June 17, 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 June 17, 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: Don Braunius, Katherine O'Connell and Meg Parascandola
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent: Randy LaVarnway
Guests: Chris Ambrose, and Shorty Hoffman.
Absent: Neil McGovern

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #91 To Approve the Minutes of June 3, 2024.
Offered by: Braunius
2ND by: Parascandola
Discussion – None
Be it resolved, that the minutes of June 3, 2024 be approved as presented.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Highway Report:

Bid opening for museum project –

Bids for the Museum Foundation Project were duly advertised from May 29, 2024 – June 12, 2024 in the Towns Official Newspaper, The Hamilton County Express and two other newspapers, The Rome Daily Sentinel and The Daily Gazette/Leader Hearold.

One bid was received, opened and read at 7:01 P.M.

Vogel Excavation Company, Inc., 2775 State Route 8, Speculator, NY 12164 $85,150.00

LaVarnway read bid made out on 6/24/2024 with specs

LaVarnway asks the board to move to have the Buildings Committee meet and discuss with bidding contractor that prevailing wage must be included.

Resolution #92 Town Board Moved to Have the Buildings Committee Meet and Discuss Any Questions for the Contractor Including Prevailing Wages That Have to Apply to any Work Done on Town Owned Buildings.
Moved by: O'Connell
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: Braunius was surprised that the bid was so low.
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Highway

- Hauling stone for Perkins clearing road and waiting for marking on roads to be done before continuing. UDig NY 811 dig safety needs to mark the wires before highway crew can proceed with work.
- Working on vehicles in the shop. Tractor for roadside mowing has been down and waiting for parts to come in. State road tandem truck needs new rims and were replaced with 215's old rims that were repurposed.
- Trash day/Bulk pick up is on Thursday June 20th.
- Garbage truck is back in after $9.00 parts in airflow intake was repaired.
- New truck tandem that is due this winter, stainless steel and hydraulics have increased by $16,310.00 for a grand total of $317,528.00 for the new truck. Come January there will be $300,000.00 in the truck fund, this means that the town will be over $17,000.00 short of funds. It was suggested at a highway committee meeting to check with another body company and when LaVarnway did he was told that it would be two years out. The current truck is a 2007 model. Discussion about ways to get truck another way was had at the table.
- Greenhouse was erected last Wednesday and Thursday. Roll up sides and crank system will get installed next.
-Interview for a new seasonal employee happened last week. The committee would like to hire as soon as the drug testing has been done and passed. The applicant is from Johnstown and is seeking housing in the area.

Old Business:

1. **Museum Grant –** Meg Parascandola updated the board on the project stating that the town can award the bid but not start the work on the project until the National Park Service gives approval of the project. Paperwork has been submitted to the National Park Service but deadline for the work may get pushed back if there is a delay in approval.

2. **Community Garden/ Caring Through Conservation mini grant -**June Bergholtz and her husband were present when the highway crew erected the new greenhouse. This new greenhouse was placed where the old greenhouse was situated. A roll up system with anchor is still needed to be installed.

3. **Building Maintance Employee** – Bain received a call from Roberta Bly who is interested in cleaning the town buildings. She is willing to get insurance and is interested in the job for $20/hr.

Resolution #93 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Hire Roberta Bly as the Town Buildings Cleaner.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: O'Connell stated that Bly is highly qualified, and Bain let the board know that she will be purchasing vacuum cleaners for the three town buildings. She let the board know that she has noticed that the clinic and town hall carpets are in need of carpet cleaning, and she has made some calls and will have pricing information for the board at the next meeting.
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

RO Systems – RMB plumbing company came back up this week due to a system problem. A pressure switch had to be ordered. There was a $60.00 sales tax included, the bill was pulled after the resident refused to pay the sales tax that the town is exempt from, and the resident will have their plumber rebill for what is owed without sales tax. Another RO system resident that will not need the system, will not sign off on the system incase he sells the house and new owners want the town to provide potable water. In this case the new homeowner can request the town reinstall the RO system.

4. **Planning Board Appointment –**

Resolution #94 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Appoint William Paestella to the Planning Board to Fill the Term 6/17/2024 – 12/31/2026.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: Braunius
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

New Business:

1. **Short Term Rental –**

A request came into Town Hall for Additional Posters for STR's, and Bain asked the board if this should be allowed free of charge or at additional costs. The town has to pay for color copies, lamination, and the time it takes for the code enforcer to fill out all paperwork.

Resolution #95 Town Board to Approve Replacement Charge of $5 for posters for STR Registered Properties.
Moved to discussion by: Braunius
2nd by: Parascandola
Discussion:
17 STR properties are listed on the Town Web page to date Parascandola reported. Replacement posters have been asked for to correct new contact information on original posters.
Discussion about the town dumpsters and how they are getting overused so that the town employees must dump them on the weekends.
The board gave LaVarnway permission to remove the dumpster at Town Hall due to overuse.
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Resolution #96 Town Board to Approve of the Standard Work Day Reporting Resolution to the State Comptroller for Councilperson Parascandola during Term 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024, Standard Work Day of 6, Record of Activities Result 2.67.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - Braunius, O'Connell, and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Committee Reports:

Website Committee – Parascandola reported that STR's continue to get registered with the town and go up on the website. Password has been set up for the new site building to begin.

Youth Recreation- O'Connell reported that one more date to set then youth recreation is set for two trips requiring transportation out of town and two trips that will be held locally.

Resolution #97 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #26 dated: 6/14/2024, #3501 - 3530 in the amount of $18,293.19.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: Parascandola
Discussion: none
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Public Comment:

- Hoffman asked why the storeroom in the back isn't included in the foundation restoration project at the museum. Lavarnway explained that it is included with supports not a full foundation underneath. New piers will get put under storeroom.
- Under cleaning employee, the museum was mentioned and Hoffman explained that the museum employees do the cleaning to protect the artifacts. With the replacement of posters, Hoffman feels that they should purchase a replacement poster.

Roundtable:

- Braunius asked LaVarnway about guard rails in front of a resident's property that needs to put a driveway in. LaVarnway explained the situation to Braunius and the Board.
- Smith announced that the Planning Board will be meeting on Tuesday July 2, 2024 at 5:00 P.M., Town Hall to review two subdivision requests.
- Bain let the board know that the town received a thank you card from the Fourth of July Parade Committee. They are still looking for volunteers.
- Christina Cookingham with NYS Aga Markets came on 5/29/2024 to inspect the dog kennel and it was found satisfactory.
- STR tax legislation fairness was sent to all board members.
- Bain heard from Emily Wright, and she will be tabling at the farmers market two times this summer to get the urgent care up and running and the word out. July and August is the projected urgent care opening.
- Spring brook/KVS, Bain has been contacting them since May to cancel and she has received a bill for $5,000 and will not put bill in bill pay. Services are no longer needed.
- DOT wants to alert the public about the Jessup River Bridge being shut down to one lane for repairs starting on June 24th.
- Bain received a regulation policy law from the governor's office about STR's.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday July 1, 2024, at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library

***ON A MOTION BY**: Braunius 2ND **by:** Parascandola
To Adjourn @8:10 P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk