

**Town of Lyme**  
**12175 NYS Route 12 E**  
**Chaumont, NY 13622**  
**October 9, 2024**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 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, Deputy Supervisor Donovan, Councilmember Farrell, Councilmember Bourquin, Councilmember Gosier, Town Clerk Ariana Henderson, James Morrow, Jennifer Kingsley, Bruce Kingsley, Kathy Dyer, Tina Fahringer, Rick Hathaway, Dominic Doldo, Julie Greico, Bill Kleftis and Ted Smith.

**Privilege of the Floor**

**Rick Hathaway** stated that the Town should adopt the County Transfer site policies, rules and regulations on refuse and recycling. He believes that this would solve several issues we currently have at our transfer site.

**Bill Kleftis** was present to update the board on the informal group discussing Riverside Solar and Bay Breeze solar project. One of their recommendations is to include money in the 2024 budget for legal counsel. The counsel should be experienced in the 94C process and the local solar laws. He will have a formal recommendation for the next meeting.

**Edward Andrews** stated that he hit a dead end with the no wake zone discussed at the September meeting. Chaumont Mayor Morrow stated that he has information for him, and he would share it after the Town meeting.

**Dominic Doldo** was present from the North Star Health Alliance which includes Ogdensburg and Carthage hospitals. The hospitals plan to launch its own ambulance service to ensure critical transports can be completed. The plan is to have an ambulance at each hospital and one extra, a total of 3 ambulances. They are not interested in getting involved in the 911 process. They will still rely on local ambulance squads and Guilfoyle in many ways.

Supervisor's Report

**Resolution 2024-184:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve the September Supervisor's Monthly Financial report; Councilmember Farrell seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

Highway Superintendent's Report

**Resolution 2024-185:** Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to accept the NYSDOT Municipal Snow and Ice agreement adjustment/calculation worksheet for the 2022/23 Snow and Ice Season; Supplemental Agreement No. 3 for 2022/23; Supplemental Agreement No. 4 for 2023/24; adjustment/calculation worksheet for the 2023/24 Snow and Ice Season; Agreement to extend the Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement from 2024-2029; and the Municipal Snow and Ice map from 2018-2028; Councilmember Gosier seconded the motion. all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Resolution 2024-186:** Councilmember Bouquin made the motion to withdraw up to \$320,000.00 from the Machinery Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase a 2026 Mack Granite Truck and advertise such in the local newspaper; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Clerk's Report

Monthly Receipts were as follow: Total Local Shares Remitted: \$2,875.05; Total State County & Local Revenues: \$2,914.05 Total Non – Local Revenues: \$39.00

**Resolution 2024-187:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report for September; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Audit of the Bills (Abstracts #19 + 20)

**Resolution 2024-188:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve Abstract #19 in the amount of \$155.00 seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Resolution 2024-189:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve Abstract #20 in the amount of \$248,224.73 (includes CHIPS expenditures); seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Resolution 2024-190:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve September Regular Meeting Minutes; seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Old Business:**

**Moratorium Quarrying/Mining:**

**Resolution 2024-191:** Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to advertise the Public Hearing for the Moratorium on Quarrying and Mining to be held November 13, 2024, at 6:20 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Highway Garage Update:**

Supervisor Millington reported that the garage committee is still working on their building proposal. Councilmember Farrell expressed his concerns that the Town may be sued by the contractors that are holding their bids for the Town.

**Stewart Signs:**

**Resolution 2024-192:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve the quote from Stewart Signs for Veteran's Memorial Public Park and have the signs mounted to the building; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**New Business:**

**North Star Health Alliance:**

**Resolution 2024-193:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to send North Star Health Alliance a letter of support for their proposed ambulance service; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; Gosier, Farrell, Donovan, Millington AYE; Bourquin NAY; and the motion was carried.

**Update from Grant Writer:**

Supervisor Millington read the grant update from Scott Burto:  
I have completed the and submitted two Consolidated Funding Applications for the town.  
Parks and Rec application for Veterans Memorial Park.  
NYS Department of State application for an updated Comprehensive Plan.  
Reviewed additional opportunities sent to me by the town including  
Department of Labor training opportunity which was not a good fit for the town.  
Reviewed NYSERDA opportunities for Highway Garage and have information to provide when decisions are made to move forward.  
Reviewed NYSERDA programs for future town office building and possible technical assistance.  
Reviewed the St. Lawrence County Arts grant and awaiting to assist the LPAC when needed.  
Currently working on the Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program and what may be allowable for the town to submit from 2021.

**Morris Track Shed Repair:**

**Resolution 2024-194:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion for Pat Weston to repair the shed at the Morris Track Ballfield for \$1600.00; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Clerk to Supervisor Computer:**

**Resolution 2024-195:** Councilmember Donovan made the motion to purchase a new computer for the Clerk to Supervisor in the amount of \$1500.00 which includes: Lenovo ThinkPad, Ergonomic Keyboard and Mouse, Monitor and Docking Station; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

The old laptop will be given to Kathy Dyer to use for the Municipal Water Board.

**Committee Reports**

**Town Board Report:**

Councilmember Bourquin would like the Zoning Commission for the Solar Law to work on both the Solar law and the Quarrying/Heavy Industry law. They both have a goal to protect the Town from being overrun by Heavy Industry. There was a discussion on whether the Town Board should have a member on the committee. There was further discussion on the matter.

**Assessor Report:**

**Memo:**

DATE: October 09, 2024

TO: James Millington, Supervisor

FROM: Serena Beach, Assessor Clerk

SUBJECT: September 2024 Monthly Report

The new computer has arrived. We have put in a request for an appointment with the County to have RPS and the VPN installed. This could take some time as part of the process is through New York State and part is with the County IT, and all is implemented through the real property office.

The Course II class that Serena needs for qualification is going to be held in November. This will be an online class and will not require any additional travel, lodging or food expenses. As members of the NYSAA the cost is \$470.00.

We are continuing to take advantage of good weather and are checking as many parcels as we can. We are also getting a lot of residents stopping by with renewals for Low Income Seniors, and have many residents picking up applications for new Veterans and Ag Exemptions.

As a reminder we did update the Assessors section of the website and would love feedback if there is anything that the board would like to see added.

**Resolution 2024-196:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to pay \$470.00 for the assessor training Course II for Serena Beach; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Municipal Water Board Report:**

Kathy Dyer asked if there were any updates on the IMA with the Village of Chaumont for Hart Road. Supervisor Millington reported he spoke with Mayor Morrow and John Condino and Barton and Loguidice is working on the IMA.

**Planning Board:**

There were no questions on the report.

**Youth Commission:**

There were no questions on the report.

**ZEO/CEO Report:**

There were no questions on the report.

Supervisor Millington stated that someone on Three Mile Point has a building that is on the edge of the Town of Lyme's land. The owners are doing a survey of their property and ZEO Ingerson will keep the Town Board updated.

**ZBA Report:**

There was no report.

**TMB Cemetery:**

Councilmember Gosier stated the mowing is complete for the year.

**Cape Vincent Ambulance:**

Councilmember Gosier spoke with Patrick Hathaway who stated he hasn't been able to attend the ambulance meetings. She suggested Supervisor Millington attend the meetings and report back to the Town Board. Supervisor Millington agreed.

**Closing Privilege of the Floor**

**Bruce Kingsley** encouraged residents to visit the Board of Elections website to look at the ballot prior to voting. There will be a proposition on the back of the ballot as well.

There was a discussion about the polling sites and where residents will vote. The Town office will be for Village residents and Three Mile Bay will be for the rest of the Town residents.

**Online Privilege of the Floor**

There were no comments.

**Adjournment**

**Resolution 2024-197:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ariana Henderson*

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Town Clerk