July 3, 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 July 3, 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
Guests: Eileen LaVarnway, Karen McComb (Library President), Sally Cross (President of Lake Pleasant/Speculator Historical Society), Aaron Weaver (town historian), Justin Gonyo

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #86 To approve the minutes of June 20, 2023
Offered by: McGovern
2ND by: Braunius
Discussion: none
Be it resolved, that the minutes of June 20, 2023 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius and O'Connell
Nays: None
Abstained: Martz

Highway Report:

- Carbon monoxide alarm went off at the library a few weeks ago that resulted in a false alarm. Fire department went through the three floors and found nothing yet come to find out the Fire Department was not aware of the third floor of the library. This turned out to be a learning experience and alarms are reset.
- Highway crews have been brushing and mowing the pathways.
-Fawn lake culvert project and the Fish Mt. Rd. bridge project are scheduled for the first week of August.
- Fiberoptic cable needs to be removed from a project area and LaVarnway is working to have this done.
- Highway crew washed the float for the parade.
- Snowmobile trail from Oxbow to Sagandaga has been severed. The landowner in between doesn't want the snowmobiles crossing his property any longer. This resulted after the property has been torn up and littered upon during snowmobile season. LaVarnway will be reviewing

other options with the state corridor trail and meeting with the committee about these options. Worst case scenario LaVarnway will be asking the town board to open up the Fawn Lake Rd. from the gravel pit to the fawn lake trail.
- Voucher for 30% of grooming grant was received today. Several clubs and towns did not qualify for the 30% due to lack of grooming done. The town of Lake Pleasant did sufficient grooming and received an additional $2,749.00 from the state.
- On Wednesday the Rt. 30 pavement melting should be completed. That contract will be over and then in the last week of July they will start the paving part. This will be a separate contract and will take two weeks to complete, weather permitting. They will come up from Wells laying down a ¾ inch shim to take out lumps and bumps. Finishing layer will be a ¾ inch top layer of pavement. The shim coat will not look good when it goes down but will be topped with pavement which will result in a nicely paved new road.

Sally Cross, President of the Lake Pleasant/Speculator Historical Society, spoke to the board about the work needed on the route 66 buildings behind the Speculator Pavilion. In 2019 the Historical Society redid the outside of the buildings with stain and trim. Trim on some buildings needs to be scraped and repainted. Volunteers are needed for this work to be done. Historical Society requests that volunteers bring their own ladders for safety reasons and paint and brushes will be provided. Volunteers are to call Sally at 518-548-6331 if they would like to help. The museum has received its 501C3 tax exempt status. Members of the Historical Society can be found on Thursdays at the farmers market or through the museum. Discussion about pest control options for carpenter ants was had.

Old Business:

1. **State Camp Site Update –**

Bain announced that the state campground booking will be opening on July 5th at 8:00 a.m. Moffits Beach and Lewey lake will remain open until Columbus Day. DEC will now allow bookings as late as the same day. DEC campgrounds will transition to unsupervised swimming at their beaches and will be open without lifeguards. Million Dollar beach and Lake George will be the only campgrounds with lifeguards on duty.

2. **Community Garden –**

Bain announced that Katherine O'Connell turned in the grant application to soil and water. The first round for the grant will be on July 5th at the soil and water meeting. Pricing for the six foot/vinal coated fence is just under $2,000.00.

3. **Nathan Littauer/Clinic Contract -**

Bain and Patrice McMann have been going through the paperwork and packages to physicians. Advertising for physicians is going out soon. All is still in the works and moving forward.

New Business:

1. **Town Historian Aaron Weaver –**
   Aaron presented his summer schedule to the board. Tuesdays from 2-4 Aaron will be at the museum for anyone who wants to stop by. Fridays and Saturdays Aaron goes to Rt. 66 and opens the buildings and is available for those who have history and artifacts questions. He is working on the fire tower posters. Beverly Hoffman has asked Aaron to go through our veteran's history and gather information on them in our area back to the American Revolution and war of 1812. Events will be on July 4th and August 15th with a presentation at the library followed by a hike to Colonel Pecks grave. The library will be hosting a presentation on the CCC camps on Thursday July 6th. On July 27th Robert Garrow history event will be at Oak Mt.
   Discussion about the historic figures that were portrayed in the parade was had around the room.

Committee Reports –

Youth Recreation – The first trip for youth recreation will be to Panther Mt. on July 11th.

Resolution #87 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #24 dated 06/29/2023, #2860-2864 in the amount of $32,046.32. Abstract #25 dated 06/29/2023, #2865 - 2882 in the amount of $100,453.10.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: Martz
Discussion: none
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:
- Karen McComb asked what the ages are for kids to attend youth recreation trips. O'Connell said that packets went home to school age children up to 8th grade in the towns of Arietta and Lake Pleasant.
- Justin Gonyo stated that he is not a resident. He and his family have started up an LLC acquiring some properties and he wanted to praise the transfer station in Lake Pleasant for how well they are to work with.

Roundtable:
- McGovern praised the parade committee and all volunteers that got out in the weather conditions for this year's fourth of July Parade. The parade was so good in spite of the weather. McGovern is proud of this community.
- Martz also praised the parade and the committee.

- O'Connell stated that up at the town tennis courts at the county building there are two boxes, one unlocked box and a locked box. The unlocked box belongs to the town and the locked box belongs to the pickle ball group. The locked box is not allowed on the courts. This was decided upon at a board meeting last year. Discussion went around the table about if this locked box should be allowed or not. The board agreed to have Bain contact the club to have the locked box removed from the courts. The towns unlocked box contains balls, rackets, and pickle ball net. for use by anyone.
- Bain mentioned that the required insurance certificate for the towns cleaning contracted employee has been filed.
- Donation to the pretty good band went into the bill pay this week.
- Bain mentioned that the tennis association contacted her about the estimator for tennis court repairs. This estimator is the only one in New York State and he will be back to meet with the Town.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday July 17, 2023, at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library

***ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2ND by:** Martz
To Adjourn @ 7:44P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk