April 15, 2024

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 April 15, 2024 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, Katherine O'Connell and Meg Parascandola
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent: Randy LaVarnway
Guests: Karen McComb (Library President), Mary Caldwell (Speculator Chamber of Commerce Director), Tracy Joy (Speculator Chamber of Commerce Co-President), and Shorty Hoffman.
Absent: Councilman Don Braunius

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #71 To Approve the Minutes of April 1, 2024.
Offered by: McGovern
2ND by: Parascandola
Discussion – None
Be it resolved, that the minutes of April 1, 2024 be approved as presented.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Highway Report:

- LaVarnway asked the board for a resolution to approve the truck contract signing. At the April 1st meeting he had assured the board that funds were there and after the meeting he sent the board the requested guaranteed strength specifications and differences in contracts.

Resolution #72 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Allow Highway Superintendent Randy LaVarnway to Sign Contract Revision #2 for the Sale Order of the 2025 Western Star Single Frame Truck.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Parascandola
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

- LaVarnway reported that the new backhoe was picked up from John Deere last Thursday. The second bucket that highway crew does their ditching with was incorrect and will be replaced in two weeks. The backhoe has been fitted with broom and was on the town streets today sweeping.
- Perkins clearing is still closed with plenty of snow on the road.
- Weight restrictions on the town roads will be removed by the County on Monday April 22nd.
- Brush pit road is covered in water in spots and will remain closed until the road can be driven on. Once pit debris is grinded at the end of May, LaVarnway needs to know what to do with the dumping of larger debris that is not supposed to be dumped in the brush pit. LaVarnway suggests that a new sign go up. Trail cam installation and not excluding contractors from using the pit because this would include lawn care businesses etc. was considered. LaVarnway suggests charging the contractors $200.00 annually for grinding at the pit to recoup grinding fees. The board discussed this proposal and if it is possible and how they would implement. Bain explained that it would be similar to how the town charges for construction and demolition that gets taken to the transfer station by contractors and residents. O'Connell asked LaVarnway if it would be helpful to put cameras back up to see who is using the pit more, residential or commercial. LaVarnway said that he can, and he will work on drawing up a letter to contractors about the fee and reason for this cost, to present to the board.
- Highway crew is working on taking plows off trucks in preparation for the next season.
- LaVarnway met with Brady fence Co. for a price on fence materials, posts and nets for the tennis/pickleball courts. Fence posts must go up before the blacktop is laid down. O'Connell asked if the board passed a resolution to have the tennis/pickleball courts put in. Bain explained that the town is waiting to see if it can get a grant to cover costs before passing a resolution to have the work done. O'Connell mentioned that the town waited to get a grant to move forward with the museum repairs. All agreed that the tennis/pickleball courts need to wait for funding before agreeing to move forward with installation. Potential grant applications are available for applicants this coming fall. LaVarnway reminded all that he had received board approval to make the land safe and ready for the next step when the time to prep for tennis/pickleball courts arrives.

Old Business:

1. **Chamber Contract –**

Bain went over her meeting with Parascandola and the changes they made. Joy, Bain and Parascandola met and made changes, then the Chamber Board met and made their changes. These changes include: The Chamber will track how many people come in on Sundays in the month of July to see if it will be worth having the visitor center open in August on Sudays.
Under the three events that will be held each year, these events are for the business association.

Resolution #73 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Sign the 2024 Adirondack Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce Contract.
Moved to discussion: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

*****See Attached Agreement for Services*****

The Chamber agreed to come to town board meetings quarterly to give a report. McGovern asked about how they are working with ROOST and Caldwell said that ROOST is working with the Chamber to update their website.

2. **Museum Grant –** Meg Parascandola reported that she is working with Vogel for their official quote. Two quotes are already in. It was discussed that the proposals are then to be presented to the buildings committee then the board after committee approval. McGovern explained that bids come into town hall, and they are presented to the board publicly. To date $108,000.00 is the projected cost of the project and so far, the town has raised, and been granted, just over the total cost. There is a $5,000.00 administration cost in the grant. Parascandola has reached out to find out what this covers from the ADK Architectural Heritage Foundation.

3. **VFIS Update –**

McGovern went over the LOSAP meeting he had with Steve Sawn, and the fire department is planning to meet with Mr. Sawn next. There will possibly be increases in the LOSAP costs. In the meantime, the town will continue to pay for the LOSAP for the fire department. The town board had passed a referendum to lock in payments. Currently the existing retirement benefits for the firemen is set in stone but moving forward there maybe changes.

New Business:

1. **Community Garden** –

June Bergholtz has four new families taking plots this year so no extra plots are available, and no advertising will be needed. Stone will get placed around the new fencing. Bain reached out to Cooperative Extension, and they will be donating seeds, pots and potting soil for the youth to do plantings at the gardens. The snow load damaged the front greenhouse which needs to be replaced. O'Connell is looking into a $2,000.00 grant for replacement. Manure loads, pine chips and topsoil are being planned for delivery.

2. **BTI Report –** Bain let all know that BTI applicators have been out treating the streams for the past three weeks. O'Connell asked about anyone not allowing BTI on their land and Bain explained that a letter goes out once a year to residents with streams that get treated asking for permission to apply treatment to streams on private land.

3. **Planning/Zoning and Codes Enforcement Fee Changes** –
   Bain went over the rising costs of permits and planning board costs. Costs going up include Planning board and Zoning fees. Septic permit was raised to $75 due to the three inspections that are required from start to finish with a septic tank. Decks and porches went up to $75. Renewal permits will remain at $50.00. These are all to take effect September 1, 2024.

Resolution #74 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Approve the Changes in Fees for Buildings and Codes.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

*****See attached for Changes to Fees*****

4. **Buildings Cleaner** -

Bain announced that the buildings cleaner will be leaving the position at the end of April. The town is looking for someone to clean three buildings on a weekly basis, the town hall, library and clinic. A new cleaner must be a trustworthy person who can follow HIPPA laws and regulations. He or she must carry liability insurance since they are hired as a contractor and not an employee. Discussion about the scope of the job and salary was had.

Committee Reports:

- **Web Site Committee –** Parascandola let the board know that a demo for digital towpaths updated website was viewed. Features that the committee liked were forms, calendar, etc. Saugerties, NY has upgraded to the new web format and Parascandola has reached out to them with questions about how info gets transferred etc. before moving forward.
- **Youth Recreation Committee–** Working on the plan for this summer with the director.

Resolution #75 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #17 dated 4/12/2024, #3393-3420 in the amount of $28,098.56.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: Parascandola
Discussion: None
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Public Comment:
-McComb announced that the library will not as a group, be a part of the Community Pride Cleanup Day.

Wednesday May 22, 2024 the Library will do a clean up at 4:00 P.M. on a one-mile stretch starting from the Rt. 30 pull off. She invites the public to help the library with this clean up.
McComb mentioned that Blue Cross Blue Shield has a plan that she wanted to mention that the town could look into.
Hoffman supported LaVarnway about the $200 clean up fee in the burn pit for contractors. He also mentioned that the town should support and back up the fire department on their LOSAP. Hoffman asked about the bids for museum foundation and repairs and if a legal should go in the paper to advertise for bidders.

Roundtable:
- LPCS annual play, HONK will be Friday at 7 P.M. and Saturday at 1:00 P.M. O'Connell announced.
- McGovern praised all the volunteers that were on duty during the eclipse.
-Bain mentioned the Verizon check she received for the small cell tower. She thinks this is the last check after almost four years of payments to the town.
-Bain thanked the highway department for putting up cones at the library during the eclipse. She thanked Wade Hartman and the ambulance core for providing signs for the barricade to leave the clinic open in case of emergencies.
- She announced that the KVS system is no longer at the County, and the Tyler system is fully incorporated. The contract is up in June for KVS, but history will need to be kept on data.
-Bain thanked the fire department for taking care of the residents in need during the storms and power outages.
-Bain passed out legal information that is before the senate to regulate dog kennels that will be difficult for the Town of Lake Pleasant to obtain. Bain will be passing this out to surrounding town Supervisors.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday May 6, 2024, at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library

***ON A MOTION BY**: McGovern **2ND by:** Parascandola
To Adjourn @8:08 P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk