



**LYME CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWN OF LYME
VILLAGE OF CHAUMONT
TRI-BOARD MEETING
November 1, 2023**

**LYME CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Deanna Lothrop, President
Kathy Gardner, Vice President
Patricia Gibbons, Superintendent
Darrell DeMotta, Member
Shauna Dupee, Member
Sherri Wilson, Board Clerk

**TOWN OF LYME
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Terry Countryman, Supervisor
Donald Bourquin, Deputy Supervisor
Julia Gosier, Council Member
Tim Farrell, Council Member
Ariana Henderson, Town Clerk

**VILLAGE OF CHAUMONT
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

James Morrow, Mayor
Michael Nichols, Deputy Mayor
Dori-Ann Froelich, Trustee
Jose Sosa, Trustee
Tammy McIntosh, Trustee
Erin Fulton, Village Clerk
Rose Soules, Deputy Village Clerk
Karen Fitzgerald, Deputy Village Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

No others present

**CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Deanna Lothrop, LCS Board President, called the meeting of the Lyme Central School Board, Town of Lyme Board, and the Village of Chaumont Board (Tri-Board) meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2022
MINUTES**

Deanna Lothrop called for a motion to approve the Tri-board minutes from the last meeting held on November 3, 2023. All in favor, motion approved.

**SHARED FUEL DEPOT
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Superintendent Gibbons reviewed recent upgrades to the fuel depot building and grounds including installation of cameras to the interior (10) and exterior (13) of the building at a district cost of \$88,823.69. In addition, the lighting system at the fuel depot was also upgraded to include new lights in



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the garage (8), light poles (4), and on the fuel island (4) at a district cost of \$7,004.08.

In discussion regarding the shared fuel depot, Supervisor Terry Countryman stated the terms of the original agreement between the Town and LCS as being, the District would maintain the building & grounds of the fuel depot and the Town would share in the cost of fuel at a price charged to the Town of .05 per gallons used by the Town. Supervisor Countryman inquired if this was still the arrangement, how the charges were calculated (split), how the fuel revenues were used, and whether or not there was a reserve fund for the fuel revenue from the Town.

LCS Board President Deanna Lothrop suggested the LCS District Treasurer prepare a breakdown of the costs and report on the shared fuel costs and calculations for presentation at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Crossing Guard:

Superintendent Gibbons reported of a community member's request for a crossing guard to be present on days which the Village personnel are unable to cover the crosswalk at the corner of Route 12E and Church Street. Superintendent Gibbons further explained this community member had asked why a staff member of the district could not be present at this area. In response to the concerns mentioned, Superintendent Gibbons explained that district staff members are not available to cover at the times needed due to their contractual work hours.

Village Mayor James Morrow stated that the village employees are limited as well, due to their 4 day work weeks during the spring months and early fall when school is in session. It was suggested that volunteers be requested to assist during these times. Superintendent Gibbons stated that the district would seek grant funding to cover the costs of any equipment needed for the volunteers (reflective vests, signs, trainings, etc.).

Friday dates for the spring when a crossing guard will not be needed: April 26th, June 28th, and possibly one or two days in May, TBD.



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DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

Village of Chaumont Sesquicentennial:

Village Mayor James Morrow stated that 2024 marks the sesquicentennial for the Village of Chaumont. There will be many activities and events planned for the summer, including a kiddie parade, with dates to be determined. Possibly sometime during May – July 2024.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

Solar Eclipse:

April 8, 2024 – begins at 2:40 pm, with maximum eclipse at 3:24 pm, ending at 4:34 pm. The District is discussing plans for this event for students. One possibility being, there may be either a delayed start with students being dismissed later so they can witness the event and not be riding home on the bus during it. A planetarium will be set up prior to the event for teachers and students to use. Special glasses for viewing the event will be provided by the district. Mrs. Lothrop has information on obtaining these glasses, and will share it with the district. More information to follow, as it becomes available and as the event draws closer.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was requested to enter executive session for the discussion of a pending litigation.

Motion was made by Kathy Gardner, seconded by Darrell DeMotta, with motion approved 14 - 0.
Time entered, 6:35 PM

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was requested to return to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular meeting.

Motion was made by Kathy Gardner, seconded by James Morrow, with motion approved 14 - 0.
Time reconvened, 7:28 PM



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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 6:00 PM

- Updated on Crossing Guard
- Update on Village Sesquicentennial
- Report on Solar Eclipse

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Kathy Gardner, seconded by James Morrow, with motion approved, 14 – 0.
Time adjourned, 7:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri L. Wilson
Board Clerk, Lyme Central School District