August 15, 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 August 15, 2022, at the Lake Pleasant Library 2864 State Hwy. 8 Speculator, NY 2679 State Route 8 Lake Pleasant, NY 12108. 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 Kathy O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Absent: Highway Superintendent - Randy LaVarnway
Guest: Shorty Hoffman

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #90 To approve the minutes of August 1, 2022
Offered by: RaChelle Martz **2nd by:** Neil McGovern
Be it resolved, that the minutes of August 1, 2022 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Martz)
Nays: None

Highway:
Bain gave LaVarnways report as follows:

- Shoulders on Gilmantown road are complete.
- Dead trees in old section of Fish Mt. Cemetery have been removed, at no cost, by Kevin Elkin.
- Paving has continued with the County and Town highway crew. The highway crew also ditched Golf Course Rd.

Buildings:

- Town hall building and bus garage were pressure washed as well as the town garage floor. After garage was dry, town highway crew painted town garage floor.

Old Business:

1. **Short Term Rentals** – Committee consists of seven members:
   Town of Lake Pleasant Board representative and committee chair – Kathy O'Connell

Village of Speculator Representative – Jeanette Barrett
Realtor/Tourism – Christy Wilt
Short term rental owner – Diana Armstrong
Tax Payer concerned that there are no regulations on short term rentals – Peter Simola
Zoning/Codes Enforcer – Bob Benkovich
Attorney – Todd Calliguire
Chairman, Kathy O'Connell reported that she will forward webinar to the attorney and go through policies from other towns to see what fits our community, set a date and start to meet with committee.
This project will take months so meetings maybe in person or via zoom as needed.

2. **Senior Bus Trips Update** – Bain met with the seniors to discuss that there will be nine trips a year. Both the town of Lake Pleasant and the town of Wells each have a representative to plan the schedule for 2023. If the town of Wells backs out then the town of Lake Pleasant will be back to covering all of the trips. Forms from the office of the aging have to be filled out by participants attending and Pauline Slack has the forms. Anyone who is 60+ years of age can ride the bus trips.

3. **Tennis Courts** – Tabled for now

New Business:

1. **Approval for the Codes of Ethics** –

Moved to discussion by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
McGovern stated that in June of 2010 it was decided that the Town of Lake Pleasant would follow the Hamilton County Codes of Ethics.

Resolution #91 The Town of Lake Pleasant to adopt the Hamilton County Code of Ethics
All in favor: Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Martz
Nays: None

Committee Reports –

- **Youth Recreation** – Martz reported that Water Safari and Wild Center (with trail blazers) trips were well attended. High Rollers and Police boat ride are this coming week.
- **Health** – McGovern spoke to Patrice McMann the Vice President of Nathan Littauer expressing concerns for coverage in personnel at the clinic. McMann assured McGovern that they are working on coverage. McGovern discussed that our clinic is not an acute care facility meaning that no walk-in care. Appointments only.

Resolution #92 Approve Audit of Abstracts #21, August 15, 2022
Voucher #2245-2245 Amount $84.67, Abstract #22, August 10, 2022 Voucher #2246-2255 Amount $4,746.25, Abstract #23, August 11, 2022 Vouchers #2256-2285 Amount $147,749.36
Offered by: Kathy O'Connell
2nd by: RaChelle Martz
Resolved that all bills in the following funds be paid as presented – General, Highway, Landfill, fire district and Library
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:

Shorty Hoffman announced that the museum has had a good turnout of visitors on Saturdays this summer.

Round table:

- McGovern expressed concerns about route 30 not getting paved. Those wishing to voice concerns can call Jim Piccola region II in Utica at 315-793-2447. McGovern plans to reach out to Robert Smullens office.
- Braunius found the projects calendar online that is behind schedule. Federal and state are involved with the paving of route 30. Braunius advises the board and town to call politicians working at the state level. This project was first scheduled to be completed by July 4, 2022.
- O'Connell would like employees that are purchasing products to give signatures on receipts so that it is known who is making purchases and where purchases are.
- Bain reported that the Museum fundraiser is up to $30,549.00.
- Steve Page has completed his training and is a certified Code Enforcer.
- Reminder to the board of special meeting at town hall 8/22/22 at 1:00 PM for the opening of bids for culvert project on Fish Mt. Rd.
- Bain received an e-mail from LPSA asking the board to consider them for next year with $5,000.00 in budget.
- Updated handbooks have been bound and handed out.
- Anita Foley has been cleaning the carpets at town hall.

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 6, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M. @ TOWN HALL

*****ON A MOTION BY: Don Braunius 2nd by: Neil McGovern**
TO ADJOURN @ 7:35 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk