February 7, 2022

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

A Meeting of the Lake Pleasant Town Board was held on February 7, 2022, at the Lake Pleasant Library 2864 State Hwy. 8 Speculator, NY. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., to conduct any business that may come before the board.

The following were present:
Supervisor: Betsy Bain
Councilmen/women: Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, RaChelle Martz, Katherine O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent: Randy Lavarnway
Zoning/Code Enforcer: Erich Ashe
Guests: Eileen Lavarnway, Karen McComb (library President) and Paul Allen

Resolution #20 To approve the minutes of January 18, 2022
Offered by: Don Braunius 2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
Be it resolved that the minutes of February 7, 2022 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilperson's - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Martz)
Nays: None

Building: Randy reported that the heater in his office is working well. At the library the furnace had an issue which tripped a code that caused the furnace to shut down. This issue has been resolved and thermostats are now all set to the same temperature.
Highway: Randy reported that grooming and plowing went well this past week. Trails are soft after the amount of snowfall.
Highway department is using a new cutting edge on a state road truck. This new blade is spring loaded and bounces allowing it to remove more snow. It costs the same as a 12 ft. blade but when sections wear out, they can be replaced individually rather than replacing the whole blade. The more the blades scrape off, the less salt is needed to melt the snow.

Old Business:

1. **Code Enforcement officer Erich Ashe gave the 2021-year end report** (see attached)

Highlights on this report: There were 128 building permits, 31 of them were new residents.

19 garage/storage	6 additions, 3 renewals	22 septic (new or repair)	14 new wells
7 demolitions	10 deck/porch	2 temporary tents	3 solid fuel

There was no stop work violations and no contacts from the Fire Department.
Eric reported that his training is going well. The towns previous purchase of a tablet, cell phone and software have helped Eric with the job.

Karen McComb asked Erich if the town had ordinances on signs after reading that there were 0 sign permits issued in 2021. Neil replied that permits for signs are required only when they exceed parameters.

2. **BST 2020 Final Audit**

Betsy reported that the exit meeting Friday with Paul Gotze was canceled due to the County State of Emergency with the storm. The meeting is rescheduled for February 8,2022.

3. **Streetlights**

The Town has received an invoice for the new streetlights. Price was the same as when the board agreed on the 25 watts. Once this payment is made the town will be put on schedule for removal of old lights and installation of the new lights. Once streetlights are installed the town will get a rebate of $6,880.00 for switching to LED lights.

Kathy O'Connell asked if there would be another bill for the upgrade in lights and Betsy replied yes that there would be another bill for the board approved upgrade from 25 watts to 48 watts.

Resolution #21 The Town Board approved hiring John Foley to do the Landscape Maintenance at Town Hall for one year.

Offered by: Neil 2nd by: Don

Whereas; John Foley will water, fertilize and maintain town hall flower beds with all organic materials for one year at the cost of $1,015.00. This will all be done after hr. so that it does not disturb work going on daily at town hall.

Neil says all went well with concrete and should move forward to restore. Betsy said that it would be good to get plants established for a year and decide again next year if want to continue. Kathy agreed that starting plants can be challenging. Don says for first year should have someone other than highway department.

Adopted by the following votes:

Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilperson's - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell, Martz)

Nays: None

New Business:

Resolution #22 Town Board to Review the Town Justice 2021 Reports

Whereas; the Town Board is required annually to audit the financial reports of the Town Justices in accordance with Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act and said fiduciary duty is memorialized into the minutes of the Board's proceedings.

Offered by: Kathy O'Connell 2nd by: RaChelle Martz

Discussion: Kathy O'Connell asked where the revenue goes, and Neil responded with- the general fund.

Resolved; that the Town Board accepts the Audit Report of Judge Purdy and Judge Smith for the year 2021

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: All (Bain, McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell, Martz) Nays: None

Resolution #23 Extending renewal exemptions for property owners in 2022

Whereas; A resolution is required by the town board to forgo requiring renewal applications for property owners in 2022. This is in accordance with NYS Governor's Executive order, under Subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law.

Whereas; directing the assessor to grant exemptions pursuant to such section on the 2022 assessment roll thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for assessors to mail renewal applications to such persons.

Discussion: moved by Neil who stated that this is for everything including star, seniors, veterans so that folks don't have to reapply. Kathy asked about transfers or deaths? Betsy explained that it will be up to the assessor to make that judgement.

Offered by: Neil McGovern 2nd by Kathy O'Connell

Ayes: All (Bain, McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell, Martz)

Nays: None

Lake Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department LOSAP Report

Voucher in todays abstract for $40,718.00 is for the Lake Pleasant Fire department. This is a contract we have for them towards their retirement which runs on a points system. LOSAP is a life of service reward program.

Cleaning out and organizing of storage room

Betsy reported that the storage room needs a good clean out.

Thus far boxes of old envelopes, scotch tape and paperclips have been pulled out to be used up. Betsy asked the board what should be done with old broken computers, scanners old camera? Board discussed what can be done with old office supplies bought with tax payers' money.

Planning Board:

The Town Board received a letter from the Planning board in the form of a proposal. This proposal is for the Town to make a Resolution to amend a local law. This amendment would change the building height from 38ft. to match the APA's at 40ft after a contractor's request.

Motion to move forward

Offered by: Don Braunius 2nd by: Neil McGovern

Ayes: All (Bain, McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell, Martz)

Nays: None

Resolution # 24 Approve Audit of Abstract #3

Voucher #1802-1862 Amount $116,424.03

Offered by: Neil McGovern 2nd by: Don Braunius

Resolved that all bills in the following funds be paid as presented – General, Highway, Landfill, Library

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilperson's McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell, Martz)

Nays: None

Committee reports:
Library: Karen McComb reported that the library has a new historic display that focuses on winter sports in the ADK's. There is also a new artist display with works of art by local artist Alison O'Connell.

Youth Recreation: RaChelle reported that Sam Desrochers reached out to her after Laura O'Brian asked if the Town had funds to cover ski lessons for Lake Pleasant school age children during February break. Betsy reported that in 2020 the budget for Oak Mt. was $14,000. In 2021 there was $15,000 budgeted for Oak Mt. ski lessons. The total voucher last year for Oak Mt. was $16,621. December 2021 town coverage for Holiday break school lessons was $797.00. Board members discussed increasing costs of ski lessons in comparison to other youth programs.

Round table:
Stephanie Smith reported that the tax collectors have received, processed and turned over to the Town over two million dollars in Town/County 2022 taxes thus far.
Erich Ashe mentioned to the board that he has become aware of the town/courts/county not accepting credit card. Erich and board discussed reasons why and what it would take to get to the stage of accepting credit cards. Board discussed that it will be happening in the future but not at this time.
Betsy reported that Anita Foley who cleans the municipal buildings has been using a special cleaner to clean the carpets 2X a day due to salt traffic.
Betsy and Randy have been working on ordering supplies that the town needs in bulk through Bj's. Anita and Betsy discussed ordering new paper towel holders for the clinic.
Newly printed Chamber of Commerce Community Directory- stop by town hall or Chamber for one.
Rabies Clinic through county to be held in Indian Lake Friday February 11,2022 3-5 P.M. $5.00 no appointment necessary.
Gary Rhinheart Sr. is asking for the Town to post that the state is looking for people seeking employment for camp grounds.
Betsy made a **correction** on the 1/18/22 meeting when the Seniors asked for a 7% budget increase- they are asking for next year.
Article on fish Mt. cemetery was in February 2-8 2022 Hamilton County Express newspaper on the front page.
Public Comment: Paul Allan announced that there will be a snowmobile class this Saturday 2/12/22 from 8-4 at Piseco school. Call Sheriff's office to sign up. To date 17 kids signed up.

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 22,2022 @ 7:00 Lake Pleasant Library

*****ON A MOTION BY** Don Braunius 2nd by: Neil McGovern
TO ADJOURN 8:15 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk