

**Town of Lyme**  
**12175 NYS Route 12 E**  
**Chaumont, NY 13622**  
**November 13, 2024**  
**Public Hearing Quarrying/Mining Moratorium**  
**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 6:10 P.M., on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

**Public Hearing Solar Law Moratorium:**

Supervisor Millington called the public hearing to order at 6:12 p.m.

**Bill Kleftis** said after discussing the tasks requested by the Town Board to combine the Solar Law Committee with the Quarrying/Mining Committee the Solar Committee decided that this would be unproductive to combine the two tasks.

**Lainie Taylor** asked what the moratorium included, what happens after a year and how we know that the law was written properly.

**Councilmember Gosier** responded that the moratorium will restrict any industrial mining for 12 months until the Board has time to review the zoning law. After a year the Board then hopefully have a law to protect the Town. The Public will have a chance to review the law and make comments and it will also be reviewed by our attorney.

**Michael Klock** asked if there was part of the process to make sure the new law will withhold any legal challenges.

**Councilmember Bourquin** said the law will go to an engineer, the Town Attorney and Jefferson County to be reviewed.

**Jennifer Kingsley** asked if we had heard anything about the Comprehensive Plan and if quarrying would be included in the update.

**Supervisor Millington** stated that we had not heard anything back regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

There was a discussion on the history of quarries.

**Bill Kleftis** commented that the comprehensive plan not being updated should not affect updating the laws.

**Greg Hoppel** stated that heavy industrial is a very vague term in the moratorium. Does this mean he can't move stone on his own property to make a new driveway. He asked what area of the Town the law was intended to protect.

**Supervisor Millington** said that their intention was to protect the entire Town.

**Julie Grieco** asked if an engineer was writing the law.

**Councilmember Bourquin** said yes or an attorney.

There was a lengthy discussion on farms being exempt from Zoning Laws.

**Resolution 2024-210:** Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to close the Quarrying and Mining Moratorium public hearing at 6:41 p.m.; Councilmember Gosier seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

**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, Legislator William Johnson, Jennifer Kingsley, Bruce Kingsley, Tina Fahringer, Julie Greico, Bill Kleftis, Cathy Ward, Lainie Taylor, Adam Powers, Melissa Ewert, Bill Ewert, Heather Lipczynski, Catherine Stone, Michael Klock, Karin Klock and Ted Smith.

**Privilege of the Floor**

**Legislator William Johnson** stated Jefferson County passed their 2025 budget last night. The tax rate has gone down by 0.29 per thousand but the Town's equalization rate also decreased. The construction at Watertown airport has begun. Sales tax is flat, and they don't expect increases this year. Councilmember Bourquin brought his concerns regarding the County using the Town's bins when hauling trash/recycling and increasing their trucking fees.

Cathy Ward asked if the solar panel company has officially pulled out of the project on the airport road. Legislator Johnson said they missed their deadline with the Jefferson County IDA, so it is likely that the company won't be building on that lot.

**Greg Hoppel** asked where the Town was at with the New Highway Garage. Supervisor Millington said that the Board is reviewing another option for a new building. They have a new building

committee: Pat Weston, Brian Cosselman and Supervisor Millington. Councilmember Gosier questioned Supervisor Millington being on the committee.

**Adam Powers D.C Builders** offered to provide the residents with an informational meeting about Sourcewell. He watched the Highway Garage meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> and there seemed to be a lot of confusion. The Sourcewell process is straight forward and there doesn't need to be an executive session. He believes an informational session would clear up a lot of questions.

**Greg Hoppel** asked if any legal documents have been signed.

**Supervisor Millington** responded "No", but it is being evaluated by our attorney as we speak.

### **Supervisor's Report**

**Resolution 2024-211:** Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to approve the October Supervisor's Monthly Financial report; Councilmember Gosier seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

### **Highway Superintendent's Report**

There was no report.

### **Clerk's Report**

Monthly Receipts were as follow: Total Local Shares Remitted: \$1,887.59; Total State County & Local Revenues: \$1,866.59 Total Non – Local Revenues: \$21.00

**Resolution 2024-212:** Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report for October; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Resolution 2024-213:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to establish two new bank accounts at Watertown Savings Bank; a Tax Collection Checking and a Tax Collection Savings; Ariana Henderson and Serena Beach will be the authorized signers on the accounts; seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

### **Audit of the Bills (Abstracts #21 + 22)**

**Resolution 2024-214:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve Abstract #21 in the amount of \$623.89 seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Resolution 2024-215:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve Abstract #22 in the amount of \$220,846.57; seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

**Resolution 2024-216:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve October Regular Meeting Minutes; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Resolution 2024-217:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve Budget Meeting Minutes; seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Moratorium Quarrying/Mining:**

The Board discussed the Quarrying/Mining Moratorium law and farms being exempt from it. They agreed to have the wording corrected in the law by the Town engineer and hold off on approving it until December.

**Resolution 2024-218:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion for Councilmember Bouquin to contact John Condino from Barton and Loguidice to change the Quarrying/Mining moratorium law to include an exemption for farms; seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Resolution 2024-219:** Supervisor Millington made the motion to ratify the members for the Quarrying/Mining committee to include Julia Gosier, Karin Klock and Ted Smith; seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

#### **Solar Committee Update:**

Bill Kleftis said the committee reviewed the request to add the Mining/Quarrying issue to their committee and they decided that it was too much and too broad of a topic. They have been reviewing other Towns Solar laws and have also been in contact with Ben Wisniewski, which is the attorney who wrote the Town of Clayton Solar Law. They hope to have a law to present to the Board within the next 30 days.

Cathy Ward asked how the board felt about using Ben Wisniewski as the attorney for the new Solar Law. Councilmember Donovan said he has confidence in the committee's recommendation, but the Board will have to look into the attorney further before making any decisions.

Julie Greico stated that the Town can use intervenor funds to pay for the lawyer if the Baybreeze solar project moves forward. The Board was aware of those funds.

**New Business:**

**New Water User David DiCarlo:**

**Resolution 2024-220:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve the Water Use agreement and Easement for David DiCarlo located at 8390 Lance Shore Rd; seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Re-Appoint BAR Member:**

**Resolution 2024-221:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to reappoint Robin Grovesteen to the Board Assessment Review; seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Sally Port- Liquor License 30 Day Waiver:**

**Resolution 2024-222:** Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to waive the 30-day waiting period for Sally Port's Liquor License amendment; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Page Land Sale:**

**Resolution 2024-223:** Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to sell the Town of Lyme surplus property located at 61.13-1-12 on Three Mile Point Road to David and Nancy Page subject to permissive referendum and for all the Town's incurred costs to be paid for by the purchaser David and Nancy Page; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Transfer funds to Capital Reserve:**

**Resolution 2024-224:** Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to consolidate the Town Development Reserve, Town Development Reserve CD, Garage Reserve, Garage Reserve CD and General Operations CD combine into one Capital Reserve account making the total funds \$1,163,438,67.00; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Town Board Report:**

Deputy Supervisor Donovan asked that any correspondence with the Town Attorney go through the supervisor.

**Resolution 2024-225:** Councilmember Donovan made the motion for all Town Attorney correspondence to go through the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Councilmember Bourquin stated that we passed the 2025 Town Budget and stayed under the tax cap. He thanked Scott Aubertine, Terry Countryman, Larid Petrie, Lynda Jackson, Clerk Henderson and Councilmember Thomas Donovan for their hard work on the budget.

Councilmember Gosier asked Supervisor Millington if he ordered the blue sign from the State for Veteran's Park. He said he will be following up tomorrow. She also asked him to get a date from the County on when the re-evaluation would be. Clerk Henderson answered 2026 is when we are on the County's schedule. She also asked if he attended the Cape Vincent Ambulance meeting. He responded that he could not attend because the boiler at his home was not working.

**Assessor Report:**

Memo

DATE: November 06, 2024

TO: James Millington, Supervisor

FROM: Carol Quencer, Assessor

SUBJECT: October 2024 Monthly Report

Robin Grovesteen's term is up for the BAR. She has offered to serve another term but would need to be re-appointed.

We are requesting a cell phone with the Onyx Hunt App on it for use while doing field work and data collection. This would take place of purchasing a new camera and allow us to verify property owners and property lines better while in the field as well as have a designated phone and cloud backup for pictures. Obtaining up-to-date photos for PRC's as well as RPS will only become more valuable as we prepare for data collection and a re-eval. Verizon has free phone options and the App is 100 per year. The cost for the phone is 31.24 per month or 374.88 per year.

We were finally able to get in for an appointment to set up the new laptop and should have everything back up to date next week.

Serena recently utilized her free course from NYSAA and took a class on mini storage appraisal. She is signed up for Course II and begins to take that next week.

There were no questions on the report.

**Municipal Water Board Report:**

They are still working on the Water District 6 survey which included a very broad area. Supervisor Millington is following up on the Village IMA tomorrow.

**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.

**ZBA Report:**

There was no report.

**TMB Cemetery:**

Councilmember Gosier stated there was one burial and thanked Pat Weston for his assistance. Councilmember Bouquin asked Heather Lipczynski if there were any updates on Cedar Grove Cemeteries. Heather said she turned in her resignation on October 1<sup>st</sup> and has heard nothing back from NYS.

**Closing Privilege of the Floor**

There were no comments.

**Online Privilege of the Floor**

There were no comments.

**Adjournment**

**Resolution 2024-226:** Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to suspend the meeting until 2:00 p.m. on Friday November 22, 2024, to meet with the Town Attorney; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ariana Henderson*

Ariana Henderson  
Town Clerk