January 10, 2021

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

**An Organizational Meeting of the Lake Pleasant Town Board** was held on January 4, 2021 by Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M., to make appointments, establish other organizational tasks, and conduct whatever business that may come before the Board.
The following were present:
Supervisor: Betsy Bain
Councilman Neil McGovern , Don Braunius, Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner
Town Clerk Deborah O'Rourke
Highway Superintendent Randy Lavarnway
Guests: John Seifts, Mark Donecker

**A moment of silent prayer for Richard Newell**

**RESOLUTION #1 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2020**
**OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Nancy Seifts**
**RESOLVED, that the minutes of December 21, 2020**
**ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius Nays: None**

**Public Comment:**
**Committee Reports:**
Highway: Superintendent Lavarnway reported the snowmobile trails are open but the lakes are not safe. No Town trails go over the lakes. The crew are cutting some trees across the Perkins Clearing trails. All trucks are doing well no major break downs during the last snow fall. The new mechanic is doing well he is now off of probation. CHIPS money has come in minus 20% which Randy had expected. FEMA money has been received just under $250,000. Don Braunius asked if there has been any word on the snowmobile fund money? Randy reported that hopefully he will receive the vouchers by the end of the week. The State expects payouts to be 10% less because of fewer snowmobile registrations from last year. The crew did some repairs on Gilmantown Road as a result of all the rain.
**Old Business:** Bill Dievendorf from H2O has ordered the new R/O system that will be stored until needed. Supervisor Bain and Neil McGovern will be working on the letter to the R/O owners explaining what the Town is and is not responsible for.

**RESOUTION #2 CORRECTION ON THE METHOD AND FORM OF PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE BUY-OUT**
**OFFERED by Neil McGovern 2nd by Nancy Seifts**
**RESOLVED, that as of 2021 the employees receiving the health insurance buy-out will have to submit a voucher to the Town Board. The payment to the employee will be made at the final bill pay of the year. The Town employee will be responsible for withholding taxes.**
**ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius. Nays: None**

**RESOLUTION #3 Deputy Supervisor Neil McGovern is named as the Voting Delegate at the Annual Business Meeting of the Association of Towns of the State of New York being held Feb. 5, 2021**

**Offered by Nancy Seifts 2nd by Don Braunius**

**Adopted by the following vote: Ayes- All Nays- None**

**RESOLUTION #4 2021 Town Appointments-**
**Offered by Cristine 2nd by Neil McGovern**
**Deputy Supervisor-Neil McGovern**
**Budget Officer- Betsy Bain**
**Attorney for Town – Young & Sommer**
**Historian- Aaron Weaver**
**Official Bank- NBT**
**Health Insurance Rep.- Deborah O'Rourke**
**Justice Court Clerk- Deborah O'Rourke**
**Deputy Court Clerk- Faith Cleveland**
**Deputy Town Clerk- Faith Cleveland**
**Animal Control Officer- Mike Peck**
**Deputy Animal Control Officer- Laura Peck**
**Registrar Vital Stat. & Handicap Permit Issuer- Deborah O'Rourke**
**Purchasing Agent- Betsy Bain**
**Youth Recreation Director- Samantha Desrochers**
**Parks & Recreation Foreman- Randolph Lavarnway**
**Refuse & Recyclable Foreman- Randolph Lavarnway**
**Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer- Robert Benkovich**
**Official Newspaper-Hamilton County Express**
**Adopted by the following vote Ayes-All Nays-None**

**RESOLUTION #5 Authorization for Superintendent of Highways to make purchases of tools etc. at a cost not to exceed $2,999 and to buy oil, tires, salt at state contract pricing.**
**Offered by Cristine Meixner 2nd by Don Braunius**
**Adopted by the following vote: Ayes- All Nays- None**

**RESOLUTION # 6 To set mileage rate for reimbursement at $.56**
**Offered by Nancy Seifts 2nd by Neil McGovern**
**Adopted by the following vote: Ayes- All Nays- None**

**RESOLUTION #7 Town of Lake Pleasant to adopt the Holiday Schedule as established by Hamilton County on file. (Attached)**
**Offered by Cristine Meixner 2nd by Neil McGovern**
**Adopted by the following vote: Ayes- All Nays- None**

**RESOLUTION #8 That regularly scheduled Town Board meetings will be held at the Lake Pleasant Public Library, 2864 Rt. 8, Speculator NY at 5:30 p.m.(re-visit March 15) on the first and third Monday of each month, or as otherwise published and/or posted. There will not be a meeting on a Monday Holiday.**
**Offered by Neil McGovern 2nd by Don Braunius**
**Adopted by the following vote: Ayes- None Nays-None**

**RESOLUTION #9 Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office hours will be 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Monday – Friday.**
**Offered by Don Braunius 2nd by Nancy Seifts**
**Adopted by the following vote: Ayes- All Nays- None**

**RESOLUTION # 10 Appointment to Board of Assessment Review**
**Arthur Stokes 10/1/2020-9/30/2022**
**Offered by Don Braunius 2nd by Neil McGovern**
**Adopted by Ayes: All Nays-None**

**RESOLUTION #11 Appointment to Zoning Board**
**Kevin O'Brien 1/1/2021- 12/31/2025**
**Offered by Neil McGovern 2nd Don Braunius**
**Adopted by Ayes: All Nays: None**

**RESOLUTION #12 APPROVE AUDIT OF ABSTRACT #35**
**Voucher # 853- 869 Amount $11280.49**
**ABSTRACT #1 865-868 Amount $30,822.08**
**OFFERED BY Nancy Seifts 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: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Don Braunius (Neil McGovern -Abstained had not reviewed bills)**
**Nays-None**
**Next meeting Tuesday January 19, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Roundtable-** Neil McGovern reported on the Septic updates still work in progress. The County Local Law #1 is on the County's web-site for anyone to review. The Polar Plunge1/17 was a great success 12 participants with at least 2 dozen people cheering all on. $178.00 was raised which was sent to the Wounded Warriors. Thanks to the Timberline Café for suppling the hot chocolate for all.
Nancy Seifts will be contacting the Auditors to see how the Town 's audit is going .
Tax Collecting will be done by mail or by dropping taxes in the Town Clerks drop box outside her office door. Supervisor Bain reported that the County Treasurer's office will be doing the

Consolidated Health audit. Adirondack Bible Church has donated $250.00 for use of the transfer station. The Town received a refund check for $1,610 from PERMA.

***ON A MOTION BY Don Braunius 2ND Cristine Meixner 6:25 p.m.

TO ADJOURN ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah O'Rourke, Town Clerk