July 18, 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 July 18, 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, RaChelle Martz and Kathy O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Guests: Kelsey Altavilla, Denise Soares, Ed Soares, John Granath, Heidi Reis, Joan Bobbette, Jeanette Wright, Su Frick, Rabecca Smith, Kim Lewis, Kyle Kindle, Mary Garfield, Steve Whiting, Lori Whiting, Larry Smith, Karen Smith, Scott Zoller, Phyllis Koszewske, Jane Christ, Anna Fernald, Suzanne Baucher, Shorty Hoffman, Karen McComb, Candy Dowd, Mary Beth Sherman, Terry Dowd and Curt Sherman
Absent: Councilman – Don Braunius and Highway Superintendent - Randy Lavarnway

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #84 To approve the minutes of June 5, 2022
Offered by: Neil McGovern **2nd by:** Kathy O'Connell
Be it resolved, that the minutes of June 5, 2022 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, O'Connell and Martz)
Nays: None

Highway:

Bain read Lavarnway's report to the board:

- Gilmantown Road paving was completed last Friday.
- Dave McComb had contacted Lavarnway to have highway crew weed whack the pathway last week. This job has been completed.
- Lavarnway saw COTW's dump truck overflowing and contacted COTW's. COTW's is addressing the waste trucks getting secured properly prior to transport to transfer station.
- Paperwork for paving library parking lot is in. Paving cannot begin until September. Waiting to hear back from insurance adjuster to see if estimate can be increased due to the material prices increasing between original estimate, from July to September.
- Clinic doors needed adjusting, this has been done.

Guest Speaker – Kelsey Altavilla, United States Tennis Association, she is the coordinator of parks and recreational play for the eastern section, including NY, NJ and Greenwich CT.

Altavilla came to speak to the town board about promoting tennis in the town and to go over tennis venue services that are available. These services are at the national level as well as the regional level. Forms can be found online to apply for aid with court needs such as basic, resurfacing and even new construction of courts. Free resources include tennis in schools which offers free tennis kits for schools, youth recreation etc. These kits include smaller rackets and softer balls with mini nets. There are regional grants as well.
McGovern commented that it is nice to have resources to help with the high costs of construction or repair of courts. Altavilla let the board know that the services are out there. Bobbette asked if the Elm Lake courts could be resurfaced and Altavilla said that the one usable court could be resurfaced but the other one needs more extensive work. Discussion went on about resurfacing vs. re-construction and grants available.

Old Business:

1. **Employee Handbook** – Bain reported that the changes discussed at the last meeting have been done. O'Connell had minor points to go over in the second half of the handbook. Reviewing short term benefits of employees. Changes will be sent in, and the final will come back for review.

2. **Chamber of Commerce** – Bain has talked with Welsh who reported that they have hired Kate Eldredge as the new director, Bonnie Reisinger will be returning to the chamber part time and Gary Rhinehart will be working two days a week. The Chamber will be closed on Sundays.

3. **High Tunnel at Community Gardens –** Last Tuesday Karen McComb , Kathy O'Connell, Nancy Seifts, June Bergholtz and Betsy Bain met with the Wells town supervisor Mark Ellis who spear headed Well's project, to gather information.

New Business:

1. **Speculator Primary Care** – Bain requests that anyone that has any concerns, please call town hall and let her know.
2. **Senior Bus Trip**- Last Wednesday Bain went to the senior citizen meeting to talk about shared services with the Wells seniors. Town of Lake Pleasant seniors will still be doing bus trips eight times a year. Lake Pleasant will do four and Wells will do four.
3. **Waller former Stubbs RO System** – The Wallers system is 20+ yrs. Old and company that provided this system has gone out of business. Bill Dievendorf suggested that the town put the new/spare system at town hall in. Cost is $500.00 for Dievendorf to install.

Resolution #85 for the Town of Lake Pleasant to fund the installation of spare RO System at the Waller residence located at 2672 state route 8, Lake Pleasant NY 12108.
Offered by: Neil McGovern
Be it resolved, that current RO system at Waller residence will be replaced with the new/spare RO system at town hall by Bill Dievendorf at the cost of $500.00.
2nd by: RaChelle Martz
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, O'Connell and Martz)
Nays: None
Discussion was had about when inspections of these water systems are done in the spring by Bill Dievendorf. All of area gets tested on a two to three year basis. Some properties have had improvement and others have not.

4. **Pickleball Court** – County has asked the town to put up signs saying that these are town courts and to call town hall with questions. County offices have been asked for keys to get into equipment that was left by pickleball players. County has nothing to do with the town tennis courts.

- **John Granath** of Lake Pleasant spoke to the town board about the sport of pickleball. Pickleball was allowed by the town in 2017 to be played on the towns tennis courts. Tennis and pickleball can both be played on the same courts.
- **Mary Garfield** of Arietta spoke next to the town board about the growing numbers of pickleball players, up to approx. 70 players, consisting of a broad age group. Garfield had three suggestions to the town to make pickleball more available
  1.) Post signs of designated hrs. T, Th, Sat. from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m.
  2.) Allow for a fourth court so that 16 people can play at a time.
  3.) To install two permanent nets at the court house so that town assets are secure.

Bain mentioned that having dates and times specified is preferred so that open ended signs don't confuse those who may want to use the courts for tennis.
O'Connell asked if there was a way to seasonally post that there is a pickleball community with a town endorsed club that has a schedule.
Discussion was had about the Elm Lake courts and their conditions. One court is safe for tennis/pickleball and the other court is closed. Discussion about equipment was had between board and pickleball players. Granath asked the board if they would be allowed to put a locked box with nets belonging to the pickleball players at the courts? Discussion was had and board to look into the town's responsibility with this.
Jane Christ of Piseco spoke representing the tennis community asking if the permanent pickle ball nets suggestion would eliminate the use of courts as tennis courts, stating that if so, bad idea. Everyone agreed
Christ asked for designated times and days for tennis. Three mornings a week M, W, F 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Town will get signs made

Surveillance of courts was discussed. McGovern to discuss with Lavarnway and county placement of net boxes.
Steve Whiting asked the board what it means to designate hours and the outcome of discussion resulted in this meaning priority only. Tennis and pickleball will be courteous with courts at all times. Town will post hours so that individuals wanting to play a certain sport with others have hours they can meet to play a particular racket sport on the town courts.
It was corrected at the meeting that the website post pertaining to tennis court was made by a council person in 2021 and had not been taken off of the website. It had caused some confusion and is no longer on the website.

Committee Reports –

- **Youth Recreation** – Martz reported that craft days are small groups so far. Trips have had a small turn out as well. Desrochers let the committee know that transportation might be the issue with low numbers of participation.

- **Cemetery Committee** – O'Connell reported that she is drafting a letter to send to property owners surrounding the South Shore cemetery.

Resolution #86 Approve Audit of Abstracts #19
Voucher #2204-2218 Amount $11,365.69
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, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:

Karen McComb on behalf of the parade committee reported that the Town of Lake Pleasant is one of the largest supporters of the Parade and the committee is asking if the board is satisfied with their investment in the parade? Bain commented that it brings a lot of people to town. McGovern commented that the hired show pieces are expensive but well worth it. More options for bathrooms are desired for next year.
Karen McComb as Library President commented that John Foley finished the landscaping at the library completing a nice job. Shrubs next to sign may get moved. She thanked Lavarnway for removing dead trees and filling holes left. McComb also reported that the historical society is having an open house, membership drive, bake sale this Saturday from 11-2. If you join the historical society that day for $10 you get $5 off a lunch from the Camp Store who will be there that day.

Rebecca Smith commented about electric bikes stating that NY state allows electric bikes to be ridden in zones 30 MPH and less. In our town speed limits vary on different stretches of roads. Bain commented that the only road that is under 30 MPH is Gilmantown Rd. McGovern commented that the state may need to reconsider this blanket law due to the varying speeds on roads all over the state, be it town, village or county roads. O'Connell mentioned multi use trails and that electric bikes are not allowed on them. Discussion pursued

Round table:

- Bain received a letter from Governor Hochul stating that the town will be receiving the second half of the American rescue money of $21,487.00.
- Bain went by Moffitt beach campground last week and spoke to Nancy about the garbage being transported to transfer station safely.
- Museum fundraiser is now up to $28,079.00
- On 7/27/2022 Bain, Lavarnway and Smith will meet with Insurance Representative Steve Sawn to work on the 2022-2023 policy.
- Landscaping at town hall is done thanks to John Foley doing a beautiful job.
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Next Meeting: Monday August 1, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M. @ Lake Pleasant Library

*****ON A MOTION BY: Neil McGovern 2nd by: RaChelle Martz**
TO ADJOURN @ 8:12 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk