

**January 12, 2022
Town of Lyme
Regular Monthly Meeting 6:30 P.M.**

Call to Order:

Supervisor Countryman called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. opening the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present included Supervisor Countryman, Deputy Supervisor Bourquin, Councilmember Gosier, Councilmember Farrell, Town Clerk Ariana Henderson, Highway Superintendent Weston, Gregor Smith and McKenzie Lehman.

Privilege of the Floor

There was no privilege of the floor.

Supervisor's Report

Resolution 2022-8: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve the December Supervisor's Monthly Financial report; Councilmember Farrell seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Pat Weston asked the Board if we could reimburse the Town employees for Covid-19 testing. The Board agreed they should be reimbursed.

Pat reported that the backhoe at the transfer site needs a new transmission. The cost through Monroe Tractor would be \$18,000.00 to repair. He is going to try to find a used transmission. A new backhoe would cost \$80,000.00. Councilmember Farrell mentioned that there is someone in Adams Center that does work on transmissions. He will get Pat his phone number. He also does work for the State. Pat will continue to search for a transmission.

Clerk's Report

Monthly Receipts were as follow: Total Local Shares Remitted: \$3129.60; Total State County & Local Revenues: \$3,138.60 Total Non – Local Revenues: \$9.00

Audit of the Bills (Abstracts #1 & #2)

Resolution 2022-9: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve Abstract #1 in the amount of \$690.00; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resolution 2022-10: Councilmember Farrell made the motion to approve Abstract #2 in the amount of \$57,761.02; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Resolution 2022-11: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made a motion to approve December 8, 2021 Minutes with corrections and the December yearend meeting; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Committee Reports

Assessor's Report:

There was no Assessor's Report.

Municipal Water Board Report:

There was no Water Board Report.

Planning Board:

There was no questions on the Planning Board minutes for December.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA):

There was no ZBA Report.

Youth Commission:

There was no Youth questions.

ZEO/CEO Report:

There was no report.

TMB Cemetery:

Councilmember Gosier stated that there was no business.

TMB Ambulance Committee:

The committee no longer exists. Councilmember Gosier said that the Three Mile Bay Fire Department Board approved Charlie Mount to be on the Town of Lyme/Cape Vincent ambulance board. They also allowed for the ambulance to be stored at the Three Mile Bay Fire Hall for a cost of \$50.00 a month. This will cover the extra expenses.

Resolution 2022-12: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made a motion to appoint Charlie Mount as the Town of Lyme representative for the Lyme/Cape Vincent Ambulance Board; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

New Business:

Veterans Park Purchase:

Veterans Memorial Public Park is moving to the next step. There was a discussion on getting title insurance for the park. It is required for our grant.

Employer Health Plan:

The Employer plan was made last year in regard to Covid-19. Supervisor Countryman stated our building cleaner could disinfect more often especially after meeting. Councilmember Gosier agreed.

Cape Vincent Correctional Meeting:

Supervisor Countryman stated that he was contacted by Marty Mason Town of Cape Vincent Supervisor who is putting a meeting together with several senators and representatives regarding the Cape Vincent Correctional Facility. Cape is not on the list to be shut down but they want to prevent it in the future. There are about 50 employees in the Town of Lyme that it would affect. The preliminary meeting is January 27th. Supervisor Countryman said the main purpose of the meeting is to come up with ideas to make the prison more useful.

Zoning Meeting:

Supervisor Countryman and Planning Board Chair had a meeting with Barton and Loguidice. It was a preliminary meeting. They have a short time line. Barton and Loguidice said the Town's Comprehensive plan is 12 years old and it needs to be updated. There is plenty of grant money out there to cover the cost. PB Chair stated several hot issues that will need fixing in the zoning law. Barton and Loguidice is also aware of the Solar and Waterfront issues the Town has. Supervisor Countryman stated we needed to come up with a plan before the joint meeting with Barton and Loguidice.

Assessor Request:

Marsha Barton sent an email asking the Board to pass a resolution so that residents don't have to re-apply for the senior citizen/disability exemption. She wants the Board to OPT in to the 467 and 459 renewals for 2022.

Resolution 2022-13: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion for the Town of Lyme to opt into 467 and 459C renewals for 2022; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Old Business:

Veterans Memorial Park Update:

Gregor Smith and McKenzie Lehman from Bernier and Carr were present to update the Board on the Park. They received the approval from DOS. The only thing that can't be done is there can't be alternates for the shoreline protection. REDI and DOS said that have to see where the shoreline will be resilient in our plan for the park because it is the purpose of this project.

McKenzie told the Board if there were any other alternates they would like to include to let them know. They are still waiting on the Army Core permit. The other construction of the park can begin without the permit. Gregor doesn't anticipate any issue getting it approved the Army Core is just bogged down. They want to schedule another work session with the board. The Board agreed on Tuesday January 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Deputy Supervisor Bourquin asked when the Town will get reimbursed for the project. Gregor explained after the bidding process and described the timeline of events.

Resolution 2022-14: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to advertise for the work session meeting in regards to Veterans Memorial Public Park Tuesday January 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Three Mile Bay Water Tower Painting:

Gregor Smith from Bernier and Carr were present to update the Board on project. They have reached out to DANC in regard to dewatering the tank and there are no issues with the timeline. The Department of Health also had no concerns. They are on track to start the bidding process in February. It will require complete blasting and 3 coatings. When the tower is back online it will need to be re-chlorinated. The project is anticipated to take a month to a month and a half. Councilmember Gosier asked if the project should begin after the May burn ban is lifted. Gregor will contact the fire department. Deputy Supervisor Bourquin asked if the Covid-19 Funds would cover this project. Gregor was not aware if it would.

Point Salubrious Water District:

Supervisor Countryman spoke with Fourth Coast and Bernier and Carr about the engineering study for the Point Salubrious Water District. Fourth Coast quoted the Town \$10,000.00. Gregor from Bernier and Carr stated that the Town has already paid for the reports in the past and they just need to be updated. It would cost \$5,000.00 for them to complete the updates needed. Gregor suggested having a public meeting or doing a survey to see what property owners would be interested. Deputy Supervisor Bourquin asked if there was more money available for water districts. Gregor responded that there isn't much more now than in the past but it takes time for the infrastructure bills to trickle down. There was further discussion regarding the Point Salubrious water district petition. Supervisor Countryman said we already had the interest in the petition and he believes we should move forward. He is going to reach out to Paul Carr and Warren Johnson about doing a survey and what we can do going forward.

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 2022-15: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resolution 2022-16: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to close Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Return to Open Meeting

Resolution 2022-17: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to enter Open Meeting at 8:55:10 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjournment

Resolution 2022-18: Councilmember Gosier a made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried; meeting was adjourned at 8:55:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Henderson

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Town Clerk