March 17, 2025

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 March 17, 2025, at the Lake Pleasant Library, 2864 State Route 8, Speculator, NY 12164. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., to make approvals, give reports, establish organizational tasks and conduct any business that may come before the Board.

The following were present:
Supervisor: Betsy Bain
Councilman: Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, and Meg Parascandola
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent: Randy LaVarnway
Guests: Eileen LaVarnway, Shorty Hoffman, Kristin Yoder, Daniel Yoder and Karen McComb (Library President).
Absent: Katherine O'Connell

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #35 To approve the minutes of March 3, 2025.
Offered by: Braunius **for Discussion**
2ND by: McGovern
Discussion: None
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Highway Report:

- LaVarnway reported that snowmobile trails were closed today. Gates were closed to Perkins Clearing. If people need to get to camps, they can go in from Pig Rock and Mason Lake trails.
- The old recycling truck had trouble, the box was taken off and put on another truck. New truck will be here the first part of April.
- LaVarnway spoke to the sales man for the new plow truck who expects the new truck delivered to the town sometime in June.
-Last week, LaVarnway called an electrical company for pricing on lights in the shop, to be told that the town could receive them for free through a grant that National Grid offers. Sixteen round, LED lights will be delivered to the town next week. Three months of NG bills had to be submitted to the grantor.

Old Business:

1. **Short Term Rentals/Bed Tax –**
   Bain explained that the bed tax was tabled up at Hamilton County. She had information to share with the board about a company called Deckard that is an Al-powered platform for local government tax and compliance teams.
   Parascandola asked if the County would pay the $10.000.00 cost of the program and share the results. Bain explained that the County has not discussed or made any decisions at this point.

New Business:

1. **NYCLASS Investment Resolution -**

Bain introduced the Municipal Corporation Resolution, that will allow the town to get returns on funds.

Resolution # 36 Town Board to Approve the Municipal Cooperation Resolution.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Parascandola
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Bain explained that the lines that may get funds removed from for investments are, the General fund, Highway fund, Library fund, SR fund and the CM fund. Once the funds are invested, and the town needs the funds, they can be applied for one day and received the next day.

See Attached

2. **OPRHP Resolution for Elm Lake Rd. Tennis Courts -**

Resolution # 37 Town Board approves applying for Financial Assistance from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) under Title 9 of the Environmental Protetion Act of 1993.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: Parascandola
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, and Parascandola)
Nays: None

See Attached

3. **BTI -**
   Letters went out to town residents along streams about BTI applications this year. Bain expects the treatments to be done earlier due to warmer weather.

Committee Reports:

- **Website –** Parascandola reported that the website continues to get updated. She asks that all department heads look at their page and let the website committee know if changes need to be made. Parascandola and Smith will meet on Wednesday this week to go over community resources pages. Minutes are updated on the website. The advisory committee will be meeting to go over the password policy in the near future and bring a recommendation back to the board at the next meeting.

- **Building Committee –** Parascandola informed the board that for the Elm Lake Rd. Grant, there is a requirement to submit a survey of the property and outline of the project. Grantor has been asked if this is an expense that can be covered with grant funds. No definitive answer on this yet, the town may have to cover this cost. Two surveyors have been contacted for quotes and one came back with a proposed cost of $4,800.00 that could be done in two weeks. The County and Town Hall have been searched for an existing survey, and to date one has not been located.
  LaVarnway and McGovern suggested checking with the Village of Speculator about the previous survey. LaVarnway will check with the Village Water Department and Parascandola will reach out to the Village Clerk for a survey.

  Parascandola made the motion to pass a resolution to fund a survey of the 162 Elm Lake Rd. town property.

Resolution #38 Town Board to approve funding the survey at $4,800.00 to have Blanchard Land Surveyors do a survey, and outline of 162 Elm Lake Rd. property # 105.000-2-8.100.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Parascandola explained that after the survey is completed then there is a form from the town attorney, Opinion of Municipal Council, that has to be signed. This, with the survey, a copy of the deed, and some forms signed by the town Supervisor, the contract outlining the work will be received. Then a timeline can be put into place.
If no survey exists with the Village, then the town will move forward with having a survey done on 162 Elm Lake Rd. The Board agreed that a new survey is needed.

Parascandola reviewed with the board that the Museum grantor wanted more information and detail about lead abatement and products to be used in painting the museum. M&K Reconstruction and Restoration was able to provide an estimate, with lead abatement and a detailed outline for the work. This estimate will be included in the grant paperwork submission. There is a 25% match that the town covers of the total $10,000.00 project of painting and roofing. This has all been

submitted and has to be looked over by the Archeological Review. None of it has been approved yet, only submitted.

Safety Committee - Smith mentioned a grant on Safety Initiative through PERMA, that can be applied for. Requirement is attendance at the PERMA annual conference and application with write up on a safety project/initiative the town will need to implement. The town has a safety committee member attending the conference in May and will be applying for this grant.

Resolution #39 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #10 dated 03/14/2025, 3941-3961 in the amount of $74,547.41.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Parascandola
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Public Comment:
-McComb asked if any other agencies or venues would be applicable for funding to enhance or expand the Elm Lake Rd. Park to access the pathways that the town owns as well. She asked if there are any other grant opportunities to connect the gardens and tennis courts to the pathways. Parascandola explained that the tennis/pickleball courts is phase one and the next phase would be to connect the pathways to the park and gardens.
McComb explained that there are funds in the pathway budget line for upgrades and projects on the pathways. Discussion continued on the possibilities.
McComb announced that this weekend, and next, are designated New York State Maple Syrup Weekends.
-Hoffman mentioned that the 162 Elm Lake Rd. property was proposed as a golf course many years ago.

Roundtable:
- McGovern wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day!
-Parascandola mentioned that next weekend is Oak Mt.'s last weekend open for the winter season with pond skimming event and more.
-Parascandola asked about the tennis courts fencing at the County courts. The board decided it is cost prohibited to take the fence out and Bain mentioned that the County uses the fenced in area for other purposes.
- Smith welcomed Kristin Yoder and introduced her to the board as the new Deputy Town Clerk in training.
-Smith let the board know that she checked with Frontier about a second phone line getting added to one mobile device to find that it would be $40.00/month for the added phone line. Smith to find out if there would be any other additional monthly/yearly costs to add a phone line to an existing device.
-Smith mailed out the delinquent tax notices to unpaid tax property owners on March 3rd and March 10th. The clerk's office has been receiving calls from tax payers that have received delinquent notices but are telling the clerk that they paid their taxes back in January. Many of

these tax payers are showing proof of payment in January and having to issue new payments to the clerk's office. This has been a difficulty with the U.S. Postal service delivering mail in a timely manner.

-Page and Smith are working on the 2025 trailer park permits.

-Smith announced that the Lake Pleasant Town Court was awarded the JACAP Grant that will allow the court to upgrade chairs, storage, signs, and have an AC/heater split purchased and installed. The granted funds total $11,664.18. Funding does cover tables or impact boards that were on the need list. Bain will look into how the funds will need to be held and released for the court through the towns budget lines.

-Bain let all know that the town received an annual donation from LPCS in the amount of $800.00 for the youth recreation program.

- Bain informed all that the Speculator Chamber of Commerce received a NY Health Scholarship Grant for $1,700.00. This grant will be used to send Caldwell to the 2025 NYS farmers market managers annual conference. The town had to file the paperwork as a sponsor for the chamber.

-Museum donations are up to $8,430.00 and the total raised is $9,050.00.

- Bain said O'Connell wanted all to know that LPCS students are on their DC trip this week and to please follow their trip on lpschool.com and FB for daily pictures.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday April 7, 2025, at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library

***ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2ND by:** Parascandola
To Adjourn @ 7:50 P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk