



## Minutes

Town of Cairo

Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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 May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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 Murphy.

### Minutes:

#### **April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024:**

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 Murphy – Aye. Motion Carried.*

### New Business:

#### ○ Public Hearing – Use of ARPA Funds

- Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Cords

- Opened @ 7:01PM

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

- The town needs to use funds leftover from ARPA.
  - The Town is proposing to use funds on three items;
    - ✚ First are the IT needs in the building; update all computers, servers, etc.
    - ✚ Second is for the proposed exercise stations that will be placed on the walking path down at the park.
    - ✚ Third is putting money towards a heating system for the ambulance building.
  - Supervisor Watts mentions that the county is also giving out \$25,000 to each town in the county, so more money will be coming to the Town; this money will have to be spent on certain items.
  - The veterans also mentioned that they have grant money that needs to be used; they would like to use it towards some equipment for the seniors, also a concrete corn hole set and 2 concrete table tennis tables.
  - Council Member Flaherty addresses the large basketball court that could possibly be converted into something else; there is a lot of wasted space. Possibly more pickle ball courts to go with the one that is already down there.
- Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Bogins

- Closed @ 7:06PM

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

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○ Public Hearing – Sewer District Extension

- Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Cords
  - Opened @ 7:07PM

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

- This public hearing is required to inform the residents of what is going on. The Town is not paying for the expansion, the County is. The Town will just collecting the Sewer Fees for new tenants when the time comes for that.

- Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Bogins
  - Closed @ 7:08PM

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

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○ Public Hearing – Water District Extension

- Offered by Council Member Flaherty and seconded by Supervisor Watts
  - Opened @ 7:09PM

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

- The Water/Sewer are going to the same area across 23. The main goal is to possibly find the aquifer, if this happens then a well will be able to be drilled in the future.
- Richard Lorenz ask if there will be enough water across 23 for what the Town is planning. The Town says yes there, this project would not work if it wasn't.
- They go on to discuss the well that is in park and how it is not sufficient as a replacement or even a backup well. The Town and Delaware Engineering have been in discussion about what is going to be done for some time now.
- Marc Gorelick asks if the well for the Round Top project deplete water from the park well. The Board says not that they know of but that information would be with the engineers who are on the Round Top project.

- Offered by Council Member Flaherty and seconded by Supervisor Watts
  - Closed @ 7:13PM

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

○ Ambulance

- There is enough money for the ambulance department to purchase a new ambulance, in the amount of \$340,000, no loan is required. The head of the department says that there is a truck ready and the Town can get it in about 60 days, the cheaper is also available but that would be about a year and a half wait.

The Town would plan to keep the current ambulance in service on top of the new ambulance, it has about 130,000 miles and it was just serviced. The prices will be given to the Board for the next meeting for them to go over.

**Old Business:**

- 460 Main Street – Ralph Rodriguez

- 'The plan for this building is to start with the future occupancy of the building. The second floor apartment will be occupied by us. The first floor office will become the new home of JCD Construction. We will be relocating from Long Island, NY to Cairo, NY.  
Phase 1: Before the closing takes place we would like secure, and clean up the exterior of the building. We are willing to replace broken windows and doors. We would also clean, paint and repair the affected areas where there is fire damage. Any and all other suggestions by you and any other board member is welcome.  
Phase 2: We will replace the fire damaged rafters and studs once Phase 1 has been completed. The building will be secured, and structurally safe.  
This work, if approved by the Board and Building Department can begin the first week of June. We are looking to close on this property at the end June.  
Once the closing takes place we will file the proper paperwork and pull necessary permits to do a complete gut job and bring this beautiful building back to its former glory. I would love to be given the opportunity to be part of this great project.
- The Town is going to put this project out to bid again in case the plan above falls through and does not take place in the near future.
- Ambulance/Senior Center
  - Ambulance portion of the building is coming along great. Once that is in the final stages they will start the Senior Center portion of the building. The Town is planning on working with the County on the Senior Center part. The County is trying to find some more funds along with helping with the kitchen and assisting with the water and sewer getting to the building.

**Correspondence:**

- Park Clean Up Volunteers – Ruth Shelato
  - 'I would like to talk about the Cairo Park clean up like 2 weekends before Mother's Day (starting next year). If it rains or there is bad weather on a set day, like a Saturday then it can be rescheduled for the Sunday after; a rain check.  
Volunteers could consist of 4H Members, Girls Scouts, Boys Scouts and Baseball and Softball Teams to assist with a possible cleanup day. Just picking up paper, sticks and other small items up off the lawn so that it doesn't get in the mowers. If the board is interested and would like to happen, please spread the word for next year, I (Ruth) will be there to help.'  
Something to hopefully be on an annual basis.
  - Richard Lorenz also addresses the drop offs on the side of the path from the paving, what the town is planning on doing.  
The board will discuss with the parks department about possibly getting a fill for the sides.
- Volunteer to assist the Cairo Rotary – WW1 Memorial Fountain
  - 'This Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8AM the Cairo Rotary will be taking the white stones out of the Memorial Fountain. The Cairo Development Foundation is going to be working with the American legion on repairing and revitalizing the entire area there.  
If anyone has time and would like to assist the Cairo Rotary on their "Day of Service" I am sure they would love the help.  
I have spoken with Art Evans about the removal of the stone and from the Fountain it will be taken to the Highway Department and deposited there. Tom Morrissey is the President of the club and he will have Art's phone number in case he needs it. Sherry'
- Police Department
  - Earned \$58,838.00 in grants

- \$15,000 for Surveillance Cameras
- \$5,500 for Handheld Scanners/Readers/Radios
- \$34,838 for Patrol Vehicle Equipment
- \$4,000 for Lighting Systems
- Sergeant Busch is also waiting for quotes/bids back from a few Brands for a Car/Tahoe. The Town would like to see something that has 4 wheel or all-wheel drive.

**Resolution No. 2024-114 “Approve Request Use of Town Park”**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Greene County Women’s League would like reserve the Town Park for a Carnival to raise money for the Cancer Fund on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board does hereby approve the use of the Angelo Canna Town Park for August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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

**Resolution No. 2024-115 “Advertise for Bid – Dog Park Shade Structure”**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to build a structure to create shade for both the small dog and large dog park areas; and,

**WHEREAS**, there have been multiple requests from patrons who use the enclosed dog parks to build a structure that will provide shade.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Cairo does hereby approve the advertisement for building a shade structure that will partially cover both dog parks at the Angelo Canna Town Park.

**TABLED**

**Resolution No. 2024-116 “Approve the Use of ARPA Funds – Park Equipment/Computer Upgrades”**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Cairo is proposing to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for to pay for Outdoor Park Equipment and Computer Upgrades; and

**WHEREAS**, that on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 pm, at the Cairo Town Hall, the Town Board held a Public Hearing which is necessary prior to the expenditure of ARPA funds; Therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Cairo approves to use ARPA funds for Outdoor Park Equipment in the amount not to exceed \$46,000.00; Furthermore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Cairo approves to use ARPA funds for the necessary computer upgrades in the amount of \$49,307.00.

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

**Resolution No. 2024-117 “Approve to Purchase Outdoor Fitness Equipment for Angelo Canna Town Park”**

Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Cords.

**WHEREAS**, the Angelo Canna Town Park is in need of Outdoor Fitness Equipment around the walking path and near the dog parks; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo received three quotes from Discount Playground Supply, Teacher Supply Source and **Outdoor Workout Supply**; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Cairo Town Board does hereby approve to purchase using ARPA funds for the equipment from Outdoor Workout Supply in the amount of \$ 16,740.00 .

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

**Resolution No. 2024-118 “Accept Water Penalties”**

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

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Water Penalties be authorized by the Town Board and documented in the minutes; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board does hereby accept the Water Penalties from the Water Administrator in the amount of \$1,208.04 dated May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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

**Resolution No. 2024-119 “Approve to Purchase Concrete Table Tennis/Corn Hole Boards for Angelo Canna Town Park”**

Offered by Supervisor Watts and seconded by Council Member Bogins.

**WHEREAS**, the Angelo Canna Town Park would like to offer game options for patrons for Concrete Table Tennis and Corn hole Boards; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cairo received three quotes from Fontera, Stone Age Games and **Outdoor Workout Supply**; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Cairo Town Board does hereby approve to purchase using ARPA funds for the concrete park equipment from Outdoor Workout Supply in the amount of \$ 18,705.00 .

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

**Public Monthly Reports: (Not Discussed)**

- Ambulance (April)
  - Total calls – 102 / transported calls – 74
- Assessor
  - 16 sales/transfers for the month of March
  - 6 valid arm’s length
  - Grievance Day, Tuesday May 28, 2024 Cairo Town Hall 4PM-8PM
- Building and Code (April)
  - 25 building permits / 7 municipal searches / 32 total inspections
  - 0 certificates of occupancy / 19 certificates of compliance
  - 3 new violations & complaints / 0 court case for trial / 1 case in court
- Tax Collector
  - As indicated, 87% of the warrant has been collected totaling an amount of \$7,317,517.15.
- Police Department – December
  - Total mileage for cars 574/575/576/577: 1,550
  - 6 Criminal Complaints / 73 Incident Reports / 564 Aid citizens/requests/services
  - 6 accident responses / 7 arrests / 17 traffic tickets
- Zoning Department (March)
  - 30 inquiries / 2 subdivision applications / 3 site plan applications
  - 0 complaints/violations / 0 fire inspections / 2 zoning board of appeals
- Highway Department
  - Work or Non-Reflective road signs being replaced is ongoing.
  - Mowing shoulders has begun
  - Brush trimming is ongoing
  - Highway currently has 7 full time employees, 5 with CDL’s
  - Cold patching taking place

**Adjourn Town Board Meeting @ 7:52PM**

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 Murphy – Aye. Motion Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted

Kayla L. McAlister  
Cairo Town Clerk