

**Town of Lyme**  
**12175 NYS Route 12E**  
**Chaumont, NY 13622**  
**November 12, 2025**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting and a public hearing 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

**Regular Meeting**

**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 Gosier, Councilmember Jerome, Town Clerk Ariana Henderson, Jennifer Kingsley, Bill Kleftis, Josh Rogers, Mark Zegarelli and Susan Nichols.

**Absent:** Councilmember Bourquin

**Joshua Rogers AES Statement:** Mr. Rogers read the following Statement on behalf of AES Solar:

*On Tuesday, November 3rd, AES hosted a Virtual Community Meeting and approximately 30 people attended. We appreciate the input and questions from the stakeholders who attended this and the previous community meetings. The recording of the virtual community meeting will be posted on the Limestone Solar webpage.*

*Other project updates we'd like to share are:*

- *Current studies being conducted: Archaeology and geotechnical*
- *Permit application submission is expected to be submitted the first quarter of 2026*
- *AES is also submitting a bid for Limestone Solar to the 2025 NYSERDA Tier 1 Solicitation*

*We would like to reiterate that there will be no battery storage at either Riverside Solar or Limestone Solar.*

*AES continues to welcome constructive questions, concerns, and feedback about Limestone Solar and we invite stakeholders to contact us via the project email: [Limestonesolar@aes.com](mailto:Limestonesolar@aes.com), submit a comment on the project webpage, or give us a call at [866-757-7697](tel:866-757-7697).*

**Supervisor's Report**

**Resolution 2025-240:** Councilmember Farrell made the motion to approve the September Supervisors Report; Councilmember Gosier seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

The approval of the October Supervisor report was tabled until the December meeting.

**Highway Superintendent's Report**

There was no report.

**Clerk's Report**

Monthly Receipts were as follow: Total Local Shares Remitted: \$1,599.45; Total State, County & Local Revenues: \$1,606.45 Total Non – Local Revenues: \$7.00.

**Resolution 2025-241:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report for October; seconded by Councilmember Jerome; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

**Resolution 2025-242:** Councilmember Farrell made the motion to approve Abstract #21 in the amount of \$387.00; seconded by Councilmember Jerome; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

**Resolution 2025-243:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve Abstract #22 in the amount of \$325,947.53; seconded by Councilmember Jerome; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

*Jennifer Kingsley* questioned why abstract #22 was so high. Councilmember Gosier explained that there were several memberships, NYS Retirement for 2026, CHIPS roadwork, mold remediation and equipment purchased.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Resolution 2025-244:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve the following meeting minutes; Regular Meeting October 8, 2025, Budget Work Session Meetings; September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025 and Budget Public Hearing November 6, 2025; seconded by Councilmember Jerome; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

**New Business:**

**New Accountant:**

Supervisor Millington explained that the Town has explored contracting with a new accounting firm. Clerk Henderson provided details regarding the transition from Bowers and Company to North Country CPA. North Country CPAs were recommended by Laird Petrie during this year's budget process, and they currently serve approximately 30 other municipalities. As part of the transition, the payroll date will shift from Tuesday to Wednesday. The Town will also begin using QuickBooks Online, and Dillnars for their payroll software. The new accounting firm has offered

to complete the 2025 AFR to become more familiar with the Town's operations. The Board agreed that this is the best course of action.

**Resolution 2025-245:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to authorize North Country CPA to begin handling the Town of Lyme's accounting and payroll effective December 1, 2025, and to complete the 2025 Annual Financial Report; seconded by Councilmember Jerome; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

**2026 Budget Adoption:**

**Resolution 2025-246:** Councilmember Gosier made the motion to adopt the 2026 Budget for the Town of Lyme; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Town Board Report:**

Councilmember Gosier welcomed Greg Hoppel, Jennifer Kingsley and Mark Zergarelli to the Town Board after winning the recent election.

**Assessor Report:**

There was no report.

**Municipal Water Board Report:**

There was no report.

**Planning Board:**

There were no questions on the submitted minutes.

**Youth Commission:**

There were no questions on the submitted minutes. Supervisor Millington expressed that the Youth Commission needs coaches for sports in the spring. If anyone is interested, they should contact Scott Radley.

**ZEO/CEO Report:**

There were no questions on the report.

**ZBA Report:**

There were no questions on the submitted minutes.

**TMB Cemetery:**

Councilmember Gosier stated she is working with a family on laying out burial plans for the spring.

**Cedar Grove Cemeteries:**

There was no report.

**Closing Privilege of the Floor**

**Sue Nichols** asked who the two board members were that were nominated to work with AES for the Riverside Solar project. Under Article 10 this must be done. Supervisor Millington said he would look into this. Mrs. Nichols questioned Daniel Postal AES representative about both Limestone and Riverside solar decommissioning plans. Any transmission line under the ground 4 feet will stay forever including the line being installed under the Chaumont River. They are ruining the environment permanently. She suggested passing this information to Attorney Wisniewski for more money in our Community Host Agreement.

**Bill Kleftis** asked if we had any updates on the negotiations that Attorney Ben Wisenewski is having with AES Limestone solar project. Supervisor Millington stated that there were no updates. Mr. Kleftis stated that he is aware of the town's ongoing dispute with the County Route 179 solar project. He discussed the imbalance in property taxes on the site and noted his understanding that the land lease will expire after 15 years, at which point the property would revert to agricultural zoning. If that occurs, the town would not receive any tax revenue. He also mentioned that significant work has been done at the solar site recently, including addressing a panel fire that happened during fuse replacement. This incident should involve our codes department and the county fire department. Clerk Henderson then read an update on the litigation provided by the Town Attorney.

**Online Privilege of the Floor**

There were no comments.

**Adjournment**

**Resolution 2025-247:** Councilmember Jerome made the motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ariana Henderson*

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Town Clerk