

**April 14, 2021
Town of Lyme
Regular Monthly Meeting 6:30 P.M.**

Call to Order:

Supervisor Aubertine called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., opening the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present included Supervisor Aubertine, Deputy Supervisor Bourquin, Councilmember Gosier, Councilmember Countryman, Councilmember Villa, Town Clerk Ariana Henderson, and Highway Superintendent Weston.

Privilege of the Floor

There was no privilege of the floor.

Supervisor's Report

There was a discussion in regards to the Town Development Funds and Retirement account.

Resolution 2021-52: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve the March Supervisor's Monthly Financial report; Councilmember Villa seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Pat Weston stated the highway department has been working on the Town Park. They have picked up the garbage on the roadsides. The CD transfer site bin needs to be replaced. It has been rebuilt twice by the highway department and the only option is replacing it. The Department is also helping the County haul stone to the Isthmus. Currently they are waiting on more rock from Barrett's. The County is raising the road three feet higher than it was previously. Councilman Villa asked if there were any updates on the Chaumont Bridge. Supervisor Aubertine stated that he believed it would be 2024 before the project begins. Pat stated that residents are complaining about the condition of the Boat Launch. Matt Spaulding from NYS Parks and Rec. told Pat they could fill the pot holes. Pat stated that the pavement needs to be torn out and redone. NYS dredged one side of the Launch and not the other. Supervisor Aubertine stated that we unfortunately don't have jurisdiction over the boat launch but he has reached out to our representatives.

Clerk's Report

Monthly Receipts were as follow: Total Local Shares Remitted: \$2,502.35; Total State County & Local Revenues: \$3,265.65 Total Non – Local Revenues: \$66.50

Audit of the Bills (Abstracts #7 & #8)

Resolution 2021-53: Councilmember Countryman made the motion to approve Abstract #7 in the amount of \$12,583.02; seconded by Councilmember Villa; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resolution 2021-54: Councilmember Countryman made the motion to approve Abstract #8 in the amount of \$157,791.69; seconded by Councilmember Villa; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Resolution 2021-55: Councilmember Gosier made a motion to approve the March 10, 2021 Minutes; seconded by Councilmember Villa; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Committee Reports

Assessor's Report:

Tentative Roll

We have completed all our paperwork for the Tentative Assessment Roll.

Solar Farm Data and Assessment

The 2022 Assessment Roll will include the assessment for the solar farm. I contacted Real Property to see if they could assist us with the data collection and assessment on the solar farm. They do not have anyone in the office who can help us. They suggested we contact an appraiser in Buffalo, who is an expert in that field. I will be contacting him to get an estimate of the cost. The cost will have to be included in our budget for 2022

Supervisor Aubertine said that the County needs to find someone who can assess these properties; they have several solar projects in the County.

There were no questions on the Assessor's report.

Municipal Water Board Report:

Water Tower Condition Report

I am attaching the report from Sherwin Williams of the inspection of the water tower. They provided two options for you to consider. Due to the damage, they recommend option # 1. This should result in 15-20 years of service before any maintenance would be required. An estimate of the cost would be around \$250,000. There also would be some additional costs, such as engineer's fees, attorney fees, advertising for bids, so we feel we should put the estimate at \$300,000. It is a little late this year to advertise, as most contractors have their work scheduled. We feel it would be best to advertise late fall or early winter to do the project in 2022. The good news is that we have around \$244,000 in the O&M Reserve Fund after we deduct the cost of the Water Facility Project. We will be adding the \$14,000 from the 2021 Water Billing for the O&M account.

Plus, we will anticipate having a surplus at the end of 2021 to add to the account. Our hope is that we will have enough to completely fund the project. You could also consider borrowing

some of the money if you do not want to deplete our Water Reserve Account. You would have until 2022 to decide on the financing.

Our next step would be for you to pass a resolution for Gregor to prepare a proposal to proceed with the project.

Point Salubrious

Point Salubrious property owners are beginning the petition process for a Water District.

Water Facility Project

Construction will begin April 19th. They are anticipating completion within 2 weeks, weather permitting. We have ordered a sign to be posted informing the public of the project and providing them with a couple alternate places where they can get water until the water facility is completed.



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Gregor K. Smith

From: Timothy A Bauman <Tim.A.Bauman@sherwin.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 4:53 PM
To: Gregor K. Smith
Subject: Re: (T) Lyme Tank

Gregor,

Thank you for allowing Sherwin Williams to inspect the 3 Mile Bay Tank.

Jon Wolbert, our sales representative, visited the tank on Jan 19th. While he found mildew on the bottom of the bowl and cracks along the welds, he also found alligatoring on the entire tank. The dry film thickness he noted was extremely low, averaging 7.0 – 9.0 at ground level. But, back to the alligatoring

Alligatoring is defined as breaks in the film that are wide and extensive but does not penetrate to the substrate. It happens sometime when a coating is put on too thick resulting in stress cracks. It can also happen when an overcoat system is applied but does not get adequate adhesion to the prior coat.

Below I have outlined the choices that I believe are most practical for the rehabbing of this tank:

1. Completely Blast the tank removing all coatings, mill scale, rust, etc. resulting in freshly blasted carbon steel. This is the best choice obviously because a newly blasted tank exterior can result in 15 to 20 years of service before maintenance will be required.
2. The second choice is somewhat risky. It is to remove all of the loose coatings and recoat. Sometimes when a "brush blast" occurs – the base coating is so far beyond its useful life and the applicator removes the base coating without intending to. In this situation, the client must make a spot judgement as to whether to pay an upcharge for removing all of the coatings and starting over. The increase in material costs can be substantial because in an overcoat scenario we do not specify a zinc rich coating. However, if a brush blast uncovers freshly blasted carbon steel it become foolish not to apply a zinc rich coating which provides cathodic protection which is necessary for a long lasting coating system unless you are locate in a very dry area of the US (New Mexico, Arizona, etc).

Forgive the long diatribe above but based on what Jon saw at the site, as well as our conversations, I believe full blast and removal is the best route to go. Let me know when a decision is made on how to progress and I will prepare a specification for you.

Tim

The Board discussed the two options for repairing and painting the water tower in Three Mile Bay. One concern was whether a price could be locked in for 2022. Councilmember Villa stated that prices are only going to rise. He thinks the best option is #1. The Board agreed. Deputy Supervisor Bourquin suggested possibly using the funds from COVID relief that we will be receiving toward the water tower. It is directed that you spend the money where it would benefit the largest majority of the Town. We should be receiving our first payment in May and the rest in 2022.

Resolution 2021-56: Councilmember Gosier made a motion for Gregor to prepare a proposal to proceed with the Three Mile Bay water tower project, lock in a project price, and do it this summer or as soon as possible.; seconded by Councilmember Villa; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Planning Board:

There was a discussion regarding the planning board applications. Supervisor Aubertine thought that Chairman Schweitzer was making the appointment. Councilmember Gosier stated that the Board has several applicants. She believes the Chairman Schweitzer should interview the applicants and recommend the applicant to the Town Board. Supervisor Aubertine postponed the discussion until next month. Deputy Supervisor Bourquin had questions regarding the Hodge subdivision. There was discussion on the portions of Montonna Shores Road that the Town owns. Councilmember Gosier stated that the Town has no reason to keep some of the properties they own. Deputy Supervisor Bourquin stated that it would be better to get them off our shoulders. Councilman Villa disagreed and said we should spend the costs of surveying the properties and legal fees on buying a new ambulance, building a highway garage and town offices.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA):

There was no ZBA meeting or report.

Youth Commission:

The Youth Commission are in the process of getting programs together for the summer. Supervisor Aubertine sent the minutes to the Board.

ZEO/CEO Report:

Supervisor Aubertine stated that Jim Millington submitted the log of his work and he had several phone calls. Clerk Henderson also sent the BAS Zoning report but there was no report submitted by the ZEO or CEO.

Zoning Law Study Committee:

The Zoning Committee will discuss the suggested zoning law changes at the Joint meeting scheduled April 20, 2021.

TMB Cemetery:

Councilmember Gosier stated she has been discussing new plots with people over the last few weeks.

New Business:

Mowing Bids:

Three Mile Bay Cemetery Bids
Rocky's Lakeside Lawn Care- \$400.00 per visit
Yard by Yard- \$625.00 per visit

Resolution 2021-57: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion to accept Rocky's Lakeside Lawn Care's bid for \$400.00 per visit to mow and trim the Three Mile Bay Cemetery; seconded by Councilmember Villa; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Ball Fields and Abandon Cemeteries Bids
JW Northeast Enterprises LLC- \$17,600.00
Yard by Yard- \$17,800.00
GT Lawn Care- \$16,500.00
Rocky's Lakeside Lawn Care- \$14,000.00

Resolution 2021-58: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion to accept Rocky's Lakeside Lawn Care's bid for \$14,000.00 to mow and trim the Ball Fields and Abandon Cemeteries; seconded by Councilmember Villa; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Schedule Special Solar Meeting:

Supervisor Aubertine met with Steve Le Fevre the engineer from Barton and Loguidice regarding the AES Solar project. Steve suggested having a joint meeting with AES and the Town Board. Supervisor Aubertine would like to have it April 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Resolution 2021-59: Councilmember Countryman made the motion to advertise the Riverside Solar project meeting with Steve Le Fevre, AES Solar and the Town Board on April 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Villa; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Court Cell Phone:

Court Clerk Jo Morrow would like the court cell phone to be upgraded to a smart phone. The current flip phone that is being used is dropping calls, hard to hear on, and she is not able to text on it. Clerk Henderson called Verizon and the charges would go from \$14.99 a month to \$38.26 a month. The Board questioned the price difference of the cell phones. Clerk Henderson will call Verizon to receive more details about the rates of a smart phone and flip phone.

Flags:

Councilmember Countryman presented three different size flags to the Town Board that were options for Veteran's graves this year. The Heritage Center would like the Board to decide on the size. There are 300 that need to be purchased. The Board agreed on the 12 x 18 \$1.19 per flag (sewn edge).

Flag Options:

8x 12 \$0.75 per flag

12 x 18 \$1.19 per flag (sewn edge)

12 x 18 \$.95 per flag (without a sewn edge)

Resolution 2021-60: Councilmember Villa made a motion to spend up to \$500.00 from the Veteran's service account for flags to place on the Veteran's graves; seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bourquin; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

STAT Communications:

STAT communications is having trouble connecting to our security panel by using our TDS phone line. They suggested upgrading from a phone line to using internet. Councilmember Villa stated that they used a similar system where he used to work. The charge would be \$45.00 a month and that include cellular back up. It would be \$150.00 to install the component to use the internet. We can then cancel the TDS phone line which is around \$50.00 a month.

Resolution 2021-61: Councilmember Villa made a motion to upgrade our STAT communication security system to internet and cellular back up system at the cost of \$45.00 a month and a one-time \$150.00 installation fee; seconded by Councilmember Countryman; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Bicentennial Park:

Deputy Supervisor Bourquin stated Executive Assistant Robin Grovesteen contacted National Grid regarding getting power to Bicentennial Park. Supervisor Aubertine also would like to rebuild the shoreline. Deputy Supervisor Bourquin said that when the Town had the ground penetrating radar study done where they think the old block house used to be. In order to receive the Addie Jenne money the Town was awarded the money has to be spent on the park first. The money will then be reimbursed. He would like to see a building where the block house was. The building could be used for concerts and other events. Councilmember Gosier agreed. Councilmember Villa stated that the Veteran's Memorial Park will have a band stand so he thought a story board describing the old block house would be nice. They could also mark out the outside of where the building was. Pat stated that he was in contact with the DEC about the retaining wall. He could build it using stacked rock. It has always been natural shoreline so the project will not be covered by FEMA. He would estimate that it will be about \$1000.00 to \$1500.00 to run power to the park. Supervisor Aubertine asked that Pat estimate a cost of running power to the Park and to do a retaining wall at the Park for the May meeting.

Resolution 2021-62: Councilmember Gosier made the motion have Pat Weston draw up an estimate of what it will cost to do shoreline resiliency and run power to Bicentennial Park for the May Meeting; seconded by Councilmember Countryman; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Old Business:

Three Mile Bay Ambulance:

Councilmember Countryman stated they held their meeting March 31st. Councilmember Countryman, Fred Jackson, Heather Lipczynski, Charlie Mount, and Justin Bourquin attended the meeting. Councilmember Gosier resigned and Councilmember Villa is now on the committee. Terry emailed the three options to the board.

Option One: Full Paramedic Ambulance- One Year \$600,000.00

Option Two: Full BLS Ambulance- One Year \$400,000.00

Option Three: Leased Guilfoyle Staff-One Year

EMT Basic- \$25.00/hour

Advanced EMT- \$27.00/hour

AEMT-Critical Care- \$29.00/hour

Paramedic- \$35.00/hour

Option one and two are not viable. Option three would be the best choice. Councilmember Countryman reached out to Mr. Wright at Guilfoyle to find out what we can do to get through to the end of the year. They questioned whether the current contract could be extended. The hours may also need to be extended in the summer. The price until the end of the year would be \$46,000.00 around \$150.00 a week. The charge is \$25.00 an hour which is a low rate. Three Mile Bay and Chaumont Fire Chiefs were directed to contact their EMTs. They need to know if the EMTs are willing to work for the ambulance if it becomes a 501c3. The 501c3 will also need a board of directors. Chief Bourquin stated at the meeting that they had 6 failures with the Guilfoyle employee on site because there was no one to drive the ambulance. Drivers do not have to be EMTs. If there were scheduled shifts for drivers and volunteers could show up it may be easier to get drivers. Councilmember Villa asked what the requirements were to drive an ambulance. Councilmember Gosier believed that it was a one night course at the station. She stated that it is going to be expensive anyway that the Town looks at it. Councilmember Countryman stated that the committee is looking at the 501c3 so the cost is reduced. If Guilfoyle was hired it would be anywhere from \$400,000.00 to \$600,000.00. Councilmember Gosier stated that the fire committee feels it would be better to hook up with Cape Vincent ambulance. There was further discussion regarding the ambulance services. The committee will continue to meet and come up with a solution.

New Highway Garage:

Pat Weston stated that we needed to revisit the budget and decide on the shell of the building. He asked if the Highway Garage and Town Offices would be combined. Councilmember Villa stated that we needed to say goodbye to both buildings and start looking to borrowing money and how long of a bond would be needed to pay it back. It would be a wonderful thing for the Town to have new buildings. Looking at the economies of scale we would need to reconstruct both at the same time. There is a process that once have a plan in place there is a guaranteed maximum price. The Building committee will tour other buildings and meet again to discuss ideas for new construction.

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 2021-63: Supervisor Aubertine made the motion to enter Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Countryman; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resolution 2021-64: Councilmember Villa made the motion to close Executive Session at 9:30p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Return to Open Meeting

Resolution 2021-65: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to enter Open Meeting at 9:31 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Countryman; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resolution 2021-66: Deputy Supervisor Bourquin made the motion to advertise for and hold a hearing on May 12, 2021 at 6:20 pm at the town municipal building to rescind Resolution 2009-142, moving the adoption of the Code Enforcement position created by the Town Board, and, to immediately notify Jefferson County Codes Enforcement of the Town Board decision to give codes enforcement in the town of Lyme back to the County.; seconded by Councilmember Countryman; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

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Adjournment

Resolution 2021-67: Councilmember Countryman a made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried; meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Ariana Henderson

Ariana Henderson
Town Clerk