July 15, 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 July 15, 2024, 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 and Katherine O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent: Randy LaVarnway
Guests: Mary Caldwell (Chamber of Commerce Director), Tracy Joy (Chamber Co-President), Nancy Seifts (Budget Officer), Shorty Hoffman.
Absent: Meg Parascandola

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #103 To Approve the Minutes of July 1, 2024.
Offered by: McGovern
2ND by: Braunius
Discussion – O'Connell wanted corrections to the minutes first under discussion where there was a type – O about the parade. The second correction was under Highway about length of time trucks are lasting. Third correction in resolution 100 under discussion, O'Connell wanted it made clear that the tennis/pickle ball courts are not being redone they will be newly constructed.
Be it resolved, that the minutes of July 1, 2024 be approved as presented.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Highway Report:

- Successful parade on July 6, 2024, with one of the Towns snowplows in the procession.
- The highway department has been mowing roadsides. LaVarnway has received compliments on the nice mowing jobs.
- In Perkins Clearing they are grading, ditching and putting gravel down on the north end and filling in areas on the south end.
- LaVarnway reported that the Buildings Committee met to go over construction plans then asked Mr. James Reis, a local engineer, to draw up bid specs for the project. Reis and LaVarnway met at the museum to look over the project and Reis is finding out where survey markers and water lines are located. They will meet again this

Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. to go over the details. The front will need roof braced, decking off and replacement after the project is completed. Lifting with chimney in place has to be worked into the plans.

- Braunius asked LaVarnway about two piles of spoils that were left after construction work on Fish Mt. Rd. and LaVarnway said that the landowner wants it left where it is.

Old Business:

1. **Museum Grant –** Gone over in highway report

2. **RO Systems –**
   Bain informed the board that on June 14th, RMB, the town's plumber, was up and was supposed to come back with a part. They have not come back but did send a bill for prior work and work not completed. Bain and LaVarnway discussed the situation and decided to go with a local plumber, JC Parslow, who has been contacted and will now be the contact on the homeowner and Town ends for RO systems moving forward. RMB will be notified that they will not be needed for RO systems for the town. Bain will contact the residents to update them and ask them to be patient as the plumber gets switched.

New Business:

1. **Soil and Water** – Unable to make the meeting, will reschedule

2. **Lake Monitors and Adirondack Watershed Institute –** Bain let the board know that there was an inquiry about the scheduling for lake monitors, so Bain reached out to LPSA to find out answers. The Adirondack Water Institute at Paul Smiths College got back to Bain explaining that their lake monitors work from Thursday – Monday from 7:30-4:00, covering Moffits beach boat launch, Decon station on Route 30 and Kunjamuk River. They must follow NYS labor laws. There is no coverage on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the wash station. LPSA lake monitors cover Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Moffit beach boat launch from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays at the Lake Pleasant Marine Boat launch from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. If it is raining the lake monitors do not have to work.

3. **Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce Report –** Chamber Director, Mary Caldwell reported to the board on the second quarter report.
   2,2025 visitors count for May-June. Community fliers are getting picked up regularly.
   Farmers market has been going on for three weeks with 6 farmers, doubling the number of farmers last year.
   The snowflake fundraiser was a success, and snowflakes are in and ready for the holidays. They will cover from Lemon Tree to Charlie John's with 10 snowflakes. Another fundraiser is planned in the year to come so more snowflakes can get displayed down into Lake Pleasant.
   Ribbon cutting at Uncle Carl's Coffee's Grand Opening in Wells was a success.

O'Connell asked about the messaging responses and Caldwell explained that this is text messages back and forth. O'Connell was surprised with the new versus returning user's data drawn up by ROOST.

*****See attached for full chamber report *****

Committee Reports:

Cemetery Committee – Braunius reported on the committee meeting and gave his research findings on the need for a 20' with internal halyard and solar lighted flag to go in the upper tier of Airdville cemetery. Discussion about the pricing ranges of $100.00- $1,500.00 was had at the table.

Resolution #104 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Approve Purchasing of Cemetery Flagpole to Properly Display a USA Flag for $750.00.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: LaVarnway discussed with the board that the base needs to be a certain stability and went over the ground consistency in this spot in the cemetery. He also explained that this request came about from a resident who wanted to put a flagpole up at a friend's grave site. Discussion was had amongst the board members about the importance of honoring our vets. LaVarnway let the board know that he recently used up the budget line for flags that get ordered yearly for the veterans. Discussion about the budget was had.
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Youth Recreation- O'Connell reported that the committee met and cut down events from six to five for 2024. The portable Planetarium will be at LPCS school this Wednesday. Mega bubble man at the ball field, date to be determined. Arietta couldn't get a second lifeguard so there are no swim lessons this year. Every school family got a mailing about the trips/events. Posters are around town and posts are up on social media sites.

*****See Attached*****

Health Insurance Committee – Smith asked that the committee schedule a meeting.

Buildings Committee – O'Connell reported that she and Parascandola met with Allison Gaddy at the Museum. The same grant that is providing funds for the grant has another 50/50 matching grant for tennis/pickleball courts. These must be in by the 25th of July for the grant to be written and submitted by the 31st. What the grant funds could go towards was discussed. Where the parking area would go was discussed. O'Connell explained the specifics of the grant with how different specs of the job will get done and when prevailing rate will need to be paid.

Bain read the proposed resolution

Resolution #105 Town of Lake Pleasant Authorization to Submit Application to Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board for Grant Program to fund Phase 1 of Elm Lake Road Park Restoration Project.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius and O'Connell)
Nays: None

The Adirondack Smart Grant will be opening in September which could allow the town to have funds for additional structures at the site such as an archway and benches, if awarded.

Resolution #106 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #31 dated: 7/12/2024, #3557-3584 in the amount of $7,706.20.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion:
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:
-Seifts asked about the snowmobile garage going up near the Elm Lake Courts. O'Connell explained that this garage will be further down on the snowmobile trail.
-Hoffman mentioned asking the flag shop on Rt. 30 in Northampton about purchasing the flag. He also mentioned that the launch at the bridge is for car carrier water vessels not boats or jet skis. He asked about exhibits staying in place in the museum during basement construction.

Roundtable:

-Braunius mentioned the face book page and he expressed interest in becoming the moderator or co moderator. Seifts stated that she opened the account years ago as a social media informational tool. Braunius feels that information for the community as well as the town can be posted on a face book page for the town that he is willing to oversee. Smith advised not allowing comments on the site but keeping it informational only. Discussion continued about face book page usage and management. Braunius is to report back to the board at the next meeting on his progress in setting up the Facebook page.
-Smith mentioned that the planning board will have a meeting on August 6, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. at town hall for two subdivision requests.
- Friday September 6, 2024, the clerk's office will be closed for the clerk and deputy clerk to attend a tri-county clerks meeting with training.
-Bain let the board know that the public hearing for the Planning Boards zoning law change will be at the Aug 19th meeting. This local law will be subject to a permissive referendum with

advertising starting August 7th. After the public hearing the board will need to pass a resolution to make the changes and then the town clerk will file the law with the Secretary of State.
-Pickleball group leader John Granath met with Bain for information about the County courts. John will pass on information about the courts onto the pickleball group. The Town of Lake Pleasant is no longer responsible for the County courts and last Friday Steve Sawn took the County courts off the town's insurance.
-ADK Waterfest will be held on Friday August 2nd at the Speculator Pavilion from 10 A.M. – 2 P.M. with many water events planned.
-Bain reported about the Nathan Littauer clinic opening on Saturdays with the first one bringing in five patients. The second Saturday open brought in eight walk ins. Word is getting out.
-Page, O'Connell and Bain will be meeting about STR's this coming Wednesday. Report to be given at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday August 5, 2024 at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library

***ON A MOTION BY**: Braunius 2ND **by:** O'Connell
To Adjourn @ 8:19 P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk