

September 11, 2019
Town of Lyme
Regular Monthly Meeting 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order:

Supervisor Aubertine called the regular monthly 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, Highway Superintendent Patrick Weston, Town Clerk Ariana Henderson, County Legislator Bill Johnson and Gunther Schaller.

Privilege of the Floor

County Legislator Bill Johnson:

The county is writing a new five year plan. Mr. Johnson passed out a sheet from Jefferson Community College which summarized the top five programs and ethnicities in School Districts Brownville and Lyme. Mr. Johnson highlighted the 5 fast facts including;

- 1.) Taking at least one online course- 26%
- 2.) First Generation Students- 39%
- 3.) Low-Income Students- 29%
- 4.) Military affiliated students- 31%
- 5.) Residence Hall Students- 2%

Supervisor Aubertine was surprised to see the Military affiliated students so high. Deputy Supervisor Bourquin was surprised by the number of first generation students. Councilwoman Gosier stated that these numbers prove the college is doing what it is supposed to do. Supervisor Aubertine stated that he is trying to organize a joint meeting to hear Don Alexander who is from the JCIDA speak. Legislator Johnson stated that the County wrote a policy to address all alternative energy. Initially any project that was over 25 megawatts the county was expected to get 100% taxes based on an assessment. When all of the smaller solar projects like Norbut's were proposed, they came in offering a 10% discount off electric rate and it would benefit communities the County wrote a new alternate energy policy for under 25 megawatts. Most of the solar projects coming in are only 5 megawatts or less. The County will entertain a Pilot for these specific projects and abatement of taxes up to 50% based on a professional appraisal of the sites. Norbut came to the JCIDA to come up with a solution for all of the jurisdictions including the Town, School and Counties. Norbut's project is only 5 megawatts. The School was one of the jurisdictions who did not want to participate in the Pilot; this is the one of the reasons Don Alexander is coming to present to the Tri-Board, his presentation to the Board will be dead without the School's support. Councilwoman Gosier believes it would be better to negotiate a Pilot agreement than let the vacant land sit there unused. Legislator Johnson stated the problem the School has is with the 2% tax cap formula and the State Aid that they receive, both of these things are affected adversely. Most schools have the same opinion about taking Pilot money in. Supervisor Aubertine stated Mr. Alexander said that there might be more options for the communities which is what he is interested in.

Councilwoman Gosier had a meeting Monday night at the Fire Department, she asked Legislator Johnson if there is a proposed date for the new radio systems to be installed. Legislator Johnson responded that the microwave systems went in and everything should be up and running by the end of the year. They are going to bring on highway crews first before the EMS and Rescue systems to make sure everything is working properly. Councilwoman Gosier stated Wells Communication has the Motorola Franchise so there is no competition to make them move better and it is slowing down the process; being such a large company they didn't believe that there was any rush on the project. Legislator Johnson stated he needs to know if the process has been slowed down in any way so he can address it.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Aubertine stated that the ZEO secretary has gone way over budget. He believes something has been charged to the account that shouldn't have been. Also the Permeant Improvement Equipment account (DB-5112.2) is over budget. He is going to email Accountant Cathy Satterley regarding the overdrawn accounts. There was also discussion on where the Grant money should be put in the budget. The Board stated that they would like the money to go into Pat's budget, he should get the revenue from the Grant monies and be reimbursed for his expenditures.

Resolution 2019-114: Councilwoman Gosier made the motion to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Financial report; Councilman Bourquin seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Due to the high water and flooding on Beach Road Highway Superintendent Patrick Weston proposed a change on the Highway Expenditure sheet. He will be using the funds to complete work on Swamp Road and Cheever Road instead.

Resolution 2019-115: Councilwoman Gosier made the motion to approve the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys for the sum of \$155,829.23 for 3.67 miles of Town highways including Cheever Road and Swamp Road; Councilman Bourquin seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

Deputy Supervisor Bourquin asked what was being done with the old lowboy trailer. Pat stated he would like to put it on Auctions International along with the mower. Deputy Supervisor Bourquin also asked what was wrong with the old ford SUV. Pat responded that it is knocking like crazy and needs a new rod or bearing. Supervisor Aubertine would like Pat to get an estimate on what it would cost to get it fixed. Pat said he would look at it first if they have a very slow winter. Supervisor Aubertine would like the Zoning Officer to use the vehicle if they can get it fixed.

Resolution 2019-116: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion to allow Patrick Weston to put the old lowboy trailer and old mower on Auctions International website to sell; seconded by Councilwoman Gosier; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Clerk's Report- August 2019

Monthly Receipts were as follow: Total Local Shares Remitted: \$4,161.59; Total State County & Local Revenues: \$4,198.09; Total Non – Local Revenues: \$36.50.

Audit of the Bills (Abstracts #17 & #18)

Resolution 2019-117: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion to approve Abstract #17 in the amount of \$1540.00; seconded by Councilwoman Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resolution 2019-118: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion to approve Abstract #18 in the amount of \$106,903.60; seconded by Councilwoman Gosier; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Approval of the August 14, 2019 Minutes

Resolution 2019-119: Councilwoman Gosier made a motion to approve the August 14, 2019 Minutes with corrections to remove the quote about NY Power Authority; seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bourquin; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Committee Reports

Assessor's Report:

All three assessors attended the ethics training course in Clayton. They attended the Small Claims Hearing on Walter Lindsey's property and have not received a determination. The Supreme Court information for James Irvin has been forwarded to Joe Russell's office.

Municipal Water Board Report:

The water board is still waiting on the results from the water samples for the proposed new water district. The water facility needs some repairs and Dwight Goutremout is in charge of the project. They would like to replace the siding and remove the window by the road with more durable material costing around \$1000.00. Next year they plan to update the interior.

Planning Board:

There was no report from the Planning Board.

Youth Commission:

There was no meeting this month, summer soccer is going on right now. The Youth Commission built another soccer field at the 12E location. Councilwoman Gosier stated she believes our community does well with children's programs.

ZEO/CEO Report:

Supervisor Aubertine stated that the zoning numbers have gone up significantly. Jim is a busy man and might need help.

Total Permit Receipts in August: \$3189.00; Total RV Permit: YTD: \$1500.00; Total Permit Receipts YTD - \$8,590.00.

TMB Cemetery:

Councilwoman Gosier reported that Harry Wilson is getting started at the cemetery, he should have everything done by fall.

New Business

Tri-Board Meeting Date: The Tri-Board meeting date was discussed to be October 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Lyme Central School.

Youth Commission Shed: Supervisor Aubertine thought that he had budgeted \$3000.00 for a shed for the Youth Commission, but it wasn't in the adopted budget. His thoughts were to have the highway department do the site work. The total cost of the shed is anticipated to be \$4500.00-\$5000.00. The remainder after the \$3000.00 paid by the Town will be spent out of the Youth Commission savings.

Resolution 2019-120: Councilwoman Gosier made the motion to spend \$3000.00 on a new Youth Commission Shed; seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bourquin; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Aubertine also stated Councilman Villa is concerned that the Youth Commission coaches are not completing their coaching paperwork. Supervisor Aubertine will address this at the next meeting.

Set 1st Budget Date Work Session:

Resolution 2019-121: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion to schedule the budget work sessions for the 2020 budget to be held on October 14th, 17th, and 21st and the budget hearing to be held on October 28, 2019. All meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Lyme Municipal Offices; seconded by Councilwoman Gosier; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Roof Repairs: There were no Roof RFP's submitted to the Town of Lyme office. One person came to inspect the roof. Deputy Supervisor Bourquin stated Town Clerk Henderson took pictures of the roof to share with contractors and fielded several phone calls and everyone wanted to know the specifications of the project. Supervisor Aubertine suggested hiring someone to do an engineered drawing of the roof. Deputy Supervisor Bourquin agreed. Supervisor Aubertine will contact Bernier and Carr. Highway Superintendent Weston stated he didn't think we needed an engineered drawing. Deputy Supervisor Bourquin stated that we needed an engineered drawing so we can present it to the contractors who are interested in repairing the roof.

Resolution 2019-122: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion to have Bernier and Carr purpose an engineering drawing for a new roof; seconded by Councilwoman Gosier; all were in favor and the motion 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.

Executive Session

No executive session was needed.

Adjournment

Resolution 2019-123: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried; meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Henderson
Town Clerk