

November 29, 2007
Town of Lyme
2008 Preliminary Budget Hearing

Supervisor Golden called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. In Attendance: Supervisor Golden, Councilmen Johnson, Schreib, and Countryman, Clerk Wallace and approximately five others.

Don Metzger – Cannot see where, within the new budget, there has been money set aside for the dealings with the wind turbine situation. With all the extra attorney fees, correspondence, and expenses he feels there should be monies budgeted to deal with what lies ahead for the Town. Mr. Metzger also addressed the Board regarding the DEC and our Lead Agency situation. If Cape Vincent being the Lead Agency we won't need extra money because Cape Vincent will be running "rough shot" over us.

Councilman Schreib responded to Mr. Metzger by saying that with Cape Vincent being Lead Agency means that they are only the depository for all information regarding the project. Our involvement, currently, is only with the transmission lines. We don't have a local law for zoning in affect and we don't have any applications. Right now there is nothing coming into the Town. In the proposed Local Law you will see that the applicant will pay any costs, attorney fees, engineering fees, etc. Although we did not get the Lead Agency we are not left out of the loop. If anything is done in our Town they must come to us and comply with our regulations. If the Cape agrees to something it does not mean that we have to agree, it does not circumvent our power.

Guy Gosier – Had questions regarding the Deputy Clerk budget for \$1000.00, since it doesn't get used why couldn't it be put back into the General Fund, keep the line open with an amount of \$50.00. He also had a question on Playgrounds, Morris Track Ball Field for \$3000.00 that hadn't been used the past couple of years.

Councilman Schreib responded by saying that if the money is not utilized within the budgeted year that it is rolled over to the next year's budget.

Guy had stated the Cemetery Fund monies looked as if they were taken out of the revenue side and put back in to the expense side. The money is not being spent unless there are expenses.

Questions continued with concerns with Water District # Two, Debt Service Principal, is this money that is being paid on the principal of the loan, this year we have not paid anything. Bookkeeper Gotham responded by stating that the payment was due in December.

The Town Board received a letter from the Heritage Center and they have indicated that they will be moving out of the Library. The money that has been budgeted for the Heritage Center to pay the library should be taken out.

The Town Board spent roughly half an hour “massaging” the Proposed Budget and working out particulars with Superintendent Parker and his Highway Budget.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.

**Town of Lyme and Village of Chaumont
Joint Work Session
6:30 P.M.
November 29, 2007**

The Work Session was called to order at 6:25 p.m. In attendance: Mayor Price, Trustees Geoff Donaldson, Pat Pawling, Mike Nichols, Scott Aubertine, Village Clerk Radley, Town Councilmen, Warren A. Johnson, Mike Countryman, Norm Schreib, Supervisor Jim Golden and Clerk Kim Wallace.

The two Boards discussed the fact that any time there are services shared there must be written agreements in place. There was an exchange chart provided. There will be an accounting that will take place every six months. Log books will be kept.

The Town will be hiring Brian Cosselman and Ray MacIntosh as Part – time MEO’s at a pay rate of \$13.75 per hour. They will receive pay from the Village during the day; after 4:00 p.m. they will get paid by the Town for any snow removal work that is provided by them. The men must have physicals and CDL’s.

The Town will be leasing to the Village, space in the Town Municipal Building and a dollar amount will be determined.

RESOLUTION 2007 – 156: Motion by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Trustee Aubertine to accept the Shared Services agreement as written:

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Golden – Aye

Mayor Price – Aye

Trustee Donaldson – Aye

Trustee Pawling – Aye

Trustee Nichols – Aye

Trustee Aubertine – Aye

Councilman Schreib – Aye

Councilman Johnson – Aye

Councilman Countryman – Aye

The Town Board continued with their meeting making resolutions as follows:

RESOLUTION 2007 – 157: Motion by Councilman Countryman and seconded by Councilman Johnson to purchase Fire Road signs in the amount of \$2252.52. Four ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2007 – 158: Motion by Councilman Schreib and seconded by Councilman Countryman to schedule a Public Hearing for the Proposed Local Wind Law for the dates of Saturday January 5, 2008 and Saturday January 12, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. on both dates. Four ayes. Motion carried.

The Public Hearings will be posted on the Web Site and posters will be distributed throughout the Town. It will be heavily advertised.

The Highway and Police Department has received their new cell phones. Leo's new phone # is 785-9995. This number should be given to the public.

RESOLUTION 2007 – 159: Motion by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Schreib to accept and pass the 2008 Budget as massaged at tonights meeting. Four ayes. Motion carried.

Councilman Countryman made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

***Kim Wallace
Town Clerk***