December 4, 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 December 4, 2023, 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:
Deputy Supervisor: Neil McGovern
Councilpersons: Kathy O'Connell, RaChelle Martz and Don Braunius
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent – Randy LaVarnway
Guests: Eileen LaVarnway, Karen McComb (Library President), Shorty Hoffman, Paul Allen
Absent: Supervisor Betsy Bain

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #132 to approve the minutes of November 20, 2023
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: Martz
Be it resolved, that the minutes of November 20, 2023 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Highway and Buildings:

- LaVarnway asked the board for a resolution to sell the towns loader at Auctions International price.

Resolution #133 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Approve the Selling of Town's Current Loader on Auctions International for $41,900.00.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

- LaVarnway has submitted to FEMA the last payment request for the Halloween storm of 2019 damage.

- National Grid has not moved the power lines back post bridge project, this project has been extended to the end of next year for completion.
- LaVarnway submitted the last chips payment for paving this summer. Contractors were slow to cash checks that were sent.
- Highway crew plowed the main road in Perkins Clearing twice. Loggers are logging Military Rd. on Sled Harbor, and Diamond Rock Trail until Christmas. Elm Lake Rd., Perkins Clearing Rd. and Mud Rd. will get logged after Christmas. LaVarnway and Braunius discussed where plowing will be done and time frame with logging and weather conditions.
- Paperwork for final stretch of mini grant was submitted. Hamilton County Soil and Water gave confirmation that paperwork is all in and looks good.
- The new employee in the highway department, started last Monday and is doing well. McGovern asked about new employee getting his license and LaVarnway reported that he passed his test and has a class D license. New employee did well on the garbage truck today.
- Garbage truck company that is selling us the truck wants the town to pay for the garbage truck ahead of time. LaVarnway told them no that the agreement is, no payment until delivery. February 12, 2024 is the given delivery date for the new garbage truck.
- There have not been any applications in for the Mechanic position. No ads at this time are going in the paper. LaVarnway suggests that the board have the ad listed on the town's web page and Facebook page. O'Connell suggests that we ask the Chamber of Commerce to advertise for it on their page. Board agreed to have advertising done for free where possible and not continue to pay for advertising.
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Old Business:

1. **Library President –** Karen McComb, spoke on behalf of the library board of trustees, recommending that the Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board reappoint Nancy Seifts and Toni Morrison to the library board for five-year terms running 1/1/2024-12/30/2028.

Resolution #134 Lake Pleasant Town Board to Reappoint Nancy Seifts and Toni Morrison to the Library Board of Trustees to fill Five Year Terms Starting January 1, 2024 Through December 30, 2028.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: Martz
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz)
Nays: None
Abstained: O'Connell

2. **Short Term Rental –** O'Connell reported that she, Bain and Steve Page got together this past Thursday, to put together a post card to go out to residents in the Town of Lake Pleasant, about the STR law in the town. STR registration is now a law in the Town of

Lake Pleasant. McGovern hopes that the mailing will reach everyone that it pertains to and they will come forward to register. Discussion about knowing where rentals are in our area was had by the board. Martz mentioned having the Chamber of Commerce include the town's STR registration form in the packet that rental owners receive from the Chamber.

3. **Tyler Technologies –**
   The entire program will be completed by spring 2024 so KVS system contract will not be renewed for the next year.

4. **New Town Signs –**
   KC Morrison came up with a rough draft sketch of a sign post for the town board to look over. This draft and dimensions of signpost for the town, to house area event banners was gone over. O'Connell asked about the space on the electronic sign that is out on the library board and if the town could use this space to hang banners. McComb was asked about the new electronic sign that the library is saving for. The library would like to eventually purchase a higher quality sign than the current one they have. Funds are the issue at this time, McComb explained. McGovern mentioned the movie theater marquis sign that advertised events, being the best way to advertise in the past. It was agreed that a basic, easy to read while driving by sign, is what the town will be working towards having constructed. McComb asked who would pay for the banners to go under the town sign and the board responded with the organizations advertising for the events will pay for the banners. Martz mentioned that the banners will have dimension and schedule regulations placed on them.

New Business:

Resolution #135 Revision to Town of Lake Pleasant Handbook. Medical Insurance – 706 under Premium Payment, Town of Lake Pleasants Full-Time Employees and Full-Time Elected Officials Who Wish to Sign up for Health Insurance Coverage Will Contribute 0% of the Premium Payment for their Plan.
Offered by: McGovern
Whereas: This revision will replace the previous Premium Payment rules that were effective April 1, 2018, where newly hired, eligible full-time employees wishing to receive coverage through the town's medical insurance had to pay 20% of the premium to participate.
Whereas: Under this new revision, all full-time employees will be eligible to receive medical insurance through the town at 0% contribution of the employee and 100% contribution of the Town of Lake Pleasant.
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes**:** All (Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Committee Reports:

Youth Recreation – Martz reported that they have been working on revamping the youth recreation program. The committee is working with Oak Mt. on providing advanced ski lessons. McGovern mentioned that they need to work on who is showing up and utilizing the services.

HWY Committee – Braunius and McGovern presented the maps for revised tennis courts on Elm Lake Rd. All board members have seen the maps and are moving ahead with plans.

O'Connell mentioned that the Mini grant and final report for the Community Gardens was filed. There will be a meeting next week to see if there is anything else that needs to be included.

Resolution #136 Approve Audit of Abstract #45, November 22, 2023
Voucher #3121-3121 Amount $2,273.31, Abstract #46, November 28, 2023, Voucher #3122-3124 Amount $134,955.40, Abstract #47, November 30, 2023, Voucher #3125-3127 Amount $940.36, Abstract #48, November 30, 2023, Voucher #3128-3145 Amount $18,868.22.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: Martz
O'Connell asked about not seeing a primary care bill or museum bill yet one bill was labeled clerk phones. It was resolved that this was for the museum.
Resolved that all bills in the following funds be paid as presented – General, Highway, Landfill, Fire District, Museum, and Library.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment: None

Round table:

-Braunius announced that Oak Mt. will host the Holiday Fair on Saturday December 9th from 1-7 P.M. and festival of trees proceeds to go to Cure MSA. Trees need to be there before noon for those donating.
- O'Connell let the board know that snowmobile maps are on display at Charlie Johns Store with no changes to trails in them. New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSA) will have a webinar this Thursday to go over changes and get them on maps and phone Aps, LaVarnway explained. Discussion about changes and getting the word out about hazards was discussed by the board.
- O'Connell announced, "The story of Ebeneezer Scrooge", hosted by the library at the Lake Pleasant school on Sunday December 10 at 2:00 P.M.
- Wreaths Across America have met their goal with all five of the local cemetery's veterans getting a wreath placed on their grave. The Honor Ceremony will be held on December 18th at 9:00 A.M. at LPCS with wreath placement following ceremony.
-McGovern mentioned that the Mt. Arts Consortium was a great event at the LPCS school.

-Smith let the board know that the MVP recipient meeting with Arnie has been rescheduled to this Thursday December 7th at 9:00 a.m. due to illness. Notices went out to recipients about cancelation and reschedule.
- The Planning Board Committee has a meeting tomorrow December 5th at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall for a proposed property use variance.
- Reusable holiday wreath for Town Hall is on order through Charlie Johns Store after town employee made clerk aware of a sale online for 4' plain evergreen wreaths. Clerk called local store and they can order a wreath for the town through their distributor for less than the other vendor's sale price. Reusable holiday wreath will cost the town $80.00 and can be used year after year.

Next Meeting: Monday December 18, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M. @ Lake Pleasant Library
*****ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2nd by:** RaChelle Martz
TO ADJOURN @7:55 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk