

**Town of Lyme  
Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board  
June 14, 2017  
6:30 P.M.**

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

**Present at tonight's meeting: Supervisor Aubertine, Councilwomen Harris and Gosier, Councilmen Bourquin and Villa, Jefferson County Legislator William Johnson, Assessor Chair Marsha Barton, ZEO/CEO Jim Millington and approximately 6 others.**

**Privilege of the Floor**

**Jefferson County Legislator William Johnson – There will be a Public Hearing concerning the Jefferson County Budget on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

Mr. Johnson reported that the Watertown Airport continues to see an increase of passengers this year. Numbers are showing a 16 percent increase over last year. There are approximately 3500 arrival and departure flights annually from the Watertown Airport.

**Chaumont Three Mile Bay Chamber of Commerce President – Terry Petrie** introduced himself to the Town Board and thanked them for their continued support of the Chamber. Paula Caldwell is the new Treasurer and Cathy Gallagher the new Secretary.

The Chamber has over seventy members in Three Mile Bay and Chaumont. Town funds are used to purchase the annual Chamber books and fire works for Community Days.

Terry once again thanked the Town Board for their support and stated that he would look forward to working with them in the future.

**Officer's Reports**

**Supervisor's Report – May 2017**

***RESOLUTION 2017 – 66: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilwoman Gosier approving the May 2017 Supervisor's Report as provided by Accountant Cathy Satterley. Five ayes. Motion carried.***

**Clerk's Report – May 2017**

Total State, County and Local Revenues:	\$3,970.62
Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$3,916.62
Total Non-Local Revenues:	\$ 54.00

**Audit of the Bills**

***RESOLUTION 2017 – 67: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilwoman Gosier approving Abstract #11 in the amount of \$27,199.81. Five ayes. Motion carried.***

***RESOLUTION 2017 – 68: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilman Villa approving Abstract #12 in the amount of \$111,838.64. Five ayes. Motion carried.***

**Approval of the Minutes – May 10, 2017**

***RESOLUTION 2017 – 69: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilwoman Gosier approving the May 10, 2017 Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board. Five ayes. Motion carried.***

**Committee Reports**

**Assessor's Report**

**Tentative Equalization Rate for 2017 is 100 percent. The rate has remained at 100 percent since the 2013 Reval. This information shows that the majority of the Town's real estate sales are fairly consistent with the assessments.**

**Grievance Day** - There were 26 Grievances filed this year.

**Field Work** – The Assessors are continuing their updates of Three Mile point. All the data is being checked and new photos taken. Regular maintenance will begin after the completion of this project.

### **Municipal Water Board Report**

**DANC Meeting** – All members of the Municipal Water Board attended the quarterly meeting held by DANC and they found it to be very informative. There was discussion about DANC not taking water from the Town of Cape Vincent through Rosiere anymore. Everyone felt that this would not only save the Town money but it would also provide for more efficient use of the Town and Village's water towers. DANC is now drawing off our water towers more often, which will help with freezing in the winter and chlorination.

**June Water Board Meeting** will be held Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Gregor Smith of Bernier and Carr will be attending the meeting and providing information on a standpipe that could potentially replace our water tower. Marsha has invited Mayor Rust and any of the Village Trustees to attend the meeting as they too might benefit. Gregor felt that it may be possible to do the project as a shared service, which in turn could make us eligible for more grants.

Chris Mensinga from HD Supply will also be attending the June meeting, presenting an upgrade to our reader system. This may be a forced upgrade and could cost approximately \$18,000.00.

### **Dog Control Officer Activity Report – Amy Funk**

There was one call on April 24<sup>th</sup> in the Town of Lyme.

**Planning Board Report** – Suzie Locy provided a copy of the Minutes of the last Planning Board Meeting.

**Three Mile Bay Cemetery Report – Julia Gosier**

Julie has been dealing with problems not being able to do burials due to the ground still be saturated.

Julie would ask that the Town Board Members take the time to drive through the Cemetery and take a look at the issues; there is a lot of stone damage due to the amount of freezing and thawing that took place this past winter.

Julie would also like to request taking some of the savings in the Three Mile Bay Cemetery account to do some repair work that is so desperately needed. Some of the stones are broken right off and there are those that are leaning very vicariously. Julie would like to keep up with these issues.

Harry Wilson could give an estimate providing an order as to which stones would need attention first. The early stones are very brittle and some have broken in half.

Julie stated that it is most important to keep the cemeteries safe; it’s the first priority.

***The Town Board agreed to TABLE the work on the Three Mile Bay Cemetery.***

**Councilman Villa** stated that the Town has an obligation to fix the old stones; he would like to ask for better pricing. Councilwoman Gosier will talk with Harry Wilson.

**Youth Commission Report** – Baseball, softball and T-Ball are in full swing. There will also be a soccer camp offered.

**ZEO/CEO – Jim Millington**

Permits Issued for:

Roof:	1
Garage:	1
Septic:	2
Additions:	2

Deck:	1
House/Cottage:	2
Furnace:	1
Shed:	3

Mr. Cohen is still trying to get his campground and RV Park up and running. The septic system has been approved by the NYS Department of Health although there are a few minor details to be addressed before it is operational.

Mr. Cohen did not file the DEC Storm Water Application and that issue could take months before completion. Mr. Voss from NYS DEC stated that Mr. Cohen should have been aware of the permitting process. ZEO/CEO Millington feels it will hurt the Town by not having the campground open to the public. Mr. Millington would ask the Town Board to write a letter to Mr. Voss stating that it may be detrimental to our community if they don't open.

**Councilman Villa** was adamant that until the Town received a letter from the DEC indicating that everything is in order we will not issue a Certificate of Occupancy. He reminded everyone that the Town jumped through hoops for Mr. Cohen and we worked diligently toward all of his requests. Dan feels we should not do anything else; it is up to Mr. Cohen to take care of business; he has pushed everything to the limit.

**Councilwomen Harris and Gosier and Supervisor Aubertine agree with Councilman Villa. Supervisor Aubertine stated "what's the sense in adopting laws if we don't abide by them".**

**Councilwoman Gosier** mentioned the fact that the rope fence was not in place as the Town had promised and she feels that the Town is not doing their due diligence to protect the neighbors as we had said we would.

The Town Board agreed that Cohen must comply with our Zoning Law and the DEC issues before receiving a Certificate of Occupancy.

**Flooding and Eventual Repairs** – When the water recedes and residents begin repairs from the flood damage, many of the property owners will be faced with serious repairs. The Town needs to clarify what will and will not require a permit.

***The decision was made that no work will be done in our Town without a permit.***

**Mr. Gaffney – Three Mile Bay** – believes that the intent of our Seasonal Mobil Residency Law is to get rid of “riff-raff” trailers. He stated that multiple trailers are fairly modern and clean; he does not agree with the premise. He feels the RV Law discriminates against people who have large families and would like to place more than one RV on a parcel. He has owned his property since 1957.

***RESOLUTION 2017 – 70: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilwoman Gosier authorizing the use of the Town Ball Fields for the Willie Putnam Baseball Tournament that will be held the weekend of July 14<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup>. Five ayes. Motion carried.***

***RESOLUTION 2017 – 71: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilwoman Gosier in the interest of increasing tourism and promotion of our Town, the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of two bicycles and two helmets, not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00), as a donation to the Willie Putnam Baseball Tournament. Five ayes. Motion carried.***

***RESOLUTION 2017 – 72: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilman Villa approving the use of the Morris Tract Ball Field for the 2017 Annual CanAm Softball Tournament to take place on July 21<sup>st</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Five ayes. Motion carried.***

### **Office Floor Renovations**

The Town Board would like to authorize Clerk to Supervisor, Robin Grovesteen to check into contractors who specialize in roofing, walls, flooring, heat and air conditioning for updates needed in the Municipal Offices.

***RSOLUTION 2017 – 73: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Harris appointing Sue Warner to fill a vacancy on the Town Planning Board. Sue has previously held this position, serving the Town well over the course of several years. Five ayes. Motion carried.***

***RESOLUTION 2017 – 74: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilman Bourquin authorizing the purchase of three (3) pole banners in the***

***amount of \$450.00. The purchase will be charged to the Town Development Fund (A6310.4). Four ayes. Motion carried.***

***RESOLUTION 2017 – 75: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilwoman Gosier accepting a letter of resignation from Summer Recreation Assistant Megan Scordo. Five ayes. Motion carried.***

**Privilege of the Floor**

**Gunther Schaller** – Congratulated the Town for their Horse Creek Wind Farm Party Status and including the Galloo Island Wind information on our Town website.

***RESOLUTION 2017 – 76: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilman Villa moving the Town Board into Executive Session at 8:20 to discuss a current pending litigation matter. Five ayes. Motion carried.***

***RESOLUTION 2017 – 77: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilwoman Harris moving the Town Board back into Open Session at 8:35 p.m. Five ayes. Motion carried.***

***A Motion was offered by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilwoman Gosier adjourning tonight's meeting at 8:55 p.m. Five ayes. Motion carried.***

***The Minutes of tonight's Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board are respectfully submitted by,***

***Kim Wallace  
Town Clerk***

