June 20, 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 Tuesday June 20, 2023 at the Lake Pleasant Town Hall, 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
Councilmen: Neil McGovern, Don Braunius and Katherine O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent : Randy LaVarnway
Guest : Gary Rhinehart Jr.
Absent : RaChelle Martz

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #83 To approve the minutes of June 5, 2023
Offered by: McGovern
2ND by: Braunius
Discussion: Under public hearing O'Connell moves to remove the sentence, In April there was a delay with the attorney getting information. 2nd by: McGovern
Be it resolved, that the minutes of June 5, 2023 be approved as amended.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Highway Report:

- Cemetery headstone that had been placed in the wrong spot was moved on June 19th to the correct location.
- Project on Fish Mt. Rd. will be held off until August. Projecting work to take six weeks to complete.
- Fawn lake culvert project will start in late July. Braunius asked if this will close the road and LaVarnway said that it will not due to the need to allow emergency vehicles in. One lane will be open at a time during the project.
- Cemeteries have been getting mowed when it is not raining.
- Paving top one-and-a-half-mile course of Hamilton Lake Rd. has been done thanks to Indian Lake, Hamilton County, Long Lake and Arietta. Special thank you to Newcomb who sent four trucks down to help and State of New York who also sent four trucks. The county organizes the

trucks to pave and, in this project, they organized for 24 trucks from surrounding towns to get projects done as needed.
- Discussion about the state paving project on route 30 was discussed between the board and LaVarnway. Crew had to work on a Saturday after waiting for supplies to arrive. This project is moving along nicely.
- Paving is done for now with shared services.

Old Business:

1. **State Campground Update** –
Bain met with County Chairmen Brian Wells and Joseph Zalewski from DEC last week. Five campgrounds will be open until Columbus Day which are Lewey Lake, Moffit Beach, Lake Eaton, Eighth Lake and Indian lake Island. The lifeguard situation has not been resolved but the state is looking into opening its beaches unsupervised. Reports were made that the DEC reservation site (Reserve America) was not allowing reservations to be made for the fall. During the week of June 26th there will be a press release, then the DEC website and reservation system will be updated. County and downstate have all helped with this move. Bain thanked everyone who has helped get these campgrounds open longer for the season.

2. **RO System Update –**
Bain and Bill Dievendorf went up to the future home of Adirondog suites and treats at the Waller Barn to test the water. Results came back with no evidence of salt so no RO system is needed to be installed. This was the last property that needed to be addressed in the suit. New RO system will remain at town hall as a backup.

3. **Community Garden –**
At the last meeting Bain mentioned that a 14 gauge, five feet high, possibly vinal galvanized fence is needed to be erected around the community garden. June Bergholtz is hoping to have the fence put up in September after this season is over. Bain presented to the board, a grant that can be applied for at the Hamilton County Conservation building, through soil and water, for up to $2,000.00. Estimate is needed from June Bergholtz for the grant application to proceed. Councilwoman O'Connell is willing to apply for the grant after the estimate is obtained.

4. **Nathan Littauer/Clinic Contract – tabled**

New Business:

1. **Pretty Good Band –**

Bain and Steve Sawn have been working on getting liability insurance for the pretty good band. This is a volunteer organization that does concerts for the public. The Pretty Good Band is still working with the insurance representative on how best to get coverage for their organization. Bain suggests that if the town funds the band the amount of money

that is needed for coverage, they could use those funds to cover their liability insurance costs. McGovern explained that the band doesn't collect any funds to cover insurance. The town would sponsor the pretty good band for their events so that they can play at venues and have the coverage they need.

Bain said that an amount is not known at this time so the town board cannot vote to fund at this time. Braunius asked if they could vote with a not to exceed $500 and Bain and McGovern agreed that they can.

Resolution #84 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Fund the Pretty Good Band
Offered by: Braunius
Whereas, in support of this non-for-profit organization that brings concerts to the Town of Lake Pleasant Residents, the Town of Lake Pleasant will provide funds to the Pretty Good Band.
Whereas, the amount of funding to The Pretty Good Band is not to exceed $500.00.
Whereas, funds will come from contingent line A.1990.400 and be transferred to Supervisors contractual line A.1220.400 to provide the above funds.
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Committee Reports -

- **Youth Recreation –**
  Samantha will be meeting with the new recreation aids to go over trips and start date.

Resolution #85 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #22 dated 06/12/2023, #2828-2828 in the amount of $871.14. Abstract #23 dated 06/15/2023, #2829-2859 in the amount of $22,087.55.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:

- Rhinehart spoke as a member of the Pretty Good Band and thanks the board for helping the band.

Roundtable:

- LaVarnway stated that the NYS grant programs for snowmobiles are now dropping the 80/20 and are now requiring 50/50 matched funding. All federal money given at this time to the state and the state is supposed to disperse the funds. LaVarnway asks the

board what they want to do. McGovern asked what our greatest need is and LaVarnway said only upgrades at this point. These grant programs are open to anyone in NYS so the clubs can apply as well. The board was in agreement to wave applying for grants this coming year.

- Smith announced that the Local Law #1 of 2023 has been filed with the state of NY. She asked O'Connell for the final draft of the STR law in word form to get it ready to file with the state once forty-five day waiting period is up.
- McGovern stated that it has been a landmark victory for small municipal government that the DEC campgrounds will be opening for fall. This was a total group effort from all supporting avenues.
- Braunius felt that Albany was butting heads with districts and something must have brought them all together.
- LaVarnway said that he had a conversation with the Moffits Beach Campground workers about who is responsible for the moffits beach road, State or Town. Discussion and explanation went around the table about the responsibility of the road. This road is the responsibility of the state in the campground area and the towns where private residents are located along the road. The town works with the state to service residents that live within the campground.
- Museum Fund raiser is up to $33,446.00.
- HEAP program that helps seniors with heating, now has air conditioners included in their program for seniors.
- Museum telephone has not been working since last Friday. Frontier is scheduled to come out and fix the line.
- LaVarnway explained that the town can rent a used garbage truck from the company that the town is buying the new garbage truck from if needed.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday July 3, 2023 at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library

***ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2ND by:** McGovern
To Adjourn @ 7:54 P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk