April 4, 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 April 4, 2022, at the Lake Pleasant Library 2864 State Hwy. 8 Speculator, NY. 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, Don Braunius, RaChelle Martz and Katherine O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent: Randy Lavarnway
Guests: Karen McComb (Library President), Eileen Lavarnway and Nancy Seifts (budget officer)

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #41 To approve the minutes of March 21, 2022
Offered by: Don Braunius 2nd by: RaChelle Martz
Be it resolved that the minutes of March 21, 2022 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Library report was given next due to Library director, Karen McComb having to get back to maple Syrup making.
McComb gave out pamphlets of the 2021 library report that is available at the library and town hall. Highlights of the report are: 7,117 people visited the library in 2021, 627 were resident cardholders and 832 were non-resident cardholders and 7,844 items were circulated with 29,168 items in the library's collection. Compared to the previous year more people visited the library and participated in library events post COVID vaccinations. 89% more people came into the library this year with dance and art classes starting up as well as community groups meeting again post COVID. More people using WiFi this year than last year and computer use in general has increased. Next year should be a better comparison as library use gets back to normal. McComb also mentioned that library director Sherry Matthews referenced the Federal Depository program in her letter included in the pamphlet. Our library is the only ADK library with a Federal Depository but getting the books has been a slow process. A certain amount of space had to be set aside for the library to qualify as a federal depository. They have several books for children in store with the depository. Lake Pleasant Library has a partnership with the historical society and programs on the fire towers are coming up as well as other programs in the works.

McComb thanked the town board for supporting the library and praised John Foley for doing such a great job at landscaping. Praise was also given to the historical society for the nice historical display case just inside the library entrance.

Building: Lavernway informed the board that discussion about the health centers thermostat settings at last meeting has been looked into and resolved.

Highway: Lavernway reported that a new truck was budgeted for and was ordered in the fall yet, the truck is not here. The towns procurement policy doesn't have a piggyback clause so Lavernway asked the Board to pass a resolution to allow the piggyback clause so that the town can buy a truck from Denooyer Chevrolet. This is not replacing a truck but adding one.

Resolution #42 The Town of Lake Pleasant to purchase a 2022 Chevrolet 2500 HD truck from Denooyer Chevrolet
Offered by: Neil McGovern
Whereas, the purchase is a piggyback off of a bid that Denooyer Chevrolet already has.
Whereas, Purchase of truck not to exceed $44,000.00
2nd by: Don Braunius
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Martz)
Nays: None

Lavernway asked the board if they could do an amendment to resolution #39 adding a whereas, the employees will have the one-time option of opting in to this program or staying with the old system of no payback.
Discussion moved by O'Connell to change the one time opt in or out to, changes possible if needed but a time frame needs to be set. Lengthy discussion continued around the board table to work out ways to not have one time change but figure out when the cut off should be. Seifts suggested at budget time.

Resolution # 43 Amendment to resolution #39 Accrual Benefits Payback for Vacation and Sick Time
Offered by: Neil McGovern
Whereas, First pay period in December employees will be paid ½ of normal pay for any sick time over 360 hours and vacation time over 120 hours.
Whereas, the employees may otherwise loose this accrual if they are over the maximum vacation hours of 240 and sick time of 720.
Whereas, the employees will have the option of opting into the program or staying with the old system of no payback. Giving the employees the option to change by October 1st of the following year.
2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Martz)
Nays: None

Lavarnway reported to the board that the town will be down three employees in the garage soon. Supervisor Bain and Lavarnway have talked to the employees in the garage about eliminating a position and dividing up that position among existing employees. Feedback was in favor of moving forward with this. Lavarnway proposed to the board, eliminating one HEO position and increasing pay of current employees by $2.10/hr. Extensive discussion continued around the board table. Points noted were 1. Decrease for taxpayers if they don't have to pay health insurance/benefits for position being omitted. 2. Pace will pick up in garage with less breaks for employees. 3. If at some point an extra person is needed one can be pulled from the transfer station or available board members will jump in to help out. O'Connell asked if all the guys were onboard and understand consequences with this proposal. Lavarnway and Bain replied with, yes they have had extensive discussions with them. Bain pointed out that the men in the garage have been down an employee for a while now and have already had to make up the difference for no increase in pay. Passing a resolution to omit a position and give raise to employees doing the work is the direction employees what to go in.

Resolution #44 The Town of Lake Pleasant Will Omit One HEO Position.
Offered by: Neil McGovern
Whereas, that hourly rate will be divided among the other existing positions
Whereas, said increase will increase hourly rates of existing positions by $2.10/hr.
Whereas, this increase in pay will start 4/12/2022
2nd by: Don Braunius
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Lavarnway explained to the board about the issues with a furnace in one of the bus garages. Furnace was serviced, fuel oil was leaking after the servicing. Mess was cleaned up and leaking continued to occur, service technician came out and said that existing unit is hard to get parts for. Lavarnway asked if heater out of museum would work for that size building and service technician said it would. The heating unit saved out of the museum is now in use in one of the bus garages.

Old Business:

1. **Museum Fundraiser Report**- Total donations to date - $26,487.00. Donations are still coming in.

2. **Capital Reserve Groomer Fund Update-** Permissive referendum 30th day was 3/24/22 and no petitions or objections were received. Next it will be filed in the Clerk's office tomorrow.

3. **Clean Energy Communities Program**- Bain spoke with Nancy Bernstein further and found out that the program ends in 2026, there is over four years left so no rush. Once all requirements are met the grant is given after a designation draft is sent to NISERTA. The

town will have 90 days to submit proposal for what grant will be used for. Grant can be used for anything labeled energy efficient. Tabled for now

New Business:

1. **BTI Report**- Larva is plentiful with the weather. Vectobak has been purchased.
2. **Community Garden Report**- June Bergholtz reported that volunteers are coming back. One greenhouse is in need of repair and they have someone lined up to fix it.

Resolution #45 Lake Pleasant Town Board to Approve Budget Transfer of $4,150.00 from contingent account line A.1990.400 and transfer it to Independent Auditor line A.1010.401
Offered by: Neil McGovern **2nd by:** Don Braunius
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution #46 Lake Pleasant Town Board to Approve Budget Line Transfer
Offered by: Don Braunius
Be it resolved, Lake Pleasant Town Board agrees to fund budget line #DB 8760.400 with $100,000.00 from DB fund balance for use on emergency disaster repairs.
2nd by: RaChelle Martz
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

3. **LPSA Lake Stewards-** Currently looking for one full time lake steward that will need to work four days a week, these can be split hours.

Resolution #47 Amendment to Resolution #15 Standard Work Day, to re-establish the standard work day for all employees of the Town of Lake Pleasant as 6 Hours for Part Time and 8 Hours for Full Time for New York State Retirement Purposes.
Offered by: RaChelle Martz
Whereas, the Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board approves the Re-establishment of the standard part time and full-time work day as 8 hours for full time and 6 hours for part time for NYS retirement purposes. This includes the following employees: Deputy town clerk/deputy court clerk, laborers, heavy and medium equipment operators, library director and aids, historian and youth recreation director.
2nd by: Neil McGovern
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Committee reports:
Martz and O'Connell have met with the Youth Director, Samantha Derochers about programs lining up for this summer and planning is moving along.
Braunius would like to get together with the grounds and building committee to go over things now that spring is coming. Committee to schedule to meet.

Resolution #48 Approve Audit of Abstract #9
Voucher #1954-1974 Amount $50,440.63
Offered by: Neil McGovern
2nd for discussion by: Kathy O'Connell
Milage for runs to get mail have been in the bills monthly. Discussion about a past resolution for milage was explained as milage that could be used from time to time not every day. Board agrees that milage for getting daily mail needs to stop. Moving forward board members and elected/appointed officials will pick up mail without counting milage. Who does the runs will be decided on a daily basis.
2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
Resolved that all bills in the following funds be paid as presented – General, Highway, Landfill and Library
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilperson's McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Martz)
Nays: None

Public Comment:
Nancy Seifts thanked the board for letting her speak from the floor.
Eileen Lavarnway said she will need to put cookies she bakes for garage guys in to go baggies now that they will be on the go.

Round table:
Stephanie Smith announced that she has been awarded the scholarship of $640.00 to further her education at the annual NYSTCA Conference that will be held from April 24-27,2022 at the Crowne Plaza/Desmond in Albany.
Bain told the board that she has done some research on how the Town can go about changing Supervisor and Highway Superintendent terms from two-year terms to four-year terms. This can be done by having the board pass a resolution that has to be written up by the town attorney. Then the resolution goes up to county elections office and goes on the ballot for taxpayers to vote on. Taxpayers decide, not the board members.
McGovern said that a good government is on a four-year term. Where less time is spent on politicking and more time is spent on serving the community.
This topic will be addressed at the next meeting.
Bain reported that the town is registered for the 2022 Census for town and Consolidated health. Will be completed by April 26, 2022.

Bain reported that Steve Page, building inspector, has completed his first week of training and has been busy in the office. Steve is doing a great job! Bob Benkovich filed the annual report with the state on time which was due 4/1/22.
Nancy Seifts has been working on the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) trying to get prepared for the treasurer's report.
Free Rabies Clinic to be held 4/21/22 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Wells at the Ambulance building put on by Hamilton County nursing agency.
Village Makomis Fire Tower project pamphlets shared with the board explaining how donations are being raised to fund this project.
Forth of July Parade will be Saturday July 2, 2022 and the theme is Wild Life in the ADK.
Forth of July Committee is always looking for volunteers.

Next Meeting: Monday April 18, 2022 @ 7:00 Lake Pleasant Library
Including Public Hearing for local law #1 of 2008 and opening bids for stone and sand that is piggybacking with the county

*****ON A MOTION BY** Don Braunius 2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
TO ADJOURN 8:45 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk