

Town of Lyme  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
June 13, 2018  
6:30 PM

Call to Order

Supervisor Aubertine called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. , opening the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present included Supervisor Aubertine, Deputy Supervisor Bourquin, Councilwoman Gosier, Councilmen Villa and Jones, Legislator William Johnson, Robin Grovesteen, Marsha Barton, Gunther Schaller.

Magee Property Acquisition

Supervisor Aubertine began the discussion with a recommendation that due to much confusion about the options and timing of grant submission and other considerations, that the Board agree to seek financial assistance from Senator Ritchie and pay the remaining portion from Town funds. Councilwoman Gosier asked about seeking grant reimbursement in the following year and it was agreed to leave that as a possibility. Additional discussion occurred regarding the weight and meaning of permissive referenda, and Councilman Villa called for a vote on the matter as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2018-** :Councilman Villa made a motion to ask elected officials for support of the acquisition of the Magee property, pending voter approval, and to pay the remaining portion out of the savings of the Town. Aubertine, Villa, Jones and Gosier -AYE; Bourquin NAY; Motion carried.

Privilege of the Floor

County Legislator William Johnson reported that the plan for electric power installation at the Sand & Salt Barn Facility was underway. There was no other public comment.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Aubertine stated that his review of the Town's financial standing appeared to be in order, with no apparent deviations or issues. He further stated his intention to request the attendance of Cathy Satterley at the next regular meeting scheduled for July 11, 2018.

**RESOLUTION 2018-** ; Motion by Councilwoman Gosier to approve the Supervisor's Report; Councilman Villa 2nded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Weston was excused from the meeting, but had submitted a request for the purchase of new radios for the Highway Department to be compatible with the new County emergency radio system scheduled to begin operation in 2019 (according to Legislator Johnson.) The Board discussed the number of radios necessary, the prices for both types, and the inclusion in Jefferson County's volume discount purchase arrangement. The decision was

made to request Highway Superintendent Weston to present for the next regular meeting the exact number of each model he is requesting.

### Audit of Bills (Abstracts # 11 and 12)

**RESOLUTION 2018-** Councilman Bourquin made the motion to approve Abstract # 11 in the amount of \$18,815.02; second made by Councilwoman Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried. Councilman Villa made the motion to approve Abstract #12 in the amount of \$20,218.53; second made by Councilwoman Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried'

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the May 19, 2018 regular meeting were unavailable and tabled due to the absence of the Town Clerk, and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

## Committee Reports

### Assessor's Report (attached)

Assessor Barton reported that for the 6th consecutive year, the tentative equalization rate for the Town of Lyme was determined to be 100% which reflects the continued accuracy of the property assessments in relation to sales.

There was discussion regarding the difficulties taxpayers are experiencing with negotiating the recent registration changes for the Enhanced Star program.

### Municipal Water Board

**RESOLUTION 2018-** ; Councilwoman Gosier made the motion to approve Jonathan Munk's request for water service at 28448 Old Town Springs Road in Water District #5. Councilman Villa provided a second on the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

### Planning Board

There was no Planning Board Report this month.

### Youth Commission (see attached)

A request was received from Scott Radley for the purchase of 8 new benches for the 12E fields for the Lyme Youth Commission. Supervisor Aubertine reported that he had suggested that the request be redirected to the Parks & Rec Committee for their consideration. Parks & Rec proposed that they buy the benches now but could be reimbursed by the Town from next year's budget. Much discussion ensued regarding the necessity, prices, current inventory and the timeliness of the request.

**RESOLUTION 2018-** ; Motion was made by Councilwoman Gosier to split the cost of the benches with the Parks & Rec Committee; motion was 2nded by Councilman Jones; all in favor; motion carried

### ZEO/CEO (see attached)

Jim Millington was absent from the meeting but had submitted a report, entailing the month's receipts as follow: total permits for May: \$1,475; RV permits YTD-\$ 1,200 Total YTD: \$9,645  
Total # Zoning & Building Permits issued in May: 14

## New Business

### LCS Resource Officer Proposal

Supervisor Aubertine met with LCS Superintendent Morrison and SP Officer Rick Hathaway to discuss the proposal to appoint a school resource officer. LCS has allocated \$30,000/year for the position. Any resource officer must be affiliated with a police agency which the Town of Lyme is NOT. However, the Village of Chaumont does have that status and would serve as the pay agent for the position. Supervisor Aubertine made mention of the potential dissolution of Chaumont and its impact on that arrangement. Receipt of a letter to the Board from a potential candidate was discussed and deemed inappropriate. Councilman Villa reported the history of the issue as it relates to the Town, including discussions and ramifications of the legal requirements of acquiring the necessary authorization. Supervisor Aubertine was certain that any costs associated with the establishment of such a position would be borne by the school only.

It was decided to hold a joint meeting with the school and the Village of Chaumont to discuss the issue, tentatively scheduled for June 27th.

### CanAm Request

Request was received from Mike Lennox for the use of the Morris Tract Field for the CanAM Tournament from July 20, 2018 through July 22, 2018. Supervisor Aubertine mentioned the benefits to the local economy from the large numbers of attendees.

**Resolution 2018-** : Councilwoman Gosier made a motion to approve the use of the Morris Tract Field for the period of July 20-22, 2018 for the Can Am Tournament; Councilman Villa 2nded the motion; All in favor; Motion carried

### DOT Grant Availability

Robin Grovesteen discussed the available grant programs- specifically as they related to the future installation of the new bridge over the Chaumont River. She had attended a seminar in Watertown and had several follow-up conversations with DOT representatives. It was her opinion that considering the complicated requirements of the program in light of the short window for submission, it would be prudent to continue the discussions but to delay the grant application until the next opportunity. The grant is usually available on an annual basis, but never more than every other year.

### Willie Putnam Tournament

Councilman Bourquin raised the topic of the annual purchase to benefit the Willie Putnam Tournament as it had not appeared on the Agenda. It was agreed to address the issue this evening.

**Resolution 2018-** : Motion was made by Councilwoman Gosier to purchase 2 bicycles and 2 helmets for the Willie Putnam Tournament. Councilman Villa 2nded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

### Neighbors of Watertown Request

A request for a letter of support for a grant application was received from Neighbors of Watertown. The program for which the letter is sought is for the owner-occupied housing rehab program through the Office of Homes and Community Renewal

**Resolution 2018-** : Councilman Villa moved that a letter of support be provided; Councilwoman Gosier 2nded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

### Old Business

There was no Old Business raised at this meeting.

### Privilege of the Floor

Gunther Schaller appeared and thanked Highway Superintendent Weston for his repair work on Old Town Springs Road and thanked also the Town Board for its efforts to mitigate future flooding problems.

Legislator Bill Johnson mentioned the provision of lighting for Bicentennial activities. He had contacted Joe Plummer from Jeff County Emergency Department who offered to lend some of their emergency lights if needed. Supervisor Aubertine said he would contact Mr. Plummer

### Online Privilege of the Floor

Steve Weed relayed a message from a resident who said that it appeared as if the Board had a good handle on the Magee property

There then occurred lengthy discussion regarding the informational mailing and procedures for the upcoming referendum, covering such matters as mailing, rules, inspectors, districts, and more.

### Adjournment

Councilman Villa made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Jones. All were in favor and the motion carried; Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Grovesteen  
Executive Assistant to the Supervisor