April 3, 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 3, 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:
Deputy Supervisor: Neil McGovern
Councilman/woman: Don Braunius, RaChelle Martz and Katherine O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Guests: Eileen LaVarnway, Nancy Seifts (budget officer), Shorty Hoffman, Lori Whiting, Cindy Vandervort and Lisa Towers
Absent: Supervisor Betsy Bain

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #56 To approve the minutes of March 20, 2023
Offered by: Braunius
2ND by: Martz
Be it resolved, that the minutes of March 20, 2023 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Deputy Supervisor McGovern, Councilpersons - Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Highway Report:

- Grooming is done and the process of summer storage has begun.
- BR 110 had some track issues and needed new tracks so new tracks were built. The old tracks got five years use out of them.
- No change on boiler in wash bay.

No progress on payment for library parking lot. Back in January the insurance Company was supposed to pay for the paving costs.

-The town received the first partial payment for the bridge project on Fish Mt. Road. On February 27th we submitted for $42,000 for engineering and National Grid bill to move power poles. On March 20th the town received the check for 75% of this. Receiving this in less than a month is great.

- LaVarnway gave out a rough draft agreement for services between the Town of Arietta and the Town of Lake Pleasant to haul wastewater from their new facility to Village water treatment center. This will happen about once a month and revenue will be collected for the Town of Lake Pleasant. Town of Arietta will be responsible for pumping into our truck and maintaining a contract with the Village of Speculator. If there are unwanted wastes being hauled, the waste

will go back to the town it came from. Braunius asked if the town could pull out of this if the other town doesn't hold up to the bargain. LaVarnway said that he will get this in the contract. O'Connell asked how the tanker is holding up now and projected in the future. LaVarnway replied that the town of Lake Pleasant already needs this truck for this purpose and this will be a shared service at our convenience for the other town. McGovern and Braunius reiterated this explaining that Lake Pleasant holds the permit. Town of Arietta will agree to pay $250 a haul and will be billed yearly. The town of Arietta will discuss this at their meeting. Towns will discuss again and then possibly sign this contract of services at a later date.

- Display case at the library was fixed by the Hwy department.

Old Business:

1. **Short Term Rental** – O'Connell announced that they are meeting on Wednesday to share public comments in the minutes on March 6, 2023 and have discussion. O'Connell expressed that she is frustrated with not hearing from the Towns Attorney. McGovern is disappointed in the Village for not continuing on. He asked if the Village Trustee would be staying on the Committee and O'Connell replied that she invited her to continue.

2. **State Campground Update** –
   McGovern stated no new news on this. The county job fair did not have any outcome for our area. Braunius stated that no one will give you an answer. He and Bain were at the Job fair and DEC had no information on our area at that event. It was mentioned that the fall season is the new summer in the Adirondacks. Many revenue opportunities will be lost with tourism if our campgrounds are closed for the fall.

3. **Property Tax Exemption for SVAC –** Bain and McGovern discussed this and the Ambulance core doesn't get any tax write offs. They determined that this doesn't amount to much with what the state is proposing. Bain and McGovern discovered that no other surrounding towns are moving forward with this. O'Connell asked how LOSAP for fire department started. McGovern explained that it is an annuity to get new members for the fire department. It has not recruited new members but has helped retention of existing fire men and women.
   Braunius mentioned that Arietta's ambulance core is a part of the fire department and is included in the LOSAP. Lake Pleasant and the Village fire department don't have the Ambulance included; it is separate.

4. **Chamber of Commerce –**

   The two Chamber of Commerce Presidents, Marty Zegstroo and Tracy Joy, meet with McGovern and Bain to discuss the proposed contract. More volunteers are needed at events and Bain and McGovern have volunteered. McGovern asked what events the board members want to see. O'Connell and Martz want to see the farmer's market. Martz feels that some of the agreement is vague and more defined write up is needed.

One point of vagueness is number of hours during what seasons are they talking about with part time employees. Discussion went around the table about the write up of the contract. In Schedule A, O'Connell was concerned about printed media and display. Martz mentioned that booklets for tourism that are picked up at the Speculator Chamber of Commerce is greater than the booklets picked up in Lake Placid. McGovern will send the response from this meeting back to the Chamber Presidents.

5. **Employee Files –**
   Town Clerk is now able to access the personal files at Town Hall.

6. **Eight Hour Compensation Time for Essential Employees –**
   No towns are giving an 8-hour compensation time at this time. The Town of Lake Pleasant town Board doesn't see the need for this at this time.

New Business:

1. **Fish Mt. Rd. Culvert Project Bank Account for the BAN-** Account has been set up and funds are in the account.

2. **Job Fair –** Braunius attended to find a wide range of employers looking for employees as far away as The Sagamore in Bolton Landing. McGovern stated that this Job Fair was a way of letting the state know that the community was trying to connect employers with potential employees.

Committee Reports:

- **Highway –** Just met this evening and have some projects in the works. Will meet after the holiday.
- **Youth Recreation –** Martz reported that ski lessons wrapped up and final bill is in today's abstracts. Next is summer recreation and hiring a part time aid for the summer. Sam has ideas in the works for trips. One out of town and several in town events. O'Connell questions advertising the position of recreation Aid. Advertising was discussed. Committee to reach out to town clerk to advertise positions when they need an ad to go into the paper. She mentioned that little league equipment is available and Sam is working on starting up a Little League team again. Braunius asked about tennis lessons for the children. Red ball has been discussed but this is up to the Lake Pleasant Central School PE teacher. He also asked about golf lessons and they are still available to students and funded by the town yet the attendance has dropped.

Resolution #57 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #11 dated 3/28/2023, #2680-2680 in the amount of $886.56, Abstract #12 dated 3/31/2023, #2681-2703 in the amount of $58,623.97.
Offered by: Martz

2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Deputy Supervisor McGovern, Councilpersons - Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:

Hoffman mentioned that an E-Mail article has circulated that has the Town of Lake Pleasant/Village of Speculator on the top underrated town list.
Whiting asked if the tennis courts will be getting fixed on Elm Lake Rd. McGovern explained that there is no short-term fix. Engineers and contractors are hard to get to commit with the specifications that have to be met for the grant. There is a company in Syracuse that does tennis courts only that LaVarnway has tried to contact with no response.
Red ball comes into play because if a school uses the tennis courts, this qualifies the court for a grant.
Discussion on sidewalks and the grade of these sidewalks not being to specification in the town. These sidewalks have become unlevel. Braunius mentioned that the town put down black top, near the Methodist Church in Lake Pleasant, years ago to cover the crumbling, unlevel sidewalk. McGovern stated that these sidewalks are not pedestrian friendly anymore. Hoffman mentioned that in 2001 DOT was going to redo Rt. 30 from the four corners to the Rt. 10 intersection. This involved taking out the old road down to the underlayment after it was realized that the sidewalk was lower than the road.
McGovern stated that our community is still waiting for Rt. 30/8 to be repaved. This road is part of the ADK scenic byway. O'Connell mentioned that they did a beautiful job on Rt. 10. McGovern says that it is a danger for motorcyclists on Route 30 at this time.

Roundtable:

- Braunius explained that the county tennis courts are in good shape. The Elm Lake tennis courts must be redone to the accurate size for tennis courts. These courts are smaller and could make great pickle ball courts yet repairs are needed.
- Martz mentioned that parade committee is looking for members with the fourth of July just around the corner. The first meeting is this coming Wednesday.
- McGovern presented information on state campsite jobs that are available. Martz mentioned that DEC is offering season long campsites for employees to stay in who work at the campgrounds.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday April 17, 2023 at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library

***ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2ND by:** RaChelle Martz
To Adjourn @ 8:10 P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk