May 16, 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 May 16, 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, Don Braunius, RaChelle Martz and Katherine O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent: Randy Lavarnway
Guests: Paul Allen, Karen McComb (Library President) and Eileen Lavarnway

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #61 To approve the minutes of May 2, 2022
Offered by: Neil McGovern 2nd by: RaChelle Martz
Be it resolved that the minutes of May 2, 2022 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Highway:
Lavarnway gave the board a detailed report on the damage caused by a fallen tree during the last storm that left the South Shore Cemetery fence in need of repairs. Towns insurance has been notified and permission to get appraisal's given. Lavarnway will get two estimates. Water is turned on at Fish Mt. and Airdville Cemetaries. New water connections are in and ruts are filled with soil, seed and straw.
Buildings: Health center garbage shed was broken into and garbage spread around. Shed is fixed and garbage is taken by the Village 2x a week.
Parking balusters are out. Pathways have new signs up and old ones are down.
Randy asked the board for a resolution to contract out for the plowing of Gilmantown Rd. with the Village.

Resolution #62 for the Town of Lake Pleasant to sign five-year contract with The Village of Speculator in the maintaining of Gilmantown Road. <u>See attached agreement</u>
Offered by: Don Braunius **2nd by:** Neil McGovern
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Discussion amongst board members on why this is a municipal sharing of the maintenance of this road.
Lavarnway informed the board that paving of Page St. from Rt. 8 to just past Moffetts beach is scheduled for Tuesday – Thursday of this week. He also let the board know that the second new employee has started as an MEO and has his CDL license.

Clerk report:
Smith reported to the board that she has received the state vehicle and traffic laws from Braunius and has done up a notice to go out to contractors. O'Connell asked if other towns should get the notice too and the board agreed that the reminder would be good but it is the duty of other municipalities to get this information out as well.
Standard workday resolution almost finished and ready to go to state comptroller for June deadline. Amendment to local law #1 building height change has been sent and received by Secretary of State just awaiting processing and notice of law filed. Pete Newell will be coming into town hall tomorrow May 17th to change passwords and fix any computer issues that anyone maybe having.

Old Business:

1. **Museum Fundraiser Report**- Donations are still coming in with balance up to $27,167.00. Cristine Meixner has filled out a permit from the village, to have a booth every Wednesday at, **Music on the Point**, for the season.

2. **BTI Report** – Stream treatments are almost finished. Two BTI technicians are finishing up certification. Going into next year there will be three certified technicians.

3. **LPSA Lake Stewards** – Darcy Fouch will be taking the Moffets beach station job. Lavarnway and crew are getting out the boat wash station and it will be ready for delivery next Thursday.

4. **Community Gardens –** June reported that tiller is working, garden prep is moving along.

New Business:

Resolution #63 Town of Lake Pleasant to Move Funds
Offered by: Kathy O'Connell
Whereas, Funds will move from B Fund Unappropriated funds in the amount of 10,495.51 to Line B.5182.400 – street lighting contractual.
Be it resolved that this move would replace funds that were taken out to pay for the new street lights.
2nd by: Don Braunius
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Bain reported that they have started replacing lights but until fixtures and lights are changed out together the lights are not going to be fixed.

1. Page Street was mostly cleaned up during community pride day. Bain, Braunius, garage crew and school students plan to clean up the rest.
2. Grievance date has been changed to May 25th from 4-8 at the Library with the Town Assessor.
3. Medical Insurance Buy - Out for employees and retirees that do not take advantage of the Towns health insurance benefits. McGovern explained to the board that many municipalities have done away with this benefit. While revising the towns handbook he would like to have the board look over this benefit and see if the town should keep or do away with. Currently one retiree and one newly elected official are the only ones eligible. Discussion went around the table ending with Bain offering to e-mail board members info on the buy-out. Tabled for now.

Committee reports:

1. **Vehicle and Traffic** – Braunius mentioned the state law with letter to go out to contractors is complete.
2. **Cemetery** – Lavarnway set a date for the cemetery committee to meet and walk through the towns three cemeteries to discuss work in progress and work to be scheduled.

Resolution #64 Approve Audit of Abstracts #13 and #14
Voucher #2034-2037 Amount $3,441.06 & Voucher #2038-2078 Amount $22,743.14
Offered by: Neil McGovern
2nd by: Don Braunius
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, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment: Karen McComb, library President, reported that David McComb is pleased with the signs that the town has put up on the pathways. She came to the meeting to report that on Saturday June 4th Lori Rankin will be doing a presentation on fire towers at the library. This is being put on by the library and the historical society. Fire tower display, done by O'Connell, is in library glass case.
She also mentioned the poor condition of the tennis courts on Elm Lake Rd. McComb is asking the board to look into a grant under parks and recreation. The board is willing to look into grants. Lavarnway reminded the board that there is a reserve fund that was set up years ago to repair the County Court House tennis courts. This fund is set up for those courts only. Board

discussed that money should be raised to fix or consider tearing courts down. Town to look into amount of funds that will be needed for repairs.

Bain reported that Hamilton County's Soil and Water will have two apprentices this summer.

Eileen Lavarnway reported that Randy Lavarnway has worked for the town for 22 years to date!

Round table:

Bain reported that the town received a mortgage tax from October 2021 - March 2020 of $11,838.00. Total budget for the year was $30,000.00. Last year we received $17,000.00.

There is an opening for a part - time position at Lake Pleasant Library for 16 hours a week, available May 23, 2022. All those interested in applying are to contact Sherry Matthews at 518-548-4411.

Transfer station will be open on Fridays starting this week.

Bain reported that refills at the clinic for prescriptions needed call: 518-773-5577. New scripts can be called into the clinic.

Hamilton County Cable was bought out by Slick so if having any trouble with cable call 315-218-9006.

Board is still reviewing the employee handbook and when review is done, changes will be made and then it goes to print, revised again, then goes to official print.

Lavarnway reported that Perkins Clearing is open

McGovern let the board know that TWIGS will be back open for the 2022 season on May 27, 2022

Next Meeting: Monday June 6, 2022 @ 7:00 Lake Pleasant Library

*****ON A MOTION BY** Don Braunius **2nd by:** RaChelle Martz
TO ADJOURN 8:06 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk