June 6, 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 June 6, 2022, at the Lake Pleasant Library 2864 State Hwy. 8 Speculator, NY. 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 Katherine O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent: Randy Lavarnway
Guests: Caitlin Stewart (Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Manager), Karen McComb (Library President), Nancy Seifts (Budget officer) and Eileen Lavarnway
Absent: Councilman – Don Braunius

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #65 To approve the minutes of May 16, 2022
Offered by: RaChelle Martz 2nd by: Neil McGovern
Be it resolved that the minutes of May 16, 2022 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Highway:
Lavarnway reported to the board the following:

- Page Street was paved before Memorial weekend.
- On the pathways, docks are in, leveling and repairs are ongoing.
- Brush pit road, town and village sections, have been graded, raked and repaired by town crew.
- Fence on South Shore Rd. has not been turned over to Insurance because the town doesn't have insurance on structures such as fences in cemeteries. Lavarnway would like this changed so that we do have coverage.
- Streetlights - some are being changed and others are being taken down and not replaced. Town is being told that this is being worked on. Town board discussed how the town is being patient waiting for emergency services and national grid to resolve and put this change back into action.
- Cemetery committee met in the town cemeteries to make a list of repairs needing to be done in the cemeteries. Most of tasks have been completed. Ground covering in Airdville

upper needed to hold dirt back. Head stones that are tipping are the responsibility of families to have repaired not the town. Additional fence for Fish Mt. Rd. cemetery ext. will be for the future budget.

- Town heating budget has expired – Lavarnway let the board know that a fund transfer will be needed in the future to fund heat expenses for the fall.
- Water main break in the library parking lot after the Village did hydrant flushing has left the parking lot with voids under pavement as underlayment washed out or packed in areas. Insurance Co.'s for Town and Village have decided that the damage will lie on the Towns insurance. Lavarnway has gotten estimates on repairs with insurance adjuster present. Large trucks going over pavement needs to be avoided if possible. Town has Insurance coverage for the blacktop but not the ground under the blacktop. Original paving was paid for by donated money just a few years ago. Discussion went around the board about how disappointing this is with the outcome of the two insurance companies from town and village.

Guest Speaker: Caitlin Stewart President of the Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition
Stewart presented to the Town Board a 9 element grant plan proposal for nutrient studies for the upper Hudson River at State and Federal levels. This plan is a checklist plan for many grants at the Federal level. The grant proposed to The Town of Lake Pleasant was put together by Allison Gaddy and requires a municipal sponsor. $164,000 is the grant amount the town would front, soil and water conservation district would kick in a 25% match, at $41,000 with a total of $205,000. This is a reimbursement-based grant so money fronted, documentation sent in, then the amount is reimbursed. This is a three-year grant that the Coalition is proposing to The Town of Lake Pleasant first. Proposed turn around for reimbursement is two months. Paperwork would be completed by the town Supervisor with compensation. Application is due by July 29th. The Board discussed all points of this proposal McGovern made a motion to accept the proposal to be the municipal sponsor, from there it was 2nd for discussion by O'Connell. O'Connell preferred more time to research and decide, board decided to table for now. In the meantime, the coalition may propose to other towns.

Old Business:

Resolution #66 for the Town of Lake Pleasant to hold two separate public hearings on changing the terms of Supervisor and Highway Superintendent from a two-year term to a four-year term.
Offered by: Kathy O'Connell
Whereas, the Town of Lake Pleasant will hold such public hearings during the next scheduled board meeting so that all and any individuals can be heard on said proposed change to local laws.
2nd by: Neil McGovern
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, O'Connell and Martz)
Nays: None
***Please see attached resolutions to change terms as well as proposed laws that were both drawn up by the Towns attorneys Young/Sommer LLC**
Copies can be viewed at the Clerk's office at town hall M-F, 9AM-4PM

1. **Museum Fundraiser Report**- Donations are still coming in with balance up to $27,267. 00 Allison Gaddy from Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board has been working with Cristine Meixner with her grant application. The town had to send a letter of Authorization for Allison to move along with the grant application. Cris has also filled out a permit from the village, to have a booth every Wednesday at, **Music on the Point**, for the season.

2. **BTI Report** – BTI is complete for the year. Forty-five streams were treated at least once. This year larva was small. $6,195.19 was the total expense for the year. Next year they may adjust the maps and treat different streams. Flyers and adds are out for one BTI applicator for next year.

3. **Community Gardens –** Two doors have been fixed on green houses. June invited Mrs. Allen's class from LPCS to plant seeds after a student asked if our town had a community garden. The students planted in the food pantry garden.

4. **LED Street Light Update** – Already went over with Hwy. above.

5. **Medical Insurance Buy-Out** – Only one retiree can get the buy-out after policy changed years back. Current employees can either go on the towns insurance or get 20% back of what the town would put into their insurance coverage if they had it. McGovern suggested it be reduced to 10%. O'Connell led the board into discussion about % and that 20% is reasonable when the cost of these individuals on the town's insurance is much greater to the town. Martz felt that this is a big benefit for employees who are already paying for their insurance on their own and saving the town money in the long run.

6. **Employee Handbook** – Bain reported that changes have been sent in. Board members will get rough draft to review, make further changes and send to print.

7. **Board of Assessment Review Report** – There was one grievance. Town assessor, Lynn Billings went to the property to evaluate, took adjusted assessment to grievance day and adjustments to assessment were made.

New Business:

1. **Lake Pleasant Fire Dept. & Town Emergency Agreement –** Drawn up by Supervisor Bain, William Wharton (LP fire chief) and Neil McGovern

Depending on the state of emergency, this is not a replacement for our Town/Village Emergency operations plan, response procedures and resources which were last revised 5/22/2019.

Resolution #67 Paying Utility Bills Electronically
***See attached for resolution presented to the board from Supervisor Bain and County Treasurers office**
Offered by: Kathy O'Connell
2nd by: RaChelle Martz
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, O'Connell and Martz)
Nays: None

2. **ZBA Resignation** – Supervisor Bain received and read letter of resignation from the ZBA chairman Kevin Smith. Bain asked Bob Benkovich if he would be interested, and he said he would.

Resolution #68 The Town of Lake Pleasant Board to Appoint Bob Benkovich to the Zoning Board of Appeals
Offered by: Neil McGovern
2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Committee reports:

1. **Youth Recreation** – Martz and O'Connell reviewed the packet that went out to kids from youth Recreation director.

Resolution #69 Approve Audit of Abstracts #15 and #16
Voucher #2079-2087 Amount $25,596.00 & Voucher #2088-2117 Amount $97,055.66
Offered by: Neil McGovern
2nd by: RaChelle Martz
Resolved that all bills in the following funds be paid as presented – General, Highway, Landfill and Library
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons McGovern, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment: Karen McComb, library President, reported that the fire tower program was well attended and wonderful! Many complements received. Thanks to historical society for doing refreshments.
McComb asked Ms. Stewart about the grant sponsorship some more specifically if towns can do a co-sponsorship for grants. Stewart responded that grants are specific to one municipality.

McComb asked if other towns will be asked at the same time as Lake Pleasant. Stewart said that Lake Pleasant was asked first, and other towns will be asked if Lake Pleasant declines.

Round table:

Town Clerk Stephanie Smith gave the board a report on the following:

- Towns Health Insurance representative, Bryan Moldt has left CDL and Megan Nelligan will be taking his place as our representative. Megan and CDL part owner Heidi Colson will be coming up to meet any board members 6/7/22 at 9:00 am.
- Stamps go up another 2 cents next month, Mrs. Smith asked the board if they wanted her to drain postage budget line to buy stamps at current cost. Board gave approval.
- Department of state filed building height law #1 change from 35' to 40'. Letter from Department of state and law filed in clerks office
- Xerox machine is down for now until needed parts come in.

O'Connell complemented the cemeteries looking nice after clean up and branches cut.
Martz asked about the flags and when they are put up and taken down. They do not stay up due to wear if left up in weather. She also mentioned that the birding festival for Hamilton County is this weekend and over 100 people signed up. Also parade flyers are out for floats to sign up.
McGovern praised how well the fire tower presentation went.
Bain announced that road clean up on Page St. was complete on May 25th. She let the board know that she met with Peter Welch President of the Chamber and they have agreed to set up a meeting with towns. Martz and Bain attended the Chamber dinner at the Irondiquoit where the Hamilton County Health Department received the Sarah Osborne award.

Next Meeting: Monday June 21, 2022 @ 4:30 Lake Pleasant Library

*****ON A MOTION BY:** RaChelle Martz **2nd by:** Neil McGovern
TO ADJOURN 8:48 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk