December 2, 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 December 2, 2024, at the Lake Pleasant Library, 2864 State Route 8, Lake Pleasant, 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, Don Braunius, Kathy O'Connell and Meg Parascandola
Budget Officer: Nancy Seifts
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent – Randy LaVarnway
Guests: Shorty Hoffman

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #165 to Approve the Minutes of November 18, 2024
Motion to Discuss:
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: McGovern
Be it resolved, that the minutes of November 18, 2024 be approved as presented.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, Parascandola and O'Connell)
Nays: None
Abstained: Supervisor Bain due to her absence at the November 18th meeting.

Highway and Buildings:

LaVarnway reported:
-A chimney liner was installed at town hall.
-The trail reroute around Oak Mt. is planned and will get snowmobilers from Mountain Market to Perkins Clearing. There is some work on this trail that will need to be done to get it ready for passage. Discussion about how snowmobilers can be considerate of landowners allowing them to pass through their land was had in the room.
-The new highway employee will start working for the town on Monday, December 9, 2024.
-The new trailer is in, registered with DMV, and needs to be picked up from the dealer.
-Nathan Littauer Primary Care Clinic roof is on with finishing touches wrapping up. Braunius asked why the new roof color changed and LaVarnway said that the original color was not available, so the next best option was chosen by Bain, LaVarnway and Town Code Enforcer, Steve Page.

-This week the new 215 plow truck broke down and $500 was spent on a new sensor for it. This afternoon the truck didn't clear its code, and a technician will come out and test the sensor.
- The Highway Department has been fixing and building bridges.
-LaVarnway has continued to work with FEMA to get the Towns final payment.

Old Business:

Resolution #166 Town Board to Rescind Resolution #144 Dated October 15, 2024, Town Board Approves the Town Applying for a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) to pay for the Remaining Balance of the Museum Foundation Project. Board approved using Fund Balance to Pay Remaining Costs for Museum Foundation Project at the November 4, 2024, Meeting.
Offered by: McGovern
Discussion: None
2nd by: Parascandola
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, Parascandola and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Chamber Contract – Tabled and will be on the next meeting agenda after the Chamber has their next meeting.

New Business:

1. **Adirondack Architecture Heritage-**
Bain received a mailing from the Adirondack Architecture Heritage asking for a donation. On January 2, 2024, the Town donated $500.
Resolution #167 Town Board Made a Motion to Table Donation Request from the Adirondack Architecture Heritage.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, Parascandola and O'Connell)
Nays: None

2. **Museum telephone –**
Bain explained that she called the telephone company about the phone needing to be turned off during the winter to find out that the phone service cannot be turned off and turned back on without possibly losing the phone number. A new telephone number may have to be given to the museum when the phone line is reconnected in the spring.
3. Bain informed the board that she was made aware of a rumor about Moffitt Beach Campground not opening in 2025. Bain contacted John DeSantis's office to get reassured that the campground will be opening.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery Committee - Braunius and O'Connell met at South Shore Cemetery and came up with a list of points for discussion. Some of them are the broken area of fence behind cemetery, broken headstones and unattractive brush encroachment around the edge of the cemetery. Discussion about the broken headstones and how the town can reach out to families for permission to repair and clean headstones was had in the room.

Web site – Parascandola let the board know that the website committee has researched four companies about e-mail/website options for the town. There is a fifth company, yet no data has been collected at this time. The Town was referred by Hamilton County Soil and Water to look into Go Daddy. The Association of Towns reassured Parascandola that Go Daddy is a platform that the town can contract with. Currently the town pays $1,100.00 annually for digital towpath. GoDaddy will cost the town $3,271.31 for three years of e-mail hosting, initial website set up cost is $4,650.00 with a $276 annual webhosting fee. Catalis for website set up would cost $2,500.00 for set up and $500.00 to implement, from there $2,300.00 annually. Civic Plus is higher in terms of costs. Parascandola requests a resolution to have the Budget Officer look into the budget to see if this can be budgeted for this year or next.

Resolution #168 Nancy Seifts and Meg Parascandola to Work Together with the Budget to Review Funding Needed to Switch Web Site Carrier and E-Mail Over to GoDaddy.
Motion Offered by: Bain
Discussion: The board and budget committee discussed when the current contract is due for renewal and when new implementation of website and e-mail can be done. Costs were compared and discussion about what the Hamilton County Departments use was had.
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, Parascandola and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Youth Recreation – O'Connell announced that dryland training for advanced lessons has begun, and regular ski lessons are scheduled for later this month. Bus drivers are needed at the school.

Budget Committee – Seifts thanked the treasurers' office for their help getting the budget printed out in a format close to what it was with the previous system.

Resolution #169 Approve Audit of Abstract #48, November 20, 2024
Voucher #3765-3767, Amount $1,152.93, Abstract #49, November 26, 2024, Voucher #3768-3769, Amount $3,488.18. Abstract #50, November 26, 2024, Voucher #3770-3771, Amount $22,786.58. Abstract #51, November 27, 2024, Voucher #3772-3789, Amount $26,467.06.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: McGovern
Discussion: none

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, Parascandola and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment : Hoffman advised the board to talk to the company down on North Perry St. about cemetery stone restoration.

Round table:

- Braunius announced the Holiday Fair will be at Oak Mt. on Saturday December 7th with the festival of trees, managed by the Braunius family. Proceeds will go to SMA research.
- McGovern extended a thank you to the Speculator Fire Department for their transportation of Santa to and from the Holiday Stroll on November 29th.
- Discussion about the Holiday Stroll was had in the room.
- O'Connell announced, The Wreaths Across America Ceremony will be on December 16th at 9:00 a.m. at LPCS with 290 wreaths getting placed in the town's cemeteries.
- Smith to print out budget and summary to disperse to the board in final format. She let the board know that AFLAC representative spoke to employees on Monday November 25th to go over any additional benefits they might want to buy into such as dental and vision coverage.
- LaVarnway asked about the tennis court/pickleball courts, and he wants to know where the town stands. He has been asked questions in the community about progress.
- Parascandola let the room know there are currently three grant applications out for this project. The results of the Grant the town applied for through Allison Gaddy should be available in January. If a New York Forward or DRI grant is awarded it will be 2026 before funds will be made available for this project. We will continue to look for grants to support this project.
- LaVarnway asked the board about how the Snowmobile club should move forward with a lease and building a garage on town land near the brush pit. Snowmobile club to draw plans up and get them to the board so the town attorney can review the plans.
- Bain let the board know that the next meeting will include the senior meal site and Brennan contracts.
- Bain read a letter she wrote back to a taxpayer in response to the taxpayer's suggestion about a welcome sign, and the taxpayer's response.

Next Meeting: Monday December 16, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M. @ Lake Pleasant Library
*****ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2nd by:** Parascandola
TO ADJOURN @ 8:07 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk