April 15, 2020

State of New York
2679 Route 8
County of Hamilton
Town of Lake Pleasant

A Regular Meeting of the Lake Pleasant Town Board was held on April 6, 2020, the meeting was held by using Zoom as the COVID -19 is still keeping people at home. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., to conduct whatever business that may come before the Board.
The following were present:
Supervisor: Betsy Bain
Councilpersons: Neil McGovern, Cristine Meixner, Don Braunius, Nancy Seifts
Town Clerk: Deborah O'Rourke
Highway Superintendent Randy Lavarnway
Supervisor Bain asked if Mayor Barrett was on the Zoom meeting there was not response from her.
Supervisor Bain asked everyone to give a round of applause to Councilperson Nancy Seifts for becoming a Grandmother, baby Asher John Seifts.

RESOLUTION #43 APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2020
RESOLVED, that the minutes of March 16, 2020 be approved as presented.
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Don Braunius
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Betsy Bain, Councilperson: Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Nancy Seifts Nays: None

Public Comment: If there are any questions from the public please contact Supervisor Bain or any Board member. The meeting is being recorded for the public to hear by Dackland Radio.

Highway: Superintendent Lavarnway reported that he has reduced his crew to two men a day because of the COVID-19. Two men on Monday to do garbage, Tuesday two men for recyclables, Thursday's two men for garbage, they go home after these projects are done. The Transfer Station is closed on Friday and Saturday. Elisabeth Weaver is working Monday - Thursday. Crew is still being paid and time is being kept track of so if possible, for reimbursement by FEMA or whoever in the future, we have the records. The Village of Speculator is still keeping their crews on, so is Inlet, Hope and Benson are keeping their foremen's and part crews. Councilperson McGovern asked what the County is doing they are keeping their road foremen's and garbage haulers and mechanics also. Greatly reduced crew also. Lavarnway sent out email about the newest update was that a highway dept. south of here closed down for 2 weeks because one worker came down with COVID-19. Surrounding Towns are pitching in to help. Lavarnway says he can keep the men busy but better to keep crew home for another two weeks. Councilperson Seifts asked about rotating the men not just using the same men all the time he said he could do that. Councilperson McGovern said Lavarnway was doing a great job. Councilperson Meixner said some people have asked her if the men were being paid and she said they were and the people that asked were happy to hear. Councilperson Braunius said he had walked the pathway today and said that the first part and second section of the pathway could use some fixing up and made safer. Councilperson Meixner was concerned that

one guy working alone. Lavarnway said he would look into it. Supervisor Bain will contact the Nursing Dept. for more masks for the crew.

RESOLUTION #44 TO BOARD AGREED TO GIVE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT THEIR SUPPORT AND THE FLEXIBILTY HE NEEDS FOR THE PROTECTION OF HIS CREW, STAYING AT THREE DAYS A WEEK FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS WITH FULL PAY

OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2ND BY Nancy Seifts

RESOLVED, that the Board supports Highway Superintendent Lavarnway on keeping his crew protected, staying at three days a week for the next two weeks with full pay.

ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Don Braunius, Neil McGovern Nays: None

There was only one applicant for the diesel mechanic job, but he lived to far away. The Budget Committee agreed to raise the starting pay to $21.00 per hour. Lavarnway did mention to his men about the position and no one is interested. Councilperson Meixner and Seifts will continue to advertise on the Town's website and face book with the new rate of pay.
Suggested to advertise in Albany, Utica areas.

Old Business: BTI is going well Mark Crary, Vi Wickes and Bill Waller have been out treating the streams with the water level so high, Vi asked Supervisor Bain to order more treatment which she wanted the Board to know will be delivered to her house because the Town Hall is closed.
Councilperson Seifts reached out to Linda at BST about the AUD she was working on with Kathy. She took some info and will look it over and get back to Nancy.
Supervisor Bain spoke to BST and they have no problem moving the Audit out. All Department heads were asked to place their passwords in sealed envelopes which they have locked away in a fireproof safe.

RESOLUTION #45 TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #2-2020 AT 7:30 P.M. ON MAY 4, 2020 AT THE TOWN MUNCIPAL CENTER DURING THE NEXT TOWN MEETING.

OFFERED BY Nancy Seifts 2nd by Betsy Bain

RESOLVED, the Town Clerk will advertise that at the next Town Board meeting on May 4, 2020 at the Town Municipal Center there will be a public hearing for Local Law #2-2020 at 7:30 p.m.

ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Don Braunius, Neil McGovern

There will be a bill pay on April 23, so all bills need to be into Nancy by April 22.
Councilperson Seifts will let the Board know when the bills will be ready to be reviewed.
Supervisor Bain reported that Nancy is working from home. Town Clerk is working from home and her office checking the mail because she is still collecting taxes. The phones are being checked also for messages. Deputy Court Clerk Faith Cleveland came in to close the Judges book work for March.
Library President Karen McComb is working on the Library's annual report and will get it to the Board shortly. There are two vacancies for Board of Trustees if anyone is interested please contact Karen McComb or Director Sherry Matthews.

Supervisor Bain reported that the County Treasurer's office has decided because they are so short staffed they would like to hold off doing the Town's payroll until May. Councilperson Nancy Seifts former Princ. Acct. Clerk is doing the payroll, reports and bills at this point in time.
RESOLUTION #46 APPROVE AUDIT OF ABSTRACT#8
Voucher #142-145 Amount $31,922.96
ABSTRACT #9 Voucher 146-176 Amount $32,659.51
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Don Braunius
RESOLVED, that all bills in the following funds be paid as present.
GENERAL, HIGHWAY, LANDFILL, LIBRARY
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Cristine Meixner, Don Braunius, Neil McGovern Nays-None

Roundtable:
Councilperson McGovern is concerned about the 2020 Census that the workers have been told to stop. You can do it online, but you need a code.
Councilperson Meixner added that if and when the County Treasurer's office does take over the Town's payroll etc. it would be considered shared services which means the State would assume part of the cost one time only.
Town Clerk/Court Clerk reported that the Court computers have been updated to run Skype for Court arraignments.
Supervisor Bain reported there has been 16 people tested for COVID-19, 15 came back negative. 1 positive case in the County. The Supervisor of the Town in which there is a positive case is contacted by Erica Mahoney from Hamilton County Public Health.
Supervisor Bain read a letter from the Lake Pleasant Park saying that they have postponed the opening of their park because of the spreading of the COVID-19. They feel that it is more important to keep themselves and others safe. Supervisor Bain will call them and thank them.

Next meeting May 4 will probably be done by Zoom, but the Town Hall will be open Supervisor Bain and Town Clerk O'Rourke will be at the Town Hall because of the Public Hearing for Local Law #2.
MOTION TO ADJOURN 8:50 P.M. Moved by Don Braunius 2nd by Cristine Meixner
Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah O'Rourke, Town Clerk