

Town of Lyme
March 11, 2015
Public Hearing – Water District #2 Extension 6:25 P.M.
Regular Monthly Meeting 6:30 P.M.

Supervisor Aubertine opened the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m.

Clerk Wallace read the Public Hearing Notice as it appeared in the Watertown Daily Times on February 20, 2015.

Supervisor Aubertine reviewed the Public Hearing Ground Rules and opened the floor for public comments.

Darwin Brown – Municipal Water Board Member – Asked when the Town would become responsible for charges to the Water District. Supervisor Aubertine stated as soon as the Town acquires the water line he would like to see the charges begin. He stated that the property owners should be responsible for any costs associated with the construction of the line.

With no further comments being heard, a Motion was offered by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilman Henderson to close the Public Hearing at 6:29 p.m. Three ayes. Motion carried.

March 11, 2014
Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board
6:30 P.M.

Supervisor Aubertine called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present at tonight's meeting: Supervisor Aubertine, Councilmen Bourquin and Henderson, Highway Superintendent Pat Weston, Assessor Marsha Barton, ZEO/CEO Jim Millington, Water Board Member Dar Brown, Three Mile Bay Cemetery Superintendent Julie Gosier, and approximately 5 others.

Supervisor's Report – February 2015

RESOLUTION 2015 - 30: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilman Henderson approving the February 2015 Supervisor's Report as submitted by Town Accountant Cathy Satterley. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent's Report – Pat Weston

The 2000 MACK was totaled in an accident on County Route 125, Point Salubrious. The Town of Cape Vincent Highway Superintendent has been gracious enough to lend us a truck. The Town has to make a decision as to whether they would like to fix the damaged truck or get rid of it. It has been advised by the insurance company that the truck is totaled and should not be repaired.

Pat has looked into a lease program; he believes this could be a feasible way to update the aged fleet. He has carefully considered the possibility of a lease purchase, has explored his options in detail, and feels that a lease option is a fiscally responsible solution to the problem and he has provided documentation to the Town Board pertaining to such.

The financing terms and conditions are subject to the satisfactory completion of the First Niagara Leasing credit approval process.

The financing terms and conditions that Pat felt would work the best for the Town appeared as follows:

Amount:	\$185,154.00
Interest Rate:	2.74%
Factor:	.2109559
Payments:	\$ 39,059.34
Term Years:	5
Total Payments:	\$195,296.70

This is a Tax-Exempt, Municipal Lease/Purchase with the title to the truck passing to the Lessee. This is a net lease under which, all costs, including insurance and maintenance are paid by the Lessee for the term of the lease.

The 2007 MACK has been in the garage for repairs 179 times as of today. With the purchase of a new vehicle the maintenance costs for the Highway Department would be less as well.

The insurance company has offered the Town \$27,257.00 for the 2000 MACK that was damaged in the accident. Pat would like to keep that vehicle and use what he could from it to put on a new truck, such as the plow and wings. After they take off what they can the truck could be sold, probably as scrap.

With the lease purchase of a new truck the expected delivery would be in approximately two weeks.

RESOLUTION 2015 - 31: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilman Henderson accepting the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Weston to purchase the 2015 International Truck from Henderson Equipment, with a 5 year lease program with the first payment being due at delivery. The leasing program will be through First Niagara Leasing, Inc. Three ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 - 32: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilman Henderson to keep the damaged 2000 MACK paying back \$4,050.00 to the insurance company, making the net payment to the Town of Lyme, \$23,257.00. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – February 2015

Total State, County and Local Revenues:	\$1,125.25
Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$ 972.88

Audit of Bills

RESOLUTION 2015 - 33: Motion by Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Bourquin approving Abstract #5 in the amount of \$1,022.00. Three ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 - 34: Motion by Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Bourquin approving Abstract #6 in the amount of \$86,734.36. Three ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 - 35: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilman Henderson approving the Minutes of the February 2015 Town Board Meeting as submitted by Clerk Wallace. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Assessor's Report – Marsha Barton

Grievance Day will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. The hours will be from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. The Board of Assessment Review would like to make as many appointments ahead of time as possible in order to keep the flow of residents moving along.

ORPTS Reports have been provided to the Town Board for their review. One of the reports show the parcels broken down by property class and the other will show a summary of the exemptions.

The next REVAL in the Town of Lyme is scheduled for 2017. The Assessors will begin the field work and valuing in 2016.

Municipal Water Board Report – Marsha Barton

Pat has turned the valve back on the Water Tower, it seems to be working great.

The tower had a lot of ice build-up, surprisingly the mixer did not do the job it was supposed to have done. There are going to be questions relating to the problems the Town has faced this winter concerning the Three Mile Bay Water Tower and the problems with it freezing. The purpose of the mixer purchase was to prevent the ice from building up. They are not sure if the mixer is not big enough to take care of a tank our size or if it has just been that cold that the mixer couldn't keep up.

The Municipal Water Board has also purchased a propane heater for inside the Water Tower. It has been hooked up and is running.

Repair of Water Tower – Utility Services Group has provided information on the cost of repairing the Three Mile Bay Water Tower and on their maintenance program. The Water Board is checking with two other companies for quotes, the information will be provided to the Town Board for their review at a later date.

DANC 2015-2016 User Rates – Based on lower estimates, the 2015-2016 rates are estimated to be \$70,410.00. That is \$3,412.00 less than last year's rates. Based on the lower estimate, the Town should not have to increase the fixed or water rates this year.

The Municipal Water Board is continuing to work on updating the Water Use Law to include a section dealing with developments.

Youth Committee Report – Charlie Mount

It has been a busy month. Baseball and softball sign ups have started. There are significant changes in the league at the County level this year.

It will be difficult putting a team together unless the Towns combine their athletes. The Towns of Lyme and Cape Vincent will be combining for baseball.

The program is also in need of coaches. It is recommended that coaches now have First Aid and CPR.

Three Mile Bay Cemetery Report – Julia Gosier

Julie is digging into old records making sure all the information from the old records are included appropriately into Julie's new system.

RESOLUTION 2015 - 36: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilman Henderson approving the mowing contract with JW Property Services through the 2015 mowing season, with the contract remaining the same as the 2014 contractual pay rates as follows:

NYS Route 12E Ball Fields, May 1st thru August 1st 2015 – mowed twice per week and trimmed once. August 1st thru October 31st 2015 – Once per week mow and trim.

Morris Tract Ball Field, May 1st thru October 31st, 2015 will be mowed and trimmed once per week with the Village to mow and trim once per week.

Six Abandoned Cemeteries, before Memorial Day 2015 thru September 30th, 2015, mow and trim bi-weekly.

Bringing the Lawn Care Contract Total to \$12,600.00 for the 2015 mowing season. Six payments will be made once per month to JW Property Services in the amount of \$2,100.00.

Three Mile Bay Cemetery Lawn Care Contract will remain as follows:

Mow and trim every two weeks or per request. The Cemetery must be in excellent condition for Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Payments will be made to JW Property Services once per month through the mowing season in the amount of \$240.00 per each time mowed.

Three ayes. Motion carried.

ZEO/CEO Report – Jim Millington

Building/Zoning Permits Issued:	2
Certificates of Occupancy Issued:	1
ZBA Referrals:	2
Site Visits and Inspections:	2

Permits Issued For:

Garage/Barn:	1
Other:	1

Correspondence

Board of Assessment Review Resignation

RESOLUTION 2015 - 37: Motion by Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Bourquin accepting, with regrets, the resignation of William "Ted" Utes from the Town Board of Assessment Review. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Ted has served on the BAR for over 16 years, both as Chairman and as a BAR member.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2015 - 38: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilman Henderson approving the advertisement seeking individuals interested in filling the vacancy created on the Board of Assessment Review and also to advertise at the same time for a part-time Transfer Site Attendant. Three ayes. Motion carried.

The Town Board has agreed to TABLE the revised Transfer Site Handout until they have determined the proper disposal of the CFL's.

Water District #2 Extension-

Once the project is completed and signed off on, the Town will take ownership of the infrastructure. There are a lot of questions as to how the Town shall proceed with charges to the developers.

When water is being pumped through the water lines there will be the maintenance issue of flushing the lines periodically. Due to the maintenance of the water line, the Water Board feels that there should be a charge to the developers of ½ EDU. Once a house is placed on the property it will become a full EDU, with a ½ EDU being placed on the remainder of the property in the development.

Supervisor Aubertine feels that the developer should install the infrastructure themselves and also cover any costs associated with the development.

RESOLUTION 2015 - 39: Motion by Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Bourquin approving the Extension of Water District #2 with amendments as written. Three ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 -40: Motion by Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Bourquin rescinding the prior Resolution until reasonable costs are determined. Three ayes. Motion carried.

All procedures pertaining to the Extension of WD #2 will be TABLED until further notice.

Old Business

Three Mile Bay Waste Water Grant

A survey was sent out to the residents in Water District #2 and the Hamlet of Three Mile Bay to inquire as to the interest of a sewer study. The majority of the residents are interested in proceeding with a study.

RESOLUTION 2015 - 38: Motion by Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Bourquin approving the feasibility study for a public sewer in Water District #2, Hamlet of Three Mile Bay and Lotts Point area. Bernier and Carr will be approved as the resident engineers for the study. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Privilege of the Floor

Charlie Mount – Would like to see the charges for the costs incurred by the developers to be paid for by the Lances.

Bill Johnson – Jefferson County Board of Legislators

Bill checked into the progress of the Wilson Property yesterday. The Chairman for the Ad Hoc Committee has not received any correspondence from the County Attorney regarding the situation.

The RFP's for the County radio system have come in. There are bids on all types of radios.

A Motion to adjourn tonight's meeting was offered by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilman Henderson at 8:20 p.m. Three ayes. Motion carried.

The minutes of tonight's meeting are respectfully submitted by,


Kim Wallace
Town Clerk