

November 10, 2021
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, Councilmember Gosier, Councilmember Countryman, Town Clerk Ariana Henderson, Jeff Call, and Rob Company.

Privilege of the Floor

Rob Company Fourth Coast: Rob stated that Fourth Coast and the building committee has been meeting for several months to get preliminary floor plans together. The budget has several contingencies and we will want to bid the project high. We need to declare a negative SEQR declaration tonight and then do a bond resolution. After those items are complete we can move forward with financing and the application process can begin. Fourth Coast sent part one of the SEQR to all of the necessary agencies. They all responded that it was acceptable for the Town Board to be lead agency. Rob then read and reviewed SEQR parts two and three.

Resolution 2021-164: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to declare a negative declaration for the new Town of Lyme Highway Garage and Office buildings; seconded by Councilmember Countryman; all in favor; Motion carried.

Jeff Call Cape Vincent Ambulance/Guilfoyle: Jeff stated that the CON has been filed and sent to the State. The State returned it with minor concerns. Jeff and his deputy Nick will fix the issues this week. The Three Mile Bay (TMB) Ambulance is still going on as usual. The TMB ambulance will be a paramedic level ambulance when it is merged with Cape Vincent Ambulance. He shared the budget for 2022. Everything in the budget is a fixed cost except for workers compensation and payroll. If residents or Town Board members have questions they are welcome to come to a Board meeting. The meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. One ambulance will be fully staffed at all times for the Towns. The more revenue that comes in the more people that will be staffed on the ambulance. There will be no resident that has a financial burden from the ambulance. The only time a resident will be billed is if the insurance company issues a check to the resident for their ambulance care and the resident doesn't pay the Town of Cape/Lyme ambulance bill. Deputy Supervisor Bourquin asked if they had a capital fund account for a new ambulance. Jeff responded that their budget does have a line item for this. They had land donated to them and will eventually pursue getting a new building. The TMB Fire Department stated that the fire department can house the ambulance as long as they need to. There was further discussion regarding the staffing for the ambulances. Councilmember Countryman asked where the ambulance board stood on obtaining board members from the Town of Lyme and Town of Cape Vincent Town Boards. Jeff stated that their intention is to have a board member

from Cape and Lyme join as a non-voting member. Once the CON is approved, staffing can be hired and everything can move forward.

Resolution 2021-165: Councilmember Countryman made the motion to approve and sign the contract for the Ambulance Service agreement between the Town of Lyme and Town of Cape Vincent; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; All in favor; Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Aubertine questioned why the justice account is over budget. He also wondered why the Valley Enterprises bill for new transfer site bins was in the October report before the bills were approved. He will check with Cathy Satterley on these issues.

Resolution 2021-166: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion to approve the September Supervisor's Monthly Financial report; Councilmember Gosier seconded the motion; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-167: Councilmember Countryman made the motion to approve the October Supervisor's Monthly Financial report; Councilmember Gosier seconded the motion; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Pat reported that they are busy getting ready for winter. The trucks are ready and the snow stakes are out. He submitted a few quotes to the Board to purchase a lift for the Town. He believes it is the right time to buy one and they need one. To rent a lift it costs \$1100.00 a week or \$400.00 a day. It would pay for itself in about 5 years. Supervisor Aubertine stated that if we got a 60 foot lift we could also replace the ball field lights at Morris Tract Field. Pat believes we should stick with the 40-50 foot lift. The Town of Clayton and Orleans has a 60 foot lift if we need to borrow it. Deputy Bourquin stated the extra \$12,000.00 wouldn't be worth the extra 10 feet. The Board agreed the lift would benefit the Town. Pat requested the 2013 lift with 1,000 less hours but he said either would work.

Resolution 2021-168: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to purchase the 2013 JLG articulating lift from United Rentals; Councilmember Countryman seconded the motion; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Monthly Receipts were as follow: Total Local Shares Remitted: \$5,373.80; Total State County & Local Revenues: \$5,386.80 Total Non – Local Revenues: \$13.00

Audit of the Bills

Resolution 2021-169: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion to approve Abstract #21 in the amount of \$33,780.73; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-170: Councilmember Countryman made the motion to approve Abstract #22 in the amount of \$161,020.84; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Resolution 2021-171: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve the October minutes; seconded by Councilmember Countryman; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-172: Supervisor Aubertine made the motion to table the Budget work session and budget hearing minutes; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Assessor's Report:

There was no assessors report. Supervisor Aubertine stated we need to retain a Jim Burrows for an assessment case.

Resolution 2021-173: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion to retain Jim Burrows as the Town Lawyer for the assessment court case; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Municipal Water Board Report:

Supervisor Aubertine said we need to approve Bernier and Carr to go forward with the mapping, etc. for the new water district.

Resolution 2021-174: Councilmember Gosier made the motion for Bernier and Carr to go forward with the process of the expansion of water service in the Town of Lyme; seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bourquin; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-175: Supervisor Aubertine made the motion to table the Core and Main quote for the Water software upgrade; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Councilmember Gosier stated that she thinks the Engineer Services agreement from Bernier and Carr overlaps with the services Sherwin Williams is already providing. She would like a detailed breakdown of the services they will provide. Supervisor Aubertine will request a breakdown from Gregor (BCA) for the next meeting.

Resolution 2021-176: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to table the Water Tower Painting engineer services agreement from Bernier and Carr until the December board meeting; seconded by Councilmember Countryman; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Planning Board:

There was no questions on the planning board minutes.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA):

There was no ZBA report.

Youth Commission:

Youth Commission got approval to use the school gym for basketball on Sunday's from 5-9 p.m. Supervisor Aubertine stated that there are COVID protocols that have to be followed and there will be no games against other schools. Councilmember Countryman stated that a camera system has been installed that is a hands free system for anyone to view the activities that are occurring in the school gym.

ZEO/CEO Report:

Clerk Henderson emailed the BAS zoning/codes report and there were no questions.

TMB Cemetery:

Councilmember Gosier stated that there was no activity.

TMB Ambulance Committee:

The report was discussed above by Jeff Call.

New Business:

Water Facility:

Supervisor Aubertine reported that the heater malfunctioned and got too hot at the water facility causing a lot of damage. The insurance adjuster is coming with a boiler specialist to determine what happened. The fire department also came to make sure there was no fire inside of the walls. The coin reciprocators melted so as of right now there is a hose to obtain water and it is free for residents.

Codes Review:

Supervisor Aubertine emailed a proposal from Barton and Loguidice to revise our zoning law to the Town Board. Councilmember Gosier stated that the planning board would be relieved to have Barton and Loguidice be hired to review our zoning law. She thought the proposal was very reasonable. Supervisor Aubertine read the proposal from Barton and Loguidice. There was a discussion on what the Board would like to see corrected or changed in the current zoning law. The proposal gave the rate for two meetings. The Board questioned what the rate would be if

they needed additional meetings with Barton and Loguidice. Supervisor Aubertine will reach out to them to ask what the additional rate would be.

Resolution 2021-177: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion to table the Barton and Loguidice Zoning Law revision proposal; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Old Business:

Point Salubrious Water Petition:

Resolution 2021-178: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion to decline the petition for the Point Salubrious water district due to insufficient and invalid information; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Barton and Loguidice:

Councilmember Gosier stated that a contract for solar intervener funds needs to be submitted by Friday and returned to Barton and Loguidice and it hasn't happened. Supervisor Aubertine will call Joe Russell to ask what the status is.

Moratorium:

Resolution 2021-179: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion to hold a public hearing to extend the Moratorium on applications and/or construction of Recreational Vehicle Developments, Campgrounds and Marinas in the Town of Lyme at 6:20 p.m. December 8, 2021; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Morris Tract Fence:

Supervisor Aubertine sent two quotes to repair/replace the Morris Tract ballfield fencing to the Board. There was discussion on the two quotes. The Parks and Rec committee agreed to pay half of the Yankee fence quote in the amount of \$3,475.00.

Resolution 2021-180: Councilmember Countryman made the motion to accept the quote to replace the fence Morris Tract Ball Field from Yankee Fence in the amount of \$6,950.00; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; 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

Resolution 2021-181: Supervisor Aubertine made the motion to enter executive session at 9:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-182: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to leave Executive session at 9:44 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Countryman; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Return to Open Meeting

Resolution 2021-183: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to return to open meeting at 9:45 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Countryman; Bourquin, Countryman, Villa and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-184: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to adjourn at 9:46 p.m.; seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bourquin; Bourquin, Countryman, Villa and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-185: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to Councilmember Gosier made the motion to sign the Teamsters contract pending inclusion of a sentence that states, *"If the employee leaves prior to year-end the HRA is prorated and Teamsters will send the balance back to the town"*; seconded by Councilmember Countryman; all in favor; Motion carried.

Adjournment

Resolution 2021-186: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to adjourn at 9:46 p.m.; seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bourquin; Bourquin, Countryman and Gosier AYE; Aubertine ABSTAINED; Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Henderson

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Town Clerk