



Minutes

Town of Cairo

Monday October 2nd, 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 Monday, October 2nd, 2023, at the Town Hall, Main Street, Cairo, New York. Council Member Cords 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.

Minutes:

September 20th, 2023:

Offered by Council Member Bogins and seconded by Supervisor Watts.

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

New Business:

- Justice Department Title Changes
 - **Resolution 2023-195**
- Budget Workshop Meetings – October
 - October 18th, 2023 from 6:30pm-8:30pm
 - October 25th, 2023 from 10:00am-12:00pm
 - **Resolution No. 2023-197**
- Tentative Budget Presented – Town Clerk
 - Was given and reviewed by the Town Board, is now available in the Town Clerk's Office.
- Animal Control
 - Looking into hiring an outside company/women in Palenville for Animal Control, she takes care of other Towns in the County, it would be a yearly fee instead of per call/animal. Easier for the budget and should be a lower price overall.
- Ambulance
 - Another ad was put out but no bids or re-bids were put in for updating working on the Ambulance Building.
- Police
 - Within the last 2 months two grants were awarded to the Cairo Police Dept. in the sums of \$21,000 and \$22,000; one for body cams and another that was not stated.
- Grants
 - Council Member Bogins states that there are 3 other federal grants being worked on at the moment for the Town. (Senior Center, Highway Dept., Ambulance Building)

Old Business:

- Planning Board comments on proposed Zoning Law Amendments
 - The Planning Board has reviewed the documentation and amendments to the Town code submitted by Adam of Delaware Engineering at the August Public Hearing.
A motion to recommend the changes to the Town Board was made by Joseph at the September 2023 meeting, and Board Member results were as follows:
 - **Joseph** is for both the proposed amendments to current codes, as well as dedicating said lands for Industrial Use.
Elizabeth is for amendments of current codes, against proposal for Industrial Use lands.
Allen is against all proposals.
Ed is against all proposals.
 - **Kevin** is for change with the following comments:
"1) One of the most contentious issues in the town in the past decade was passage of the Zoning Law. These proposed changes should NOT be made without a period of public review and comment.
P.1 All abbreviations should be spelled out the first time they appear. I.e., Section 2, third line: "...standards for C-I zone,..." should read, "...standards for Commercial-Industrial (C-I) zone..."
P.3, Section 3.E, sub para section VII.B "...shall expire on Dec 31, 2021" Why not delete that para if it's expired?
P.4, screening: There is no requirement to ensure the planted trees grow/mature? Planting a tree and not watering it means the tree dies and no buffer is created. Add a para requiring a minimum timeline for the site owner to maintain the buffer, and list in the code fines for not complying. Have the building or code enforcement officer check the buffer for a minimum of 2 or 5 years.
P.4, para 4. a: Is the illegal backlit sign in front of Town Hall Dark Sky compliant?
P.6 Who is doing the math to determine the amount of land for commercial solar?
Add a screening / buffer requirement to commercial solar arrays.
 - Alternate **Rich L.** is for all proposals.
The Planning Board submits this feedback to you for your consideration regarding the zoning proposals.
- Street Lighting Update
 - Some light safety comments from some residents on Main Street;
 - There is still concern about the safety of those who go on foot at night along and across Main Street. Many accidents, and near accidents, have occurred because the layout of the poles created gaps with dark areas where there are no lights. Perhaps if we have any money left over we can add some lights as well as re-wire them all so they'll go on at once. They need to be required so that if one does have a problem it won't shut them all down. Also if all the lights are on one control, the Town can set up a dimmer for a designated time each night to save money.
 - Putting lighting money through the NY Forward Grant, the Town will be purchasing lights directly from the source and not through a third party. This residents ideas are simply suggestions and advise on different lights that the Town can purchase.
- Unsafe Building 460 Main Street
 - The Town is currently looking for someone in the family of who use to own it. So they can be informed and served on what is happening and take the next steps for the Town to take it down. Tal said a title search was done, if nothing can be done, the County would be served. If it was an emergency, a declaration of emergency can be done and taken down, but the Town is not at that point. Definitely a public safety issue but not an immediate eminent danger.

Public Comments:

- Richard Lorenz address the plow truck that has been sitting in front of Lee Physical Therapy for some time; states that it takes away from the people who are there to use the business.

- Others trucks and vans were also mentioned that they have been sitting for numerous months/years. In order for something to actually be done, since they are registered; a law would have to be changed.
- Gentleman mentions the road repairs from when the water main broke; Supervisor Watts says the repairs are coming close to a finish and should be complete soon.
- Patty Asaro states that if the water is shut down for any length of time that the Town is supposed to send out a boil water advisory until further notice. Supervisor Watts then readdressed that yes this is true if it is shut off for 4 hours or more which it was not, according to the Water Department it was 3 hours and 15 minutes.
- Marc Gorelic says the new sign in front of Town Hall looks great and asks if there is a way that the Library can have announcements puts on the sign if need be. Board has no problem with that as it was done before the sign was updated.
- Monica Keff asks when the tentative budget will be available. Now that the Board has seen and looked it over, it is now available in the Town Clerk's Office and will be available on the Town of Cairo website. Council Member Cords states to the public this is very tentative budget at the moment.

Resolution No. 2023-195 “Approve Court Clerk Title Changes”

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Cairo Justice Department requests job title changes for the Justice Court Clerk I and Justice Court Clerk II. Therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Cairo Town Board does hereby approve the following title changes to become effective on October 2, 2023:

1. Justice Court Clerk I to Justice Court Office Administrator
2. Justice Court Clerk II to Justice Court Office Administrator Assistant

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

Resolution No. 2023-196 “Accept Water/Sewer Adjustments”

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Sewer Billing adjustment be authorized by the Town Board and documented in the minutes; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby accept the Water/Sewer Adjustments totaling \$125.00 dated September 18, 2023 to be credited to account number 5630 for \$125.00, which was erroneously posted.

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

Resolution No. 2023-197 “Approve Budget Workshop Meetings for October”

Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Cords.

WHEREAS, that the Cairo Town needs to hold budget workshop meetings for the departments within the town; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate both day shift workers and night shift workers, the Town of Cairo will hold one workshop in the evenings and one workshop during day time duty hours.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves two budget workshop meetings on October 18, 2023 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm and October 25, 2023 from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

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

Public Monthly Reports: (Not Discussed)

- Animal Control
 - 14 incidents for the month of September

Adjourn Town Board Meeting @ 7:23PM

Offered by Council Member Bogins 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.

Respectfully Submitted

Kayla L. McAlister
Cairo Town Clerk