March 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 March 20, 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
Guests: Deborah O'Rourke, Shorty Hoffman and Karen McComb (Library President)
Absent: Highway Superintendent - Randy LaVarnway

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #45 To approve the minutes of March 6, 2023
Offered by: McGovern
2ND by: Martz
Be it resolved, that the minutes of March 20, 2023 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Bain mentioned that the board will be going into executive session after the meeting.

Highway Report:
Given by Supervisor Bain:

-At the March 6th meeting LaVarnway suggested the board wait to purchase the box and plow since prices were expected to drop. Original price was $152,820.00. Steel plow and parts are now at a cost of $132,820.00.

Resolution #46 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Approve the purchase of Box and Plow.
Offered by: McGovern
Whereas, Box and Plow will be purchased from Henderson Products Inc. as per quote #169174.
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

-Snow banks have been pushed back and grooming of trails is slowing down.
- Garbage truck update Company fabricating the body says it will not be ready till fall
-Garbage truck chassis is at the facility in Mississippi yet due to work force problems the Garbage truck assembly is on hold. Discussion on leasing a garbage truck if needed was had by the board.
No update on wash bay boiler. It has not been installed and no date for installation at this time.

Old Business:

1. **Short Term Rentals -**
Committee will meet next week. Letters from residents have come in that will be shared with the committee. One letter has come in against regulations and another letter for the regulations. STR committee will go over the regulations again before bringing back to the board. McGovern mentioned that the community has given good feedback. O'Connell informed the board that The Village of Speculator has held off and doesn't plan to pass any regulations or ordinances at this time only handing out the brochure and checklist. They will wait to see what the state does. O'Connell askes anyone who has ideas or questions to come to her with them before the next STR meeting.

2. **State Campground Update** –
No updates for now. O'Connell mentioned that the state DEC site is advertising to make short term reservations. Discussion went around the table about how fall shutdowns will affect local campgrounds regardless of how reservations change.

3. **Property Tax Exemption for SVAC –** Tabled for now while Bain waits to get in touch with the Town's Attorney with questions.

4. **Nathan Littauer Contract –**
McGovern reported that he was able to talk with Patrice McMahon, recruiter of practitioners for NL, about what was originally contracted and compared what services the clinic has had since then. Discussion of more personal needed. McGovern compared surrounding area health care providers with what we have here. McGovern feels that we need to work with them as well as them working with us.

5. **Chamber of Commerce –**
McGovern and Bain met with Tracy Joy last week. Board members discussed concerns of having two employees in the office at a time, they suggested employees hours be staggered. Chamber Presidents will look into this. They will look into different types of memberships. Events of different types are in the planning stages and possibly sponsored by local businesses. Already on the list are the Farmers market, fire tower, Bear and Wine and Christmas stroll. They are working with local businesses on creating new events. At this time, they are looking for employees to fill positions of Office coordinator, events coordinator, marketing specialist and membership and ambassador liaison. Chamber is having a membership gathering event in May. They are working on combining the two agreements submitted to the town. Bain and McGovern suggested that they change the name of the contract.

Three towns involved with the Chamber plan to get together and discuss the contract and then bring information to their boards for discussion.
Speculator Chamber of Commerce will be looking for volunteers.

New Business:

1. **Bid Opening for BAN –**
   Smith presented to the board two sealed envelopes that came to town hall from two different banks. Five solicitations for bid were sent out with one coming back undelivered, two responded that they would not be bidding and two came in.

   Bank of Green County opened at 7:23 **Bid of 4.48% on the $600,000 BAN**
   PO Box 470
   Catskill, NY 12414

   NBT Bank opened at 7:24 **Bid of 4.40% on one year noncallable BAN**
   80 Wolf Rd.
   Albany, NY 12205

   Discussion on the details of the BAN was had by board members.

   Resolution #47 The Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board Will Award the Bid for the BAN to NBT Bank at a rate of 4.40%.
   Whereas, the rate offer on the one year $600,000 noncallable BAN is 4.40%.
   Offered by: Braunius
   2nd by: Martz
   Adopted by the following vote:
   Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
   Nays: None

RESOLUTION #48 TOWN OF LAKE PLEASANT TOWN BOARD SUPPORTING THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA OF THE ADIRONDACK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS & VILLAGES

Offered by: McGovern

WHEREAS, the Adirondack region is unique in New York State and the nation, and is the single largest constitutionally protected landmass in the contiguous United States, in which the vast majority of all land is committed to preservation, conservation, recreation, and resource management, and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack region is also home to 130,000 full-time residents living in over 100 small communities, and

WHEREAS, the combination of human communities and natural splendor creates both the Adirondack region's enchanting appeal and its complex policy challenges, centered around protecting this special place while meeting the needs of people who live here and hundreds of thousands who visit, and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack region is one of the most economically challenged areas of New York State, and has experienced legacy industries sharply declining or disappearing, outmigration of young people, families and college-educated citizens, and

WHEREAS, the region's challenges also include limited broadband and cellular service, aging infrastructure, declining school enrollment, increasing reliance by an aging population on volunteer emergency services that have difficulty maintaining adequate workforces, and challenges associated with responsibly managing and preserving natural resources that draw large numbers of visitors to the region, and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages is a non-partisan alliance of local elected officials who represent the towns and villages within the Adirondack Park, whose mission is to educate policymakers and decision-makers about the reality of life in the Adirondacks, to work with other interested groups, and to support solutions that protect the Adirondack environment and open space while ensuring sustainable economic opportunities and the wellbeing of residents and visitors, and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages has adopted a 2023 Legislative Agenda in furtherance of its mission, and is requesting that the Town of Lake Pleasant join in supporting the Legislative Agenda, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "A", now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lake Pleasant hereby supports the 2023 Legislative Agenda of the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Town of Lake Pleasant be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Mark C. Walczyk, Assemblymember Robert Smullen, the New York State Association of Counties, the Association of Towns of New York State, the New York Conference of Mayors, the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks and the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages.

2nd by: Braunius

Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

2. **The Association of Towns of The State of New York Dues**

Resolution #49 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board Made a Motion to Pay the Association of Towns Dues.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution # 50 to Amend Resolution #15 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to move funds from DB Fund Balance in the Amount of $31,163.00 to SR 8160.2. To: Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to move funds from DB Fund Balance in the Amount of $10,188.77 to SR 8160.2.
Offered by: Martz
Whereas, $10,188.77 is a loan from DB fund balance to be paid back in 2024.
Whereas, the town ARPA funds of $42,974.23 plus the Hamilton County's donation of $20,000.00 will add up to $62,974.23.
Whereas, the total ARPA funds of $62,974.23 will go towards the new garbage truck.
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Handbook Resolution -
Will be going in Executive Session under personnel issue.

3. **BTI -**
BTI employees are getting $18 an hour. They are asking for a $2 an hour raise.

Resolution #51 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to increase Hourly rate of $18/hr to $20/hr for all BTI Employees.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion was had by the board and it was agreed upon.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Committee Reports:

- **Youth Recreation –** The last ski lesson happened at Oak Mt. with 30 students in attendance. Summer events will be next to discuss.

Resolution #52 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #9 dated 3/13/2023, #2654-2660 in the amount of $1,440.32, Abstract #10 dated 3/16/2023, #2601-2679 in the amount of $11,050.76.
Offered by: Martz
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:
Karen McComb mentioned that this weekend and next weekend are maple syrup Association weekends where demonstrations are done with tapping trees, refreshments etc. McCombs will be participating from 10-4 this coming weekend. McComb let the board know that when she stops at chambers out west while traveling, they have lists of activities. Some are for one day and another is for several day stays. Education about what is going on in town is important.
Shorty Hoffman mentioned that regulating STR's in the village is on hold due to legal challenges going through the state. O'Connell responded that the state doesn't have anything to do with safety with STR regulations and that is what her committee is focusing on.

Roundtable:

- Braunius shared with the board what quality water testing should be done by STR's. Hotel and motel occupancy research was passed to O'Connell with mention that Hamilton County doesn't have a hotel motel occupancy limit listed.
- Martz mentioned that the job fair at is Oak this weekend from 4-8 and she encourages everyone seeking a job to come. Several employers will be there including DEC and DOT.

Resolution #53 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Give Approval for Town Clerk Smith to Attend the NYSTCA conference in April.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Bain mentioned that the Indian Lake Job Fair will be at the Indian Lake school on March 25th. Warren Co. assessment survey is in mail. This is important to fill out so that results of this will help NY State determine the needs of our seniors.

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

Resolution #54 The Board made a motion to go into executive session at 7:50 to discuss a possible disciplinary matter and personnel issue.
Offered by: Martz
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution #55 Lake Pleasant Town Board Came Out of Executive Session at 8:41 With No Action Taken
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

***ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2ND by:** O'Connell
To Adjourn @ 8:42 P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk