

**June 8, 2022  
Town of Lyme  
Regular Monthly Meeting 6:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order:**

Supervisor Countryman called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. opening the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present included Supervisor Countryman, Deputy Supervisor Bourquin, Councilmember Gosier, Councilmember Farrell, Councilmember Villa and Town Clerk Ariana Henderson.

**Privilege of the Floor**

There was no Privilege of the Floor.

**Supervisor's Report**

**Resolution 2022-95:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve the April and May Supervisor's Monthly Financial report; Councilmember Farrell seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

Deputy Supervisor Bourquin questioned why the Highway Insurance fund was low in funds and it was determined that it was because the HSA money was paid in full at the beginning of the year.

**Highway Superintendent's Report**

There was no report.

**Clerk's Report**

Monthly Receipts were as follow: Total Local Shares Remitted: \$7,909.20; Total State County & Local Revenues: \$8,079.20 Total Non – Local Revenues: \$170.00

There were 95 new dogs registered in May.

**Audit of the Bills (Abstracts #11 & #12)**

**Resolution 2022-96:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve Abstract #11 in the amount of \$41,169.00; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Resolution 2022-97:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve Abstract #12 in the amount of \$150,761.37 (which includes bills for salt for winter and rock for roads); seconded by Councilmember Villa; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

### Approval of the Minutes

**Resolution 2022-98:** Councilmember Gosier made a motion to approve May 5, 2022, May 11, 2022 Regular Minutes, May 18, 2022 and May 24, 2022; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

### Committee Reports

#### **Assessor's Report:**

There was no report.

#### **Municipal Water Board Report:**

There was no report.

#### **Planning Board:**

There was no Planning Board Minutes.

#### **Youth Commission:**

Stephanie Doney is going to have the Summer Recreation program. The Youth Commission has started summer sports.

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA):**

The ZBA has requested a change in the Seasonal Mobile Home Law. Councilmember Villa stated that there were two discrepancies in the law. One issue was how the trailers will be inspected if they stay on site year round. The new law would also allow the trailers to have attached decks. The purpose of the original law was to have the trailers remove from the property at the end of November and placed back on the property in April so the laws were followed. Another change Deputy Supervisor Bourquin noticed is that the Zoning Officer would issue the permits instead of the new seasonal mobile home owners coming before the ZBA. The ZBA is supposed to be for appeals. Councilmember Gosier agreed that if everything is in compliance of the Zoning Law the Zoning Officer should issue permits. She suggested sending the law to the Planning Board for review.

#### **ZEO/CEO Report:**

Supervisor Countryman met with ZEO Richard Ingerson last Friday and identified two of the problem properties that were discussed at prior meetings. Richard spoke with one property owner and wasn't able to speak to the other because there was a dog tied up out front and was unable to get to the door. He is going to follow up with letters to both properties. The penalties will be \$1000.00 a day after 30 days if they don't comply. Councilmember Villa reminded the Board that the sign law has yet to be enforced. It is illegal to have signs on telephone poles and all over every street corner. A specific example is the corner of County Route 57 and NYS 12 E. If the Zoning Officer doesn't remove them he will do it himself. Supervisor Countryman stated that he will address this issue with Richard Ingerson.

**TMB Cemetery:**

Councilmember Gosier stated that the bids for the foundation repair will be opened at the July meeting.

**Cape Vincent Ambulance:**

Supervisor Countryman stated that he attended the last meeting and they are chugging along. Charlie Mount was there as a member for the Town of Lyme. There is now a second ambulance being housed at the Chaumont Fire Hall.

**Old Business:**

**Approve Agreements Veterans Memorial Park:**

Supervisor Countryman updated the Town Board on Veteran’s Memorial Park Project.

**Resolution 2022-99:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion for Supervisor Countryman to sign the Veteran’s Memorial Park agreements; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**TMB Water Tower Control Valve:**

There was a brief discussion on buying a new water valve or repairing the old one for the Three Mile Bay water tower. Deputy Supervisor Bourquin and Pat Weston recommend repairing it. If they can’t repair it than a new valve can be purchased.

**TIC Water Tower Inspection Bid Award:**

Supervisor Countryman updated the Board on the schedule for the painting of the water tower. TIC (Tank Industry Consultants) submitted a lower bid than Utility Services to inspect the water tower. It is \$4,750.00 for the tank evaluation and report and \$1,200.00 for the tank wash out. Councilmember Villa stated that you will pay \$1,200.00 regardless of how much sediment is in the tank based on the contract wording. Either way TIC is still lower than Utility Services quote.

**Resolution 2022-100:** Councilmember Villa made the motion to sign the inspection agreement with TIC for the Three Mile Bay water tower; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Open Cleaning Position:**

There was no applications submitted for this position.

**Bicentennial Park Improvements:**

Supervisor Countryman spoke with Robin Grovesteen today and they were looking at options for improvements at Bicentennial Park. He would hate to see the Addie Jennie money disappear. Supervisor Countryman is looking for recommendations for the grant application. Pat supplied an estimate to repair and stabilize the shoreline. Councilmember Villa agreed that stabilizing the shore was very important. If the Town doesn’t have time this year to complete the work

Councilmember Farrell suggested that we could stock pile materials while the price is cheaper. The Board agreed to continue with the application to obtain the funds for Bicentennial Park.

### **New Business:**

#### **State Equalization Rate for 2022:**

The equalization rate is at 94%. Supervisor Bourquin stated the years prior the assessors have done a great job keeping the rate at 100%. He also stated there weren't many grievances this year.

#### **Cedar Grove Cemetery:**

Supervisor Countryman stated he met Robin, Julie and Heather Lipczynski regarding taking over the Cedar Grove cemetery. The cemetery association would like to abandon it because they are struggling to keep up with the cemetery costs. There is \$100,000.00 in there account but they can only spend the interest that is earned on the account. The association uses a company in Clayton Carrier Bay Accounting for their accounting services. Councilmember Gosier is going to meet with Heather at the Fire Hall to try and find important paperwork. There are only two active Board members. They are paying \$700.00 every two weeks for mowing for both cemeteries. There are no by laws that they know of. The first step would be for their board to vote to dissolve the cemetery.

#### **LYC approval for Mary Guyette:**

Supervisor Countryman stated that Mary Guyette requested to use the Town Fields for soccer this summer. They would be covered under the Youth Commission insurance. The Board approved the use.

#### **AES Letter:**

AES Solar requested a letter to stop the tariff bill in congress to stop solar parts. The Board did not make a motion to write a letter to support AES.

#### **TMB Fire Department First Responder Status:**

Chief Justin Bourquin is asking for a letter of support to apply for First Responder Status for the Three Mile Bay Fire Department. When the Fire Department gave up the ambulance they lost their First Responder Status. There are already people in the department that are certified to be a First Responder.

**Resolution 2022-101:** Councilmember Villa made the motion to approve a letter of support for the Three Mile Bay to apply for First Responder Status; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Online Privilege of the Floor

There was no online privilege of the floor.

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There was no privilege of the floor.

Adjournment

**Resolution 2022-102:** Councilmember Villa a made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried; meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ariana Henderson*

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Town Clerk