

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Cincinnatus held April 9, 2024 at the Town Hall commencing at 7:00 PM.

Present: Ronald Constantino, Supervisor
Bob Hemming, Councilperson
Nicholas Constantino, Councilperson
Patrick Wiater, Councilperson
Jonathan McKee, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Carolyn Nowalk, Town Clerk

Also Present: Jason Tuning, Fred Griffen, Pat Rice, Barry Goodband, James Merchant, Wayne Landers, Sharon Wiater, Mick Eccleston, Bryce Wehner

1. Call to Order: meeting was called to order by Supervisor Constantino at 6:59 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: the pledge was said by all
3. Approve minutes of Regular meeting from March 12, 2024

A motion to approve Item #3 as presented was made by B. Hemming, seconded by J. McKee.

Ayes: R. Constantino, N. Constantino, McKee, Hemming, Wiater

Nays: 0 motion carried

4. Approve and adopt the 2024 Procurement policy for the Town of Cincinnatus: Policy attached

A motion to approve Item #4 as presented was made by P. Wiater, seconded by N. Constantino.

Ayes: R. Constantino, N. Constantino, McKee, Hemming, Wiater

Nays: 0 motion carried

5. Financial Reports: Town Clerk, Water Clerk, Joint Youth - attached

A motion to approve Item #5 as presented was made by B. Hemming, seconded by P. Wiater.

Ayes: R. Constantino, N. Constantino, McKee, Hemming, Wiater

Nays: 0 motion carried

6. Mick Eccleston - Legislator: Mick introduces himself to the new Town Board members and explains his role. He tells the Town Board about a clothing drop off at the recycling center in Cortland. Courthouse steps in Cortland have been completed. A discussion is held about the letter Cortland County sent out (attached) regarding UTV use on roads.

7. Refunds due on tax overpayments: list attached

A motion to approve Item #7 as presented was made by J. McKee, seconded by B. Hemming.

Ayes: R. Constantino, N. Constantino, McKee, Hemming, Wiater

Nays: 0 motion carried

8. Discussion of Proposed Racetrack at Fireman's Field:

James Merchant explains that he held an event on the Fire Department Field last year by filling out an application, paying to rent the track and providing his own insurance.

Barry and James then explain that they are working together to have the proposed event in June. They would need to rebuild and revitalize the existing track, the current oval

track that is there is a 1/10th of a mile track and they have no plan to increase the size. Construction of a fence between the spectators and the track on the front straightaway would need to be done for safety measures, all other work is just ground work. They currently have 1 weekend event scheduled with a possible second event in September if the June dates go well. The 2 weekends prior to the racing event they would hold practices on the track. The Fire Department would sell concessions and have raffles to earn money. Mr. Goodband, as the promoter of the event, would provide his own insurance and collect all money from racing participants, as well as spectators' entry into the events. The Fire Department would also provide EMT's for the events.

Supervisor Constantino asks if the units being raced will have mufflers - Mr. Goodband states they will. Supervisor Constantino asks if they will have the ability to water the track to keep the dust to a minimum - Mr. Goodband states that they will.

Bryce Wehner speaks out in favor of the track and his dislike of the town's permit requirement, as well as the zoning and planning that exists in the town. Mr. Wehner feels the rules of the town take away any social wealth that we have.

Jason Tuning, Planning Board Chair states that these rules and requirements have been in place for many years and most people have just chosen to ignore them. A building permit would be required to construct a fence on the racetrack. Since the Fire Department owns the land they would need to apply for the permit.

Supervisor Constantino states that the rules and regulations of the town of Cincinnati will be followed by the Town Board at all times.

Bryce Wehner expresses his concerns about "choking out" potential future events and entertainment for the town.

James Merchant asks why the Town Board is concerned about a racetrack when there are so many "dump" properties in the town.

9. Public Commentary: Wayne Lander asks what the Town Board is doing about the differences of opinion between the Fire Commissioners and the Fire Department.

Wayne states that the Fire Commissioners have suspended with the Fire Chief and the main pump operator. He is concerned with the Fire Department's ability to function under the suspensions.

8. Reports:

a. Supervisor

- Municipal Leader Roundtable for Town Supervisors and City/Village Mayors tomorrow 4/10 @ 5pm in Cortland
- Review of Solar, Wind and Gas Energy Moratorium - current moratorium has expired

A motion is made to approve a resolution to hold a public hearing regarding going into a moratorium prior to the next Board meeting by J. McKee, seconded by P. Wiater.

Ayes: R. Constantino, N. Constantino, McKee, Hemming, Wiater

Nays: 0

motion carried

- Update on garage construction grant reimbursement
- Agenda for meeting with Cortland County Planning
- Municipal training - 4/16

b. Highway - none

c. Water - none

- d. Planning - minutes attached - County Planning Department will be here on 4/10 at 7pm to meet with the Planning and Town Boards.
 - e. Code Enforcement - report attached
 - f. Joint Youth - none
 - g. Cortland County SPCA - report attached
 - h. Beautification - Pat Rice snowflakes are set to arrive this week. They are looking for additional volunteers for the Beautification Committee
9. Old Business:
- a. Soccer signs are being manufactured
10. New Business:
- a. New Town of Cincinnatus Facebook page
11. Warrants: - Disbursements from the funds as follows:
- AO - Administrative: \$ 8,028.15
 - DA - Highway: \$ 5,847.55
 - SA - Water: \$ 444.63

A motion to approve warrants as presented was made by J. McKee, seconded by B. Hemming.

Ayes: R. Constantino, N. Constantino, McKee, Hemming, Wiater

Nays: 0

motion carried

12. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm was made by J. McKee, seconded by B. Hemming.

Ayes: R. Constantino, N. Constantino, McKee, Hemming, Wiater

Nays: 0

motion carried

The next meeting of the Town Board will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall. A Public Hearing regarding a Moratorium will be held prior to the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Nowalk
Cincinnatus Town Clerk