May 2, 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 2, 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
Guests: Paul Allen, Katrena Cohea (Director of Adirondacks Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce) and Nancy Seifts (Budget Officer)
Absent: Highway Superintendent Randy Lavarnway

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #54 To approve the minutes of April 18, 2022
Offered by: Neil McGovern 2nd by: Don Braunius
Be it resolved that the minutes of April 18, 2022 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Highway: Bain read Highway Superintendent Lavarnway's report to the board:

1. New truck has arrived and is getting doors labeled.
2. A new Laborer has been hired. Two more applications, highway committee will be arranging interviews.
3. Black top costs are up $4.50/ton for month of May.
4. Winter storm left trees and power lines down, as well as heavy snow. Crew worked long hours doing clean up. Highway crew is now back to sweeping the roads.
5. Pathways – are cleaned up, boardwalks are leveled and signs are up.
6. Perkins clearing is closed to public yet clean up crew is working on the road.
7. Cemetery on south shore road had a large tree fall on the fence.
8. Town received a letter from a taxpayer about a tree on Kaulfuss road dropping debris in the road and onto neighboring yards. Supervisor Bain shared the letter and the picture of the tree with the rest of the town board. The board discussed this matter and has decided not to take action.

Resolution #55 The Town of Lake Pleasant to Purchase Groomer

Whereas, the Town of Lake Pleasant will purchase a 2010 Piston Bully groomer from the Town of Inlet.
Whereas, the Town of Lake Pleasant will purchase the groomer directly from the Town of Inlet at a cost of $67,000.
Offered by: Neil McGovern **2nd by:** RaChelle Martz
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None
McGovern explained that the town will not acquire this, mint condition groomer, until December 2022.

Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce's New Director Katrena Cohea, came before the board to give the Chamber report:
Cohea started by thanking the board for having her come to give a report. Next she gave everyone the highlights for the events hosted by the Chamber as follows:

1. **5/4/22 – Community Pride Day** with over fifty people signed up to participate so far. Schools, local camps and businesses participating as well.
2. **5/26/22 – Chamber of Commerce membership dinner** will be held at the Irondequoit Inn in Piseco. The manager of the Irondequoit is a board member of the Chamber and will be including Tapas (appetizers) at the dinner with trivia and tours of the Irondequoit Inn.
3. **6/23/22 - Farmers Market Begins**
4. **Flower barrels** have a few new sponsors this year and will be going on display soon.
5. **7/30/22 - NEW EVENT- Piseco Lake Days** – at the Piseco Community Hall indoor and outdoor part fair, part farmers market, part festival. Touch a truck for the kids and live music are planned as well.
6. **10/1/22? – Bear and Wine Festival** - **TBA**.

The board discussed the upcoming Community Pride Day and praised Paul Cleveland for already getting out there to clean up our community.

Old Business:

1. **Museum Fundraiser Report**- Donations are still coming in. Cristine Meixner has been working on the grant through National Grid on behalf of the Museum.

2. **BTI Report** – Stream treatments are being done. With waters high larva levels are down.

3. **LPSA Lake Stewards** - Currently looking for someone to fill the Moffits beach boat ramp position.

4. **Community Garden Report** – Tiller has been repaired, Village has removed railroad ties, three gardeners will not be returning this year but new gardeners joining. June Bergholtz (in charge of community gardens), will be taking one garden and plans to donate fruits of that garden to the food pantry this season. There are currently 2-3 more spots for gardeners available.

5. **Supervisor and Highway Superintendent Positions going to a Four-Year Term –**

Bain wanted to discuss at this meeting, explaining to the board, that she would need to get information to the town attorney, if the board votes to follow through with a motion to proceed. The Towns attorney would then draw up the proposition for the November ballot. Bain let the board know that they have until August but if the board has thought about it, she would like to move things along.
Bain opened for discussion
O'Connell strongly suggested that the two propositions stay separate. That way there is no risk of both propositions loosing together. The board discussed and agreed with O'Connell.

Resolution #56 Town of Lake Pleasant to Have Two Separate Propositions to Extend the Terms of Supervisor and Highway Superintendent
Whereas, the proposition for term of Supervisor will change from a two-year term to a four-year term
Whereas, the proposition for term of Highway Superintendent will change from a two-year term to a four-year term.
Offered by: Kathy O'Connell **2nd by:** Neil McGovern
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None
The board is aware that this has to be done during a non-election year.

6. **American Rescue Plan/Treasurers report for 2022 Presented by Nancy Seifts**
Seifts and Supervisor Bain went through a lengthy webinar for ARPA. Treasurers report was submitted before the 5/5/22 deadline. This report has to be done every year for four years.

New Business:

Resolution #57 Amendment to resolution #43 that is an Amendment to Resolution #39 Accrual Benefits Payback for Vacation and Sick Time
Offered by: Neil McGovern
Whereas, First pay period in December employees will be paid ½ of normal pay for any sick time over 360 hours and vacation time over 120 hours.
Whereas, the employees may otherwise lose this accrual if they are over the maximum vacation hours of 240 and sick time of 720.
Whereas, the employees will have the option of opting in to this program or staying with the old system of no payback. This has to be done by October 1st for the following fiscal year.
2nd by: Don Braunius
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None
Board went over Employee options form that is given to all labor and HEO positions to choose their accrual benefits payback for vacation and sick time
Resolution #58 Town of Lake Pleasant board to Approve the Employee Options Form for Accrual Benefits Payback for Vacation and Sick Time

Whereas, employees will choose one of the options by October 1st
Be it resolved, that employees will be able to amend their decision by October 1st for the following fiscal year.
Offered by: Neil McGovern **2nd by:** Kathy O'Connell
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution #59 Amendment to Resolution #44 The Town of Lake Pleasant Will Omit One HEO Position
Offered by: Neil McGovern
Whereas, that hourly rate will be divided among the other existing positions
Whereas, said increase will increase hourly rates of existing positions by $2.10/hr.
Whereas, this increase in pay will start 4/12/2022
Whereas, there was a step on 1/7/2022 paid to HEO positions that caused a miscalculation.
Be it resolved, that the increase will increase hourly rates of existing positions by $2.20/hr. starting 4/12/2022.
2nd by: Don Braunius
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Bain went over a letter from ADK landfill services stating that there is an increase of $165.00 more for increase in lab costs to the town.
Bain also informed the board that she has picked up a tax-exempt form from Walmart to purchase cleaning supplies. Discussion was had by the board and also involved public comment on supplies and how they are ordered for different town owned departments.

Committee reports:

1. **Youth Recreation Aid** – O'Connell and Martz interviewed Katelyn Woehrle and feel that she is a good fit for the job as Youth recreation aid.

Motion for the Board to hire Katelyn Woehrle as Youth Recreation Aid
Offered by: Neil McGovern **2nd by:** Don Braunius
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

McGovern and Braunius informed the board that the Laborer interview went well and new hire has started.

Round table:

Clerk Report: Smith reported to the board that collection schedules are available at post offices and Charlie Johns store and will go in the Hamilton County Express the week of 5/25-5/31.

Next Smith asked the board what they would like her to do about Construction and Demolition bills that are not getting paid by residents/contractors? The board feels that a second notice should go out to unpaid C&D bills.

Smith reported that the Town Historian Aaron Weaver has been organizing and looking into preservation of old Town records and documents at Town Hall.

Attending the four-day NYSTICA Conference was beneficial to Smith in that she took as many classes as she could in order to learn ways to better serve the town.

Martz mentioned that she would be in Albany with the office of Tourism to hand out information about our area.

Braunius and the board discussed the storm and how to better be prepared in our area when power goes out and roads are closed.

Braunius also mentioned having a copy of the law on covering contractor trucks transporting debris to go with C&D bills.

Bain contacted National Grid to see when the Town will be scheduled for new streetlights. Answer was that storms caused setback, but they will be scheduling soon.

Braunius mentioned that crews worked 16 hrs./day during storm

Warren-Hamilton Counties Office of the Aging Contract – quarterly progress report was done by Bain and Pauline Slack

Chambers yearly Membership dinner will be 5/26/22 at the Irondequoit Inn. Bain invited a board member to attend with her. Martz will be attending with Bain.

Bain reported that Jill Dunham and a taxpayer complemented the town HWY crew for their outstanding work during the storm.

Next Senior trip will be 5/18/22 9:00 a.m. to Sangertown Square Mall. Wells and Piseco seniors are welcome to go if they are pre-registered.

Resolution #60 Approve Audit of Abstracts #11 and #12
Voucher #2006-2012 dated 4/25/2022 in the Amount of: $67,413.41 & Voucher #2013-2033 dated 4/29/2022 in the Amount of $113,326.42
Offered by: RaChelle Martz
2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
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:

Paul Allen shared his experiences with other towns having a procurement officer that can do ordering for all departments. Mr. Allen discussed further issues with trees and towns responsibility vs. home owners.
Allen suggested to the board that they use the library's electric message sign to give notice to residents during storms that the library is a warm safe place to go.

Next Meeting: Monday May 16, 2022 @ 7:00 Lake Pleasant Library

Executive Session
On a motion by: Neil McGovern **2nd by:** RaChelle Martz
Resolution #61 was adopted:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None
Resolved that this Board move into Executive Session at 8:34 P.M. to discuss Medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal.

Resolved that the Board return to regular session at 9:02 P.M. with no action taken
Offered by: Neil McGovern **2nd by:** Kathy O'Connell
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

***ON A MOTION BY** Don Braunius **2nd by:** Neil McGovern
TO ADJOURN 9:03 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk