January 3, 2022

State of New York
2679 Route 8
County of Hamilton
Town of Lake Pleasant

An Organizational Meeting of the Lake Pleasant Town Board was held on January 3, 2022 at the Lake Pleasant Library 2864 State Hwy. 8 Speculator, NY. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., to make appointments, establish other organizational tasks, and conduct whatever business that may come before the Board.

The following were present:
Supervisor: Betsy Bain
Councilman: Neil McGovern , Don Braunius, RaChelle Martz, Katherine O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent Randy Lavarnway
Guests: Karen McComb (Library President), Pete Newell, Eileen Lavarnway

RESOLUTION #1 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2021
OFFERED BY : Neil McGovern 2ND by: Don Braunius
RESOLVED, that the minutes of December 20, 2021 be approved as presented
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons: Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, RaChelle Martz and Katherine O'Connell

Committee Reports:

Highway – Randy Lavarnway reported that the logs are out of Perkins Clearing and Elm Lake logging is done. Tomorrow 1/4/22 paperwork for new garbage truck will be signed and the new garbage truck is expected by end of 2022. The town lost the grant for a new snowmobile groomer.

Building – The Museum grant was not given to the Town of Lake Pleasant.

Youth Recreation- Vouchers went to Lake Pleasant Central School for town students to ski over the Holiday break.

Old Business: On December 22, 2021 Bob, Neil and Betsy interviewed Erich Ashe for the Codes Enforcement Officer position. After the interview, it was decided that Erich would be the right fit. He was temporarily appointed so that training with Bob could start right away.

RESOLUTION #2 Deputy Supervisor Neil McGovern is named as the Voting Delegate at the Annual Business Meeting of the Association of Towns of the State of New York being held Feb. 20-23, 2022
OFFERED BY: Neil McGovern 2nd by: Don Braunius

RESOLUTION #3 TO APPOINT ERICH ASHE AS TOWN'S ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – This is a part time position
OFFERED BY: Neil McGovern 2ND by: Kathy O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote Ayes: Supervisor Bain Councilpersons: Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Kathy O'Connell and RaChelle Martz Nays-None

Bob Benkovich has offered to attend the 27th Annual Northern CEO Conference which is Feb. 28-March 3 in Lake Placid. This will keep Bob certified until Erich is able to finish his training which starts in February and is completed in May.

RESOLUTION #4 THE BOARD APPROVED BOB BENKOVICH TO ATTEND CEO CONFERNCE AND THE TOWN WILL REIMBURSE HIM FOR ALL EXPENSES
OFFERED BY: Neil McGovern 2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
RESOLVED, be approved as presented
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons: Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, RaChelle Martz and Kathy O'Connell

RESOLUTION #5 2022 Town Appointments

Offered by: RaChelle Martz 2nd by: Neil McGovern

Deputy Supervisor-Neil McGovern

Budget Officer- Nancy Seifts
Attorney for Town – Young & Sommer
Historian- Aaron Weaver
Official Bank- NBT
Health Insurance Rep.- Stephanie Smith
Justice Court Clerk- Stephanie Smith
Deputy Court Clerk- Faith Cleveland
Deputy Town Clerk- Faith Cleveland
Animal Control Officer- Mike Peck
Deputy Animal Control Officer- Laura Peck
Registrar Vital Stat. & Handicap Permit Issuer- Stephanie Smith
Purchasing Agent- Betsy Bain
Youth Recreation Director- Samantha Desrochers
Parks & Recreation Foreman- Randolph Lavarnway
Refuse & Recyclable Foreman- Randolph Lavarnway
Official Newspaper-Hamilton County Express
Adopted by the following vote: Ayes-All Nays-None

Background: Judge Purdy retired from the town as of 12/31/21
RESOLUTION #6 To appoint Judge Gordon Purdy for a 1 year term effective Jan. 3, 2022 ending December 31, 2022
Offered by: Don Braunius 2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote: Ayes- All, Nays- None

Judge Purdy will be sworn in on 1/4/22 at town hall

RESOLUTION #7 Authorization for Superintendent of Highways to make purchases of tools etc. at a cost not to exceed $2,999 and to buy oil, tires, salt at state contract pricing.
Offered by: Don Braunius 2nd by: Neil McGovern
Adopted by the following vote: Ayes- All Nays- None

RESOLUTION # 8 To set mileage rate for reimbursement at 58.5 cents per mile
Offered by: Neil McGovern 2nd by: Don Braunius
Adopted by the following vote: Ayes- All Nays- None

RESOLUTION # 9 Town of Lake Pleasant to adopt the Holiday Schedule as established by Hamilton County on file. (Attached)
Offered by: RaChelle Martz 2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote: Ayes- All Nays- None
RESOLUTION #10 That regularly scheduled Town Board meetings will be held at the Lake Pleasant Public Library, 2864 Rt. 8, Speculator NY at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month, or as otherwise published and/or posted. There will not be a meeting on a Monday Holiday.
Offered by: Kathy O'Connell 2nd by: Neil McGovern
Adopted by the following vote: Ayes- None Nays-None

RESOLUTION #11 Town Clerk office hours will be 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Monday – Friday.
Offered by: Don Braunius 2nd by: RaChelle Martz
Adopted by the following vote: Ayes- All Nays- None

RESOLUTION # 12 Appointment to Board of Assessment Review
Donna Benkovich 10/1/2021-09/30/2026

Offered by: Neil McGovern 2nd by: RaChelle Martz
Adopted by Ayes: All Nays-None

RESOLUTION #13 Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals
Tim Smith 1/1/2022-12/31/2025
Offered by: Don Braunius 2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
Adopted by Ayes: All Nays: None

Motion to pay Bills from 12/31/2021: Offered by: Neil McGovern 2nd by: Don Braunius
Ayes: All Nays: None

Public Comment: Pete Newell says we should create new passwords for new town workers. Karen McComb complemented on the fence around the memorial bricks at the library. Fence was put up by town to keep salt due to foot traffic from corroding bricks.

Roundtable: Don Braunius said that the fence at fish Mt. cemetery looks great! Supervisor Bain reported that cemetery fence completion with pictures will go in the paper in the future.

The 10 Annual Polar Plunge took place on 1/1/22 at fire hall 12:00 siren. This event raised $725 for the Wounded Warriors
Total landfill bill is $2,032.00 for area and the town is responsible for $772.
COVID testing in Indian Lake M-F this week 10:00-close
Testing at Lake Pleasant Fire Hall 1/5/22 starting at 1:00

Next meeting: 1/18/2022 @ 5:00 p.m. Ayes: All

TO ADJOURN @ **7:40**
***ON A MOTION BY Don Braunius 2ND by: Neil McGovern
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk