April 17, 2023

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 17, 2023 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
Councilpersons: Neil McGovern, RaChelle Martz and Katherine O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent: Randy LaVarnway
Guests: Eileen LaVarnway, Nancy Seifts (budget officer), Karen McComb (Library President), Tracy Joy and Paul Allen
Absent: Councilman Don Braunius

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #58 To approve the minutes of April 3, 2023
Motion for discussion:
Offered by: Martz
2ND by:O'Connell
Discussion: Bain wanted to make one correction to the minutes stating that Marty Zegstroo was not in attendance under the Chamber of Commerce contract meeting. Those in attendance were Neil, Tracy Joy and herself, Betsy Bain.
Be it resolved, that the minutes of April 3, 2023 be approved as presented.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, O'Connell, McGovern and Martz)
Nays: None

Highway Report:

Resolution #59 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to approve and Accept Contract of Agreement of Services between Arietta and Lake Pleasant for Hauling Wastewater Generated from HWY Department Garage's Drain Systems.

Offered by: McGovern

This agreement is between the Town of Lake Pleasant and the Town of Arietta for 2 years effectively starting on

WHEREAS the Town of Lake Pleasant will agree to haul The Town of Arietta's wastewater that is generated from its Highway Department garage's drain system.

WHEREAS the Town of Arietta will provide the Town of Lake Pleasant a copy of the contract between the Village of Speculator and the Town of Arietta that allows the dumping of the above mentioned wastewater at their facility.

WHEREAS the Town of Arietta will supply and maintain the oil separator and pumping system required to pump the water from their holding tank to the Town of Lake Pleasant's water truck. All water shall be free of debris, oil and other foreign matter not accepted by the Village of Speculator's Water Department.

WHEREAS the Town of Arietta's Highway Superintendent will notify the Town of Lake Pleasant's Highway Superintendent when the water needs to be hauled and the Town of Lake Pleasant will arrange a time that is mutually convenient for both towns to haul the water.

WHEREAS either town can cancel this agreement with written notice to the other town. Notice must be in a letter form and delivered to the Town Supervisor and/or Highway Superintendent 30 days prior to cancellation of agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and consideration set forth herein, the Town of Arietta agrees to pay the Town of Lake Pleasant $250.00 per trip, and will be billed yearly (December) for all trips made in the previous 12 month billing cycle.

2nd by: Martz
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, O'Connell, McGovern and Martz)
Nays: None

- still working on drags and groomers plan is to wrap up work on them this week.
- Roads are posted for weights until the end of the month.
- Road sweeping started today and usually takes a week to complete.
- Two crew members spent a day and a half going around and fixing damaged road signs.
-LaVarnway ran into trouble with 911 signage on Perkins Clearing Rd. Big intersection of Military Road on up to Pillsbury Mt. NYS maps, maps at jail and county maps have the intersection south as Jessup River Road. This became a problem when an ambulance used the 911 map to locate a camp last year and went into Perkins clearing going the long way around Pillsbury Mt. which delayed their response time in responding to an emergency. New signs for markers are being made for South and North ends. LaVarnway went to see Barry Baker for discussion to find out that private camps (over 100) on Lyme Timber lands are not marked so fire and EMS departments have no clear way of finding them. The question is, can the town name or label these camps for emergency purposes. McGovern commented that Lime Timber, as the owner of the land, should be involved in fire protection and safety for the area in conjunction with the town. Board discussed who should fund, post and maintain signs marking camps.

- A request for a new driveway needs board approval to be completed by the town. This road on south shore road will be Bumpy Lane that contains two houses and a garage.

Resolution #60 Town of Lake Pleasant to Approve of New Road Named Bumpy Lane at 351 South Shore Rd. and for This New Road to Have a Town Provided Street Sign.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, O'Connell, McGovern and Martz)
Nays: None

- Boiler people showed up today and a new boiler is in the process of being installed.
- A stuck zone valve at the health center was fixed.
- Sump pumps went bad at the Library and Clinic and were replaced
- Dehumidifiers at the clinic and Library are in and will be installed tomorrow. Existing ones were old and due for replacement.

Old Business:

1. **Chamber of Commerce Contract –**

Board discussed the new upcoming events that the Chamber has scheduled.
McGovern and O'Connell stated that it addressed their concerns. The board is willing to give the Chamber a year to see how the new contract plans go.

Resolution # 61 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board Accepts the Speculator Chamber of Commerce 2023 Contract Agreement for Services.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by : Martz
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, O'Connell, McGovern and Martz)
Nays: None

See Attached

Voucher # 2704, Chamber fees for 2023, was shown to the board for approval and signatures by Betsy Bain. Bain asked if there were any questions about the Chambers quarterly reports that were sent to board members. O'Connell asked if everything was online or if brochures were available at the Chamber. Tracy Joy assured her that the brochures were still available. Bain announced that the Annual Chamber Membership Dinner will be held on May 18th at the Lemon Tree Brewery from 5:30-7:30 catered by Irondequoit.
Tracy Joy announced that the ambassador program is going well with fifteen people on their list. This program has drawn in volunteers for events that will get discounts at local merchants.

2. **STR Committee Report –** Kathy O'Connell reported to the board that the committee met, and O'Connell reached out to the Attorney who didn't respond back until this afternoon about questions that the committee members had. O'Connell is not ready to bring a final proposal to the board at this time. A packet will be provided to the board

members to review prior to the next meeting. The committee prefers to take the gentle approach for the coming year.
Bain had reached out to the attorney about the EMS and STR information back in late February. At the April 3rd meeting the board agreed not to go forward with the EMS exemption. The attorney sent both O'Connell and Bain the information on April 17th late afternoon, six to seven weeks after their request and just before the next meeting. Bain e-mailed the attorney back and told her that the board decided not to do the EMS exemption, but that she wanted to talk with her about the billing for this information.

3. **State Camp Site Update –** Bain asked if anyone has heard about the campsites? She encourages everyone to continue to reach out to DEC about opening local campgrounds for the fall. McGovern asked if anyone has heard from the ADK park agency about this issue and the response was none. McGovern wishes to have the towns and county contact the park agency. McGovern feels that this will get attention if the park agency gets involved. McGovern will be sending them a letter on behalf of the Town of Lake Pleasant.

4. **BTI –** March 20th meeting Bain was asking for raises for Vi Wicks and Marty Zegstroo. The raise will be from $20/hr. - $22/hr.

Resolution #62 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Raise BTI Wages for Vi Wicks and Marty Zegstroo to $22/hr.
Motion for Discussion:
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: Martz
McGovern feels they should be getting this raise. O'Connell feel that they deserve it.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, O'Connell, McGovern and Martz)
Nays: None

5. **Zoning Committee Update –**
Steve Page, McGovern and Vickie Buyce met and discussed Zoning Change Recommendations. The board was presented with these change recommendations. Areas that might change are building heights, they want to be more defined as well as sheds and dog shelters. Road stands that are unmanned verses maned, Special use permits. Bain announced that we have a new business coming into town that will board and train dogs. A barn is being redone for this purpose that is owned by the Wallers.

O'Connell asked about the Zoning Change Recommendations Bain announced that this is info for the Board to review and at the May 15 meeting we will have a public hearing. After the public hearing zoning Changes can be made and passed by the board then sent to the state.

6. **Nathan Littauer Meeting –**
   Bain and McGovern will meet with Patrice McMann on Wednesday to discuss the contract between Nathan Littauer and the town and address rising community concerns.

New Business:

1. **Library Report given by President Karen McComb –** brochure trifold was passed out with a spreadsheet comparing the past few years. McComb explained that this is a guideline but not all accurate in comparison. The library is moving forward, and more community oriented each year. In 2022 the Library was able to have their first reserve fund, an artist's reception, gift card raffles, grant for walkway, completed the front garden, ZOOM program on Medicare, two programs on Native American living, welcome letters to new residents, community pride day involvement, fire tower history presentations, hosted Shakespeare in the park, refurbishment of children's room, Lego and chess club for kids, Caldicot award winning books, Trunk or treat, space for dance lessons and art classes etc. McComb stated that they couldn't do all of these events without the support of the Town Board and the Great Library Board. McGovern commented that this is the most heavily used community space in town.
   McComb asked the Town Board to approve appointing Florence Braunius to the Library Board to fill the vacancy for term that will expire 12/31/2024.

   See attached

Resolution #63 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Appoint Florence Braunius to fill Library Board Vacancy for term expiring 12/31/2024.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Bain
Abstained: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, McGovern and Martz)
Nays: None

2. **Town Historian –**
   Aaron Weaver is asking the Board for Permission to carry a Flint lock musket when he portrays Daniel Fish on Memorial Weekend at the Town Museum. Sheriff Abrams has given his approval.

Resolution #64 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to give Aaron Weaver Permission to Cary an Unloaded Muzzle Loader on Memorial Weekend as He Portrays Daniel Fish.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: Martz
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, O'Connell, McGovern and Martz)
Nays: None

3. **Planning Board Appointment – tabled.**

4. **New RO System –**

Bain reviewed with the board that back in 2021 they ordered a new RO system to keep on hand in case an existing one failed. These systems are over twenty-five years old. In July of 2022 the Waller system had to be replaced. They did not replace the back up. In 2021 the town paid $3,735.00 for the RO system. This year the same unit costs $3,290.00 which is a savings of $445 compared to last year.

Motion for Discussion:
Offered by: Martz
2nd by: McGovern

Bain feels that a system will be needed on standby due to the new dog shelter possibly needing an RO system.

Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, O'Connell, McGovern and Martz)
Nays: None

Expense control and revenue control reports were given to board members by Supervisor Bain at the meeting. O'Connell asks if these can be passed out before the meeting so that there is time to review them before the meeting.

Bain mentioned that a check came for stumpage tax to the town that was over $9,000.00. Budget for 2023 was only $2,000.00 due to last years being approximately $2,000.00.

Committee Reports:

-Youth Recreation Committee will be getting together after their director, Samantha Desrochers, has gotten back to them about some ideas.

- Cemeteries will be opening back up the end of May.

Resolution #65 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #13 dated 4/13/2023, #2705-2729 in the amount of $92,938.44, Abstract #14 dated 4/13/2023, #2730-2736 in the amount of $1,075.84. Abstract #15 dated 4/13/2023, #2704 in the amount of $7,500.00.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, O'Connell, McGovern and Martz)
Nays: None

Public Comment:

- McComb asked about the doggie daycare and where this is. Bain explained that it is near B. Wallers' house. McComb stated that she was asking because neighbors might want to be aware and notified about this. She also mentioned the APA deal and if they have voiced their opinions on campsite closings in general.
- Allen commented on the moral obligations to look at if the town should apply pressure to Lyme Timber and apply services off the grid or not. LaVarnway mentioned that Lyme Timber and NY state conservation should be obligated to supply signs to these camps not just solely the town.
  Discussion about this need for emergency access was had around the room.

Roundtable:

- Martz announced that this coming Saturday is the Vicky Hoover memorial ice out plunge at noon donations go to the trade school scholarship set up in Vicky's name.
- Regional Offices of Sustainable Tourism is working with Miles partnership with Destination optimization with a set of workshops for local businesses that are free. More information at Adirondackexperience.com held on 4/26 and 5/17.
- Smith asked the board if they wanted to advertise the garbage and recycle schedule in the Newspaper this May as in previous years. The board prefers to go with their decision last year to not have the garbage and recycle schedules in the paper this year and will continue to have print outs of the schedule at post offices, grocery store and Lane Emporium.
  Allen asked about Hazmat waste and where to take them. Discussion of hazmat waste and how to dispose and where went around the room.
  LaVarnway mentioned that the bulk pick up days are scheduled for June, August and October.
  It was mentioned that garbage has been put out to the end of driveways on Page Street. McGovern stated that it is in the local law that a formal complaint must be sent to town hall in writing for the town to enforce the rule that garbage can not be set out until the night before a bulk pick up day. Martz asked if a letter can be given to residents who put out garbage prior to bulk pick up day. McGovern stated that this is a service that this town has for its residents that many towns do not have.
- Bain mentioned that community clean up day will be May 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and town volunteers are to meet at the second parking area headed out of town.
- Veterans' coalition will be Wednesday April 19th from 5-7:30 at the higher ground distilling Co. in Mayfield.
- GAVAC is in the process of selling. There will be a rate change with Lake Valley EMS. The Town's contract doesn't expire until 2024.
- The streetlights on Fish Mt. Road that were not replaced with LED lights have now been replaced.
- Thursday Bain and Seifts will be meeting to do up a treasurer's report for the ARPA fund.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday May 1, 2023 at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library

***ON A MOTION BY**: McGovern **2ND by:** Martz
To Adjourn @ 8:33 P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk