February 21, 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 February 21, 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:
Supervisor: Betsy Bain
Councilman: Neil McGovern , Don Braunius, RaChelle Martz and Katherine O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent: Randy LaVarnway
Building and Codes enforcer: Steve Page
Guests: Shorty Hoffman, Paul Allen

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #31 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board To Approve the Minutes of February 6, 2023.
Offered by: Braunius
2ND by: McGovern
Be it resolved, that the minutes of February 6, 2023 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Highway Report –

Buildings

- Flag light at the Library is working after the socket and corroded light sensor were replaced.
- Boiler outside of wash bay at town hall has sprung leaks. A boiler repair crew came to look at it and found that repairs will cost the same as replacing it. Replacing the boiler would cost $5,520.00. LaVarnway asked the board for permission to purchase a new boiler.

  Braunius motioned to discuss
  2nd by McGovern
  Discussion – McGovern discussed that when the boiler was bought years ago it was underspent. Originally expectations for current boiler were ten to twelve years. It has surpassed these years and is better off replaced rather than repaired. RBM is the

company that came out to service the boiler. Board is asking for life expectancy of new boiler as well as warranty.

Resolution #32 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to approve of purchasing of a new boiler for the wash bay.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Highway

- Garbage truck has not come off of the factory line to date. Factory in TX is running behind schedule by two weeks. The garbage body will be assembled in Mississippi before it comes up to NY.
- Truck committee met and decided to get quotes for a new truck. Steel prices are dropping and salesman wants to hold off for a week in order to give an accurate bid for the truck body.
- Tracy road Equipment is who the town goes through for vehicles. The chassis for 2024 end of the year is quoted at $163,707.12, for a truck one foot longer with a different transmission from the current truck.
  This will replace a 2007 truck currently with 160,000 miles on it. At this time the budget has $200,000 in the reserve. This new truck will be approximately $316,000.00 which leaves the town $20,000.00 short. March of 2025 is the earliest that this truck will be ready and the current truck will be nineteen years old by that time.
  Braunius explained that single axel is cheapest but tandem or tri axels are the best for hauling. This municipal truck would only be used on the main roads. Other road trucks are 2017 and 2019 years old. Towns plan is to replace a truck every five years. When each truck is fifteen years old, the process to replace it is started.

Resolution #33 Town of Lake Pleasant to Approve for the Highway Superintendent to Move Forward with Starting the Ordering Process for a New Truck.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

LaVarnway's opinion is that Henderson truck Co. in Watertown has been the best supplier for quality built supplies. He will get back to the board with a price from them. New truck price will increase with each coming year.

Old Business:

1. **BAN Update –**

A certified copy of the BAN proposal with legal notice of Estoppel was sent to Mr. Goodfriend's office on Feb. 9th. His office has not received the Certified copy to date but do have an electronic copy with the legal from the local newspaper as proof of publication. The legal notice of Estoppel is good for twenty days and will expire on March 10th. The next step is to solicit three bids to three different banks and take the lowest bid. Funds are needed by late May.

McGovern reported that all the bond agents are at the NYS conference.

2. **Campground Update** – At Hamilton County Board Meeting, Joseph Zalewski from region five of DEC was present on ZOOM and Bill Bernard, the regional Supervisor from campgrounds out of Ray Brook was present in person. According to DEC calculations, last year attendance was down in campgrounds in Hamilton County after Labor Day and there was also a shortage in staffing. Hamilton County will be having a job fair in Indian Lake in the near future. Speculator will be having a job fair in mid-March. Posters from DEC to the County will be coming soon so that word gets out.

3. **Property Tax Exemption for SVAC Update –**

   Town Supervisor, Bain and Village Mayor, Barrett, plan to hold off on passing this Exemption until all information on this exemption from the state comes in.

4. **Chamber of Commerce Contract -**

McGovern asked if the board members got to look through the contract and compare with last contract. The board agreed that there is a need to coexist.
McGovern feels that the Chamber of Commerce needs municipal funds to operate. O'Connell wanted to go over Schedule A and what is no longer included in Schedule A such as advertising, cooperation with County office of tourism and ROOST, participation in area economic development and planning, representation at ROOST. Five things are gone in Schedule A from the old contract and they all have to do with communication to outside resources or jobs that have to do with tourism. McGovern explained that in the past the Chamber had to prove out a certain amount of winter advertising for recreation for the Town Board to approve the Chamber Contract. This Chamber contract has the Chamber backing away from certain events. The Town Board discussed getting together with the chamber presidents and going over this contract proposal. The board would like to have quarterly reports from the Chamber.

New Business:

1. **Codes Enforcement Officer's Year End Report –** Steve Page gave the board a report of building activities for the year 2022. Highlights are that ninety-six permits were issued, seven of them were renewals. There were six Certificates of Occupancy issued and six Certificates of Compliance issued. Total fees collected were $7,775.00 for the year 2022.

McGovern asked Page if there had been any issues or complaints about septic going into lakes. Page responded that there had not been any issues or complaints but if there were any they would need to be directed to DEC or the health Department.

Resolution #34 The Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Approve and Adopt the Local Law to Update Enforcement of the NYS Energy Code and Uniform Code
Offered by: Martz
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution #35 Town of Lake Pleasant to Move Funds to cover LOSAP Contract Payment
Offered by: O'Connell
Whereas, Funds will be moved from SF Fund Balance to line SF.9025.800 in the amount of $1,341.00.
Be it resolved that this move will allow the town board to have enough funding in the SF.9025.800 line to cover over budgeted amount of LOSAP bill for 2023.
2nd by: Martz
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None
Abstained : Braunius

2. **Consolidated Health Board Appointment –**
   Carrianne Grexa – Allen Appointed to the Consolidated Health District Board to fill term 01/01/2023-12/31/2024. Carrianne has a BS in Nursing, Masters in Nursing and DNP in Nursing. Carrianne has worked for Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Department where she was director of patient services until retirement last year.

RESOLUTION NO. 36

REQUESTING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO POST WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON TOWN ROADS FOR THE YEAR 2023
Offered by: McGovern

WHEREAS, Vehicle and Traffic Law Article 41, Section 1660 gives authority to the Town Board to post weight limits on Town Roads when the Board deems necessary to protect roads from harm during spring break up, and
WHEREAS, Vehicle and Traffic Law Article 40, Section 1650 gives authority to the county superintendent of highways to post weight limits on County Roads when the superintendent deems it necessary to protect County roads from harm during spring break up, and
WHEREAS, the Town would need to place an ad in the local newspaper notifying the public of such postings, and
WHEREAS, the County Superintendent places a legal ad in the local newspaper notifying the public of such posting on County highways, and

WHEREAS, the Town roads are typically posted for the same duration as the County roads, and
WHEREAS, the Town Board and Town Highway Superintendent believes that it would be in the interest of the Town if the County Superintendent post weight restrictions on the Town roads in conjunction with the County Roads during spring break up, be it
RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Lake Pleasant hereby requests and authorizes the County Superintendent of Highways post weight restrictions on Town roads within the Town of Lake Pleasant when he deems necessary for the calendar year 2023.
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Committee Reports:

- **Health Insurance Committee –**

  LaVarnway and Smith had a conference call with Marshall and Sterling team today about current issues with HRA insurance cards. Tomorrow another conference call with all of the Health Ins. Committee has been set up. Issues are with MVP insurance not Humana insurance (retirees). Difficulties are with the HRA debit cards and processing with certain providers and prescription drug issuers. Nathan Littauer is not able to process the HRA cards because they are not coded for pharmacy. Discussion for tomorrow's conference call will be to switch HRA cards back to open-ended cards so that copays that are being asked for at providers offices can be covered on the cards. McGovern stated that the Town pays a large amount of money to get it's employees the best health coverage and this must get fixed. Bain feels that it has to get fixed or the town should go back to the coverage they had previously.

- **Highway Committee -**

  Discussion was had by the committee about a contract with the Town of Arietta to be able to share a water tanker to dispose of grey water under an intermunicipal agreement. Bain and McGovern feel that Arietta will need to contact Lake Pleasant town Board and work out an intermunicipal agreement. LaVarnway to work with Arietta on a presentation for the Board.

- **Youth Recreation –** O'Connell and Martz worked on their ski budget for Youth Rec. and came up with funds to offer two days of skiing for students participating in the ski lessons during February break.

- **Short term rentals –** Recommendations will be coming to the town board at the March 6th meeting. The Committee will be meeting on March 1, 2023 4:00 at Town Hall to finalize presentation.

Resolution # Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #5 dated 2/16/2023, #2592-2620 in the amount of $150,213.21. Abstract #6 dated 2/17/2023, #2621-2627 in the amount of $1,515.69.

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

Public Comment:
Shorty Hoffman commented on the new tandem truck being the best option over a tri axel for the needs of this town.

Roundtable:

- Braunius noticed that when the power went out last and internet was down it was not listed on the towns facebook page. He would like to see it there. He also mentioned that no posts have been listed since December. Braunius and Martz expressed interest in maintaining the towns facebook page.
- McGovern praised the great pancake breakfast put on by the Lake Pleasant Fire Department. He also mentioned that the benefit dinner in memory of Gregg Boyer was a success raising just less than six thousand.
- McGovern mentioned that Kate Eldredge, current Chamber of Commerce director, has been active in opening our campsites for the fall. She contacted Hugh Farley through contacts of hers and he has moved along to help us with this issue.
- McGovern plans to speak to Roger Blanchard about the new Welcome to Speculator sign with corrections.
- Bain talked to the county about saving postage money by having town bills processed and stamped using the county's postage meter. This will save the town about fifteen cents per bill. Bain to keep the board updated on this.
- 2022 sales tax collection reached a total of 5.3 million just shy of 8% for 2021.
- Snowmobile races on Lake Pleasant have been rescheduled to March 4, 2023.
- Consolidated Health and town AUD for 2022 are completed and sent off to the state.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday March 6, 2023 at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library

***ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2ND by:** Martz
To Adjourn @ 8:40 P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk