

**Town of Lyme**  
**12175 NYS Route 12 E**  
**Chaumont, NY 13622**  
**May 8, 2024**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Lyme, County of Jefferson and the State of New York was held at 12175 NYS Route 12 E at 6:30 P.M., on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

**Call to Order:**

Supervisor Millington called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. opening the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present included Supervisor Millington, Councilmember Farrell, Councilmember Bourquin, Councilmember Gosier, Town Clerk Ariana Henderson, Highway Superintendent Pat Weston, John Condino, Jennifer Kingsley, Bruce Kingsley, Greg Hoppel, Susan Locy, Robert Locy, Kathy Dyer, Tina Fahringer, Joan and Judy Rusho, Pete Rogers, Mike Simser, Deb Simser, Robert Ward, Kathy Ward, Cathy Stone, Tom Rean, Lorriane Sorrell, Joan Wilder, Leslie Milano-Luongo, Rene Thurston, Scott Knapp, Bill Kleftis, Alec and Lynn Wendall, Dennis and Jeanette Hillick and Ted Smith.

Those absent include Deputy Supervisor Donovan.

**Privilege of the Floor**

**Kathy Dyer (Water Board Chairwoman):** Supervisor Millington will be setting up a meeting the Mayor of Chaumont, Kathy Dyer and himself to discuss Hart Road Water.

Kathy Dyer presented changes to the Town of Lyme Water Policy that she would like the Town Board to consider.

**Cathy Stone:** Ms. Stone is on Independence Point. There is currently no Public Water. She expressed her interest about receiving Town Water and stated there is others very interested as well.

**Proposed Solar Project (Old Town Springs Road/Cheever Road) discussion:**

**Councilmember Gosier:** Councilmember Gosier stated that there has been rumbling about a large Solar Farm coming to the North section of the Town. The Town Board is always the last entity to receive any official notice from the Solar Companies. She received a phone call from a resident expressing concern about the Solar approaching our Town. Her opinion is that she does not want the entire Town filled with Solar. From what she has learned Riverside Solar is the company that is presenting this new project. They are also the company that is putting in the Solar farm in the Town of Lyme all the way to Brownville.

**John Condino (Barton and Loguidice):** John was present to briefly explain the process the Solar Companies go through in NYS. He suggested the Town taking positive action and to sit down with Riverside to see what the plan is for their company.

**There were several residents that spoke in opposition to Solar Farms entering the Town of Lyme including:** Leslie Lunogo, Mike Simser, John Rusho, Bill Kleftis, Lorraine Sorrell, Cathy Ward, Scott Knapp, and Dennis Hillick.

**Councilmember Farrell:** Councilmember Farrell suggested calling State and County Legislators to express their concerns. It is a very concerning topic especially considering our Town just experienced the Solar Fire on County Route 179.

**Privilege of the Floor continued**

**Councilmember Bouquin** recognized Bruce Kingsley who took the flight of honor and thanked him for his years of service. Mr. Kingsley stated that it was an honor, and he is grateful for the 1000's of people who put the program together.

**Greg Hoppel:** Mr. Hoppel apologized to Councilmember Bourquin and Councilmember Gosier. He asked that if he asked a question, he would like it answered at a meeting for transparency. Supervisor Millington said he will be setting up a meeting with Fourth Coast the last week of May to get questions answered. He questioned how the docks at Veteran's Park would be installed. Pat Weston responded that Powis will be installing the Docks. He expressed that he has nothing against the Town but his concern that he wants the Board to consider cutting costs on the Garage. Councilmember Farrell stated that we are lucky that the contractors held their bids for us. If we redesign, we will have to re-bond. We have a great interest rate as well. We need to move forward based on various factors. Councilmember Bouquin stated how much prices have increased.

**Peter Rogers:** Mr. Rogers said that part of the Highway Garage was built 66 years ago, and the other portion was built 30 years ago. He thought we had decided and had a vote. What do we do just keep going back to the poles?

**Jennifer Kingsley:** Ms. Kingsley said that the interest rate we received for the building is not something to gloat about. Several of the grant writers stated that our 3.25% interest rate wasn't good. She mentioned that Alex Bay received a better interest rate from the USDA for an 8 million dollar building. She then questioned why it took so long from when the first bond was approved in 2021 for the project to move forward. Councilmember Bourquin stated that there was several hoops the Town has to jump through for the USDA. The paperwork was being done during that time period.

The meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes.

**Supervisor's Report**

**Resolution 2024-87:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve the April Supervisor's Monthly Financial report; Councilmember Farrell seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

**Budget Amendments**

**Proposed Adjustments**

A4989.4	First Responders	10,000.00
A19904.1	Contingency	(10,000.00)
	Judgements and	
A1920.1	Claims	5,125.00
	Insurance	
A2690	Recoveries	(5,125.00)
DA51401	Brush & Weeds	1,500.00
DA5142.1	Snow Removal	(1,500.00)
DA9788.6	Lease Principal	27,929.63
DA9788.7	Lease Interest	1,264.87
DA5130.4	Machinery CE	(29,194.50)
DB5110.4	General Repairs	680.00
DB5112.1	Perm Improve	(680.00)
SW1-		
8330.4	Purification	610.00
SW1-		
8310.4	Admin	(610.00)

**Resolution 2024-88:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve the proposed budget amendments; Councilmember Farrell seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

**Highway Superintendent's Report**

**Three Mile Bay Speed Limit:** Pat reported that the Three Mile Point Road Speed Limit reduction was approved. All the signs have been posted. We are now just waiting to hear back about South Shore Road.

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**Resolution 2024-89:** Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to approve the Chips expenditure form for \$250,000.00 for primary work and general repairs upon 2.92 miles of Town Highway; Councilmember Gosier seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

**Clerk's Report**

Monthly Receipts were as follow: Total Local Shares Remitted: \$3,582.15; Total State County & Local Revenues: \$3,654.15 Total Non – Local Revenues: \$72.00

**Resolution 2024-90:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report for April; seconded by Councilmember Bourquin; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Audit of the Bills (Abstracts #9 + 10)**

**Resolution 2024-91:** Councilmember Farrell made the motion to approve Abstract #9 in the amount of \$42,403.29; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Resolution 2024-92:** Councilmember Farrell made the motion to approve Abstract #10 in the amount of \$189,739.40; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Resolution 2024-93:** Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to approve April Regular Meeting Minutes, March 27, 2024, Special AED Meeting Minutes, April 16, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes, April 18, 2024, Special Meeting minutes and April 24, 2024, Emergency Meeting Minutes; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Old Business:**

**Revised Solar Law:**

**Resolution 2024-94:** Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to hold a public hearing June 12, 2024, at 6:10 p.m. for the Revised Solar Law; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**GIS Hosting agreement:**

**Resolution 2024-95:** Councilmember Bourquin made the motion not to renew the GIS DANC Hosting agreement; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**New Business:**

**Discussion on Grant Writer:**

Supervisor Millington suggested working monthly with one of the grant writers that was

interviewed so they can discuss a plan to move forward with available grants. Councilmember Gosier suggested a preliminary meeting.

**Resolution 2024-96:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to contact Scott Burto to have a preliminary grant writing meeting at no charge to the Town; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Local Law for Absentee Ballots:**

**Resolution 2024-97:** Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to table the discussion about the Local Law for Absentee Ballots; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Approve BOE Inspector:**

**Resolution 2024-98:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to pay the two election inspectors present during the Highway Garage Special Election; seconded by Councilmember Bourquin; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**RESOLUTION 98 of 2024  
PAYMENT TO ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR  
SPECIAL ELECTION (TOWN BARN)**

**WHEREAS**, a petition was submitted which called for a referendum regarding building a Town Barn in the Town of Lyme, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board for the Town of Lyme held a Special Election in accordance with New York Law; and

**WHEREAS**, two (2) election inspectors were required to be present during the Special Election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has agreed to pay each of the two (2) election inspectors New York minimum wage for their services; and

**WHEREAS**, the minimum wage in New York is currently \$15.00 per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, each election inspector worked from 11:00 am – 8:30 pm on the day of the Special Election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Lyme shall issue two (2) checks, each in the amount of \$142.50, for payment of the two (2) election inspectors present during the Special Election and shall issue a 1099 to each inspector.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Lyme, New York:

1. The Town Supervisor and the Town Clerk for the Town of Lyme are authorized to execute the documents necessary to issue the aforementioned checks.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member, Gosier, and seconded by Board

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Member, Bourquin, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

James Millington, Supervisor	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no ___
Donald Bourquin	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no ___
Julia Gosier	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no ___
Timothy Farrell	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no ___

**Town Bank Accounts/CDS:**

There was a discussion on the Town CD accounts and the interest rates at Gouverneur Savings and Loan. The Bank president stated that the Town would not be charged if the Town removed money from the CDs early.

**Committee Reports**

**Town Board Report:**

There was no report.

**Assessor's Report:**

**Memo**

DATE: May 1, 2024  
TO: James Millington, Supervisor  
FROM: Carol Quencer, Sole Assessor  
SUBJECT: April 2024 Monthly Report

Tentative Roll has been finalized with the County and will be available for Review May 7,14, and 15 from 10-2 as well and May 11 from 4-8 by appointment only. Grievance day is set for May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 12:30-4:30, and 6:00-8:00. Tentative Roll shows an increase in the roll of \$6,768,543 across 236 parcels.

The registration invitation for the Cornell Conference has arrived. Serena is looking to take the Five-Day Class Course1: Appraisal principles and procedures. This is a required class for her certification and it would be an excellent opportunity to take this in person. It is a Hybrid class so it is (5) 8-hour days instead of the 2-week class in January. As a NYSAA member the cost is \$470.00 this is a savings of \$155.00 for this conference alone. There are only 26 seats available in the class so we want to get signed up sooner rather than later. Carol must have at least 12 hours of continuing education per year so she is looking to take the 2-day class Introduction to Commercial Valuation and Appraisal Critique which as a NYSAA member the cost is \$260.00 this is a savings of \$165. There is some reimbursement from the state we will be applying for regarding Carol's tuition, and mileage. We would like the funds released for both at minimum now so we can get the desired classes. Additionally, hotel rooms are locked in at 139.00 per day

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until June 14 so we would need to book them no later than the next meeting to guarantee that rate. Our participation in this conference was part of our budget request last year so there should be funds set aside.

We are locked out of RPS from making any changes so we are double checking our work, printing required documents, and organizing in preparation for Grievance. We are organizing new permits and preparing for field reviews starting in June.

**Resolution 2024-99:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion for Serena Beach and Carol Quencer to attend the Cornell School for Assessors; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Municipal Water Board Report:**

**Resolution 2024-100:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve the Water Board policy changes proposed by Kathy Dyer; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

*John Condino* stated that he will be attending the Water Board meeting on May 22, 2024. He stated that Park Drive is already being considered for water.

*Councilmember Bourquin* would like Kathy Dyer to attend the DANC water meetings. Supervisor Millington works for the Village of Dexter, and it would be better if he didn't represent the Town of Lyme. There have been disagreements about the amount being charged to municipalities in the past. He may be partial to the Village or Town if arguments arise. Kathy agreed to start attending the meetings.

**Planning Board:**

The meeting was held last night. There is no minutes completed.

**Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA):**

The meeting was canceled.

**Youth Commission:**

Pat Weston took more sand to Morris Tract Field. Clerk Henderson ordered new swings for the swing set.

**ZEO/CEO Report:**

There were no questions on the report.

**TMB Cemetery:**

Councilmember Gosier reported that she completed the framing for four foundations.

**Cape Vincent Ambulance:**

There was no report.

**150<sup>th</sup> Village Celebration:**

Councilmember Gosier stated that they have been working hard and the program they have planned is impressive.

**Resolution 2024-101:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the Village of Chaumont 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration being held July 26-28, 2024; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Veteran's Park:**

McKenzie Lehman suggested that we have several options for a flagpole. Councilmember Bourquin suggested cutting the mast we have to 40 feet.

**Closing Privilege of the Floor**

**Ted Smith:** Mr. Smith said it would be very helpful if everyone would stand up when speaking and use a microphone. It is very hard to hear on the Live meeting video.

**Jennifer Kingsley:** Ms. Kingsley said that the grant window is closing soon so the Board should move quickly. She also suggested that the solar company donate panels for our new Highway Garage. She also stated wind should be considered. The wind always blows but the sun doesn't always shine.

**Online Privilege of the Floor**

There were three comments read.

**Adjournment**

**Resolution 2024-102:** Councilmember Bourquin a made the motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ariana Henderson*

Ariana Henderson  
Town Clerk