Full-Time Building & Code Clerk at an hourly rate of \$16.26 per hour not to exceed 40 hours per week.

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

**Resolution No. 2023-048 “Approve to Hire Part Time Highway Laborer”**

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

**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 Patrick Brennan at an hourly rate of \$17.00 per hour effective January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Therefore;

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

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

**Resolution No. 2023-049 “Authorizing Use of Park for Rabies Clinics”**

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

**WHEREAS**, Public Health Law requires all cats, dogs and ferrets to be vaccinated for rabies starting at 12 weeks old. Greene County would like to hold 4 free drive through Rabies clinics at the Town Park this spring/summer in the evening. Therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cairo Town Board does hereby grant permission for the Greene County Rabies Clinic to be held again at the Cairo Town Park in the spring/summer 2023, tentative schedule: May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, August 16<sup>th</sup>, and September 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

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

**Resolution No. 2023-050 “Budget Amendments and Payment of Bills on Abstract #313 for December 2022 Payables and Prepaids”**

Offered by Council Member Cords and seconded by Supervisor Watts.

**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 #313 Payables and Prepaids, consisting of 2022 V2 #01076 through V2 #01253 in the amount of \$ 387,723.00 is approved for payment;

The total amount to be paid from the:

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| General Fund - \$ 103,519.09  | Hydrant – \$ -0-             |
| Highway Fund - \$ 262,059.83  | Capital Water- \$ -0-        |
| Street Lighting - \$ 4,773.20 | Sidewalk - \$ -0-            |
| Sewer Fund - \$ 5,643.73      | Trust & Agency - \$ 6,351.34 |
| Water Fund - \$ 5,375.81      | Special Fire - \$ -0-        |

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

**Resolution No. 2023-051 “Full Time to Part Time Laborer/Mechanic”**

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

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Pagan has submitted a letter of resignation as a full time Highway Laborer/Mechanic from the Town of Cairo Highway Department effective January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

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

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Pagan requested to continue to work for the Cairo Highway Department as a part time employee. Therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Cairo Town Board does hereby approve the resignation of Andrew Pagan as a full time employee effective January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and his switching his employment status to part time effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at a pay rate of \$20.50 per hour.

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

**Resolution No. 2023-052 “Approve the Adoption of Local Law #1 of 2023, Repeal the Override of the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c in Local Law #5 of 2022”**

Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Cords.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Cairo, County of Greene hereby repeals Local Law #5 of 2022 in accordance with General Municipal Law §3-c.

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this local law to repeal the override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Cairo pursuant to General Municipal law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Cairo to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c found in Local Law #5 of 2022.

**WHEREAS**, that on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 pm, at the Cairo Town Hall, the Town Board held a Public Hearing. Therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Cairo approves to adopt Local Law #1 of 2023 to Repeal the Override of the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c in Local Law #5 of 2022.

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

**Resolution No. 2023-053 “Part Time to Full Time AEMT”**

Offered by Council Member Powers and seconded by Supervisor Watts.

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Cairo Ambulance Service is in need of a full time AEMT to replace a retired employee, and

**WHEREAS**, Stanley Dushane Jr. is a qualified AEMT, currently working part time, and is willing to move into a full time position.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That effective immediately, Stanley Dushane Jr. be moved into a full time position as an AEMT for the Town of Cairo Ambulance. The rate of pay will remain the same per hour as he is currently making at \$20.46 per hour.

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

**Adjourn Town Board Meeting @ 7:28**

Offered by Council Member Flaherty 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.*

Respectfully Submitted

Kayla L. McAlister  
Cairo Town Clerk