

**Town of Lyme
May 9, 2018
Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board
6:30 P.M.**

Supervisor Aubertine opened tonight's meeting with a Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 p.m.

Present at tonight's Meeting: Supervisor Aubertine, Councilwoman Gosier, Councilmen Bourquin, Villa and Jones, Assessor Chairwoman Marsha Barton, ZEO/CEO Millington, Jefferson County Legislator Bill Johnson and approximately six others.

Privilege of the Floor

Elizabeth Martin – Grant Options

Elizabeth presented the Town Board with possible grant and purchase options for the Magee property.

Supervisor Aubertine had concerns with getting the information to the Town residents; "if they are going to vote on this they need to be educated". He has issues that if we are not able to obtain grant money for the project the Town will be able to do very little with the property. There is a six year conceptual plan that will cost approximately 1.2 million dollars to bring the project to completion. The Town Board has to decide what they want to do with the property.

Councilman Villa feels the Town should purchase the property first and after the purchase let the residents weigh in on what to use it for, he would like to move forward with buying the land.

Councilman Bourquin would like to wait to commit to the purchase until we can show the voters the potential of the project.

Elizabeth recommends the CFA Grant and she would be willing to write it. Her rate will be twenty-five dollars per hour. Up to this point Elizabeth has less than

15 hours into the paperwork. Supervisor Aubertine would like to turn everything over to Elizabeth and have her do everything. The Town Board will amend her agreement at the June meeting.

Matt Biondolillo suggested there could be other opportunities available the Town should not lose focus on other properties. He would like to share more information on other opportunities and a variety of strategies.

RESOLUTION 2018 – 57: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilwoman Gosier accepting the purchase offer on the Magee Property in the amount of \$480,000.00 (four hundred eighty thousand dollars) with the Towns sharing being \$330,000.00 (three hundred thirty thousand dollars) and the Williams/Schweitzer share to be \$150,000.00 (one hundred fifty thousand dollars). The purchase of the property will be based on Public Referendum. Five ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2018 – 58: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilman Villa authorizing the publication of notice for authorizing issue of a Serial Bond with the Town Share not to exceed \$336,000.00 (three hundred thirty-six thousand dollars).

Roll Call Vote as follows:

<i>Councilman Jones</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilwoman Gosier</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Villa</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Bourquin</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Supervisor Aubertine</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2018 – 59: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilman Villa scheduling a Mandatory Referendum for the purchase of the Magee Property to be held on July 17, 2018. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Attorney Gebo will take care of details on the elections.

Mike Lasell – Cohen Campground

Asking for permission to add four more sites to the existing RV Park. The Town Board has had ongoing problems with the Cohens and will not move forward until all requirements are met.

Councilman Villa stated the Town was in favor of the project going forward. The Cohens moved forward doing whatever they wanted to and it has been inappropriate. They come to the Town and ask for forgiveness after the fact.

Cohen has built without the proper permits and the Town is upset.

Mr. Lasell stated that he would provide the Town with a true plan as to what the Cohens would like to see for the path forward.

Officer's Reports

April 2018 Supervisor's Report

RESOLUTION 2018 – 60: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilwoman Gosier approving the April 2018 Supervisor's Report as provided by Bowers and Company. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent's Report

The Town has received \$215,000.00 from FEMA for repairing culverts and damaged roads.

During the big wind storm the Highway Department had to get equipment to move boulders and trees out of the road at the Isthmus and County Route 125.

Councilman Villa has concerns with spending down CHIPS, Pat usually has a carry over. Told Pat not to get behind the eight ball for next year.

RESOLUTION 2018 – 61: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilwoman Gosier approving the Expenditures for 2018 CHIPS funds in the amount of \$165,000.00 (one hundred sixty five thousand dollars) for the 2.1 Cheever Road Project. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – April 2018

Total State, County and Local Revenues:	\$4446.28
Local Shares Remitted:	\$4410.28

April 2018 Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION 2018 – 62: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilman Jones approving the Minutes of the April 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Assessor's Report

2018 Change Notices – The Assessor's sent out about 300 change notices to property owners who had changes in their assessments.

The Assessors have scheduled four dates to set with the Assessment Roll.

Grievance Day is Tuesday, May 22 from Noon until 8 p.m. Appointments are encouraged.

Municipal Water Board Report – Marsha Barton

Three Mile Bay Sewage System – Gregor Smith contacted Marsha regarding rebidding the project for the Three Mile Bay Sewer System. There may be additional funding that could make the project more affordable. Supervisor Aubertine stated we will rebid as long as there are no additional costs to the Town.

Survey – 61 surveys were sent to residents residing on 12E from Chaumont to Three Mile Bay and the Swamp Road to the Town Line. They have received 17 back, several people have shown an interest.

Audit of the Bills

RESOLUTION 2018 – 63: Motion by Councilwoman Gosier and seconded by Councilman Villa approving Abstract #9 in the amount of \$26,780.79. Five ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2018 – 64: Motion by Councilwoman Gosier and seconded by Councilman Villa approving Abstract #10 in the amount of \$34,350.19. Five ayes. Motion carried.

LCS Ball Field Use Request

RESOLUTION 2018 – 65: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilman Jones allowing Lyme Central School the use of our Town Ball Fields and accommodating our teams the best we can. If a conflict the field preference will go to the Town team. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Attorney Solicitation

RESOLUTION 2018 – 66: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Gosier appointing Joe Russell as the new Town Attorney, replacing Mark Gebo. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Privilege of the Floor

Derrick Parker – Would like to ask permission to use the Town Ball Fields for a U-14 travel team, practicing a couple night a week.

RESOLUTION 2018 – 67: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilwoman Gosier allowing Derrick Parker’s Independent U-14 softball team the ballfield at 12E. He will have to work around other teams and coordinate use of the fields with other coaches. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION 2018 – 68: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilman Villa adjourning tonight’s meeting at 9:11 p.m. Five ayes. Motion carried.

The Minutes of Tonight’s Meeting are respectfully submitted by Clerk Wallace.

***Kim Wallace
Town Clerk***