June 10, 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 June 1, 2020 was held Lake Pleasant Public Library, 2864 State Hwy. 8 Speculator, NY. 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
Councilman: Neil McGovern, Cristine Meixner, Nancy Seifts, Don Braunius
Town Clerk: Deborah O'Rourke
Highway Superintendent Randy Lavarnway
Guests: by Zoom, John Seifts, Joy Eliezer, Caitlin Stewart.

**RESOLUTION #58 APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2020**
**OFFERED BY Nancy Seifts 2nd Don Braunius**
**RESOLVED, that the minutes of June 18, 2020 be approved as presented.**
**ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Cristine Meixner, Nancy Seifts, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius Nays: None**

**Committee Reports:**
Councilperson Seifts was contacted by Rec. Director Sammy Desrochers saying she is in contact with KC Morrison to order signs for the Town's Graduates.
Councilperson McGovern has been in touch with Mike Camoin about Ring of Fire which is done on the Great Sacandaga Lake, it would be part of the July 4th Celebration. People who live around the Lake would all make a camp fire and maybe a drone could fly over and take pictures. He would like to see the word get out. There will be a July 4th parade along Downey Ave. and Fireworks at the Point.
Highway: Superintendent Lavarnway reported that two weeks ago someone called Lavarnway about smoke coming from one of the flower barrels. Lavarway was in Perkins Clearing with no cell service. He didn't get the message until he was back in the Village, someone had moved the flower barrel away from the Building. He contacted the Sheriff's Office and the Speculator Fire Dept. After looking into the barrel, they noticed that plastic containers where used in the bottom of the planters which had hazardous material left in them, so maybe a cigarette put out in the barrel caused the fire. There was some melting to the siding as a result. A question was asked if there are any outside camera's around the Library the answer was no.

**RESOLUTION #59 TO HAVE SUPERINTENDENT LAVARNWAY ORDER OUTSIDE CAMERA'S FOR THE LIBRARY**
**OFFERED BY, Nancy Seifts 2nd by Neil McGovern**
**RESOLVED, that Highway Supt. Lavarnway will order outside cameras for the Library.**
**ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Neil McGovern, Nancy Seifts, Don Braunius, Cristine Meixner. Nays: None**
The new deck/stairs are coming along at the Library the trex has been ordered they don't have a non-slip product if needed there is a non- slip spray that can be used.

Lavarnway told the Board that FEMA is now requiring proof of ownership for each damaged road and culvert before it will do a virtual tour of the damage caused by the Halloween Storm. FEMA's needs coordinates which Lavarnway has provided by Google Earth maps but they do not match. Lavarnway needs to purchase a more accurate GPS equipment so he can provide FEMA with the coordinates they are requesting and he feels he be reimbursed ¾ of the cost by FEMA. Asked what other Towns are doing Lavarnway told the Board that the Town of Arietta is hiring someone to do their work and the County has Lenny Croote from Soil and Water doing their work.
Culvert and bridge work are going to be the biggest and most expensive project for the Highway Dept. The large culvert on Fish Mt. Road in area called Park Stream. The option of putting in a 20 ft. culvert would be a huge undertaking to replace the present 10 ft. culvert. The Highway crew will be building a bridge instead. The cost will be around $300,000 of which $30,000 will be for engineering costs. Highway Superintendent Lavarnway said that FEMA will be paying 75% of all projects that result from the Halloween Storm. Tracy Eldridge Hamilton County Superintendent of Highway's suggested a 16 ft. bridge. The crew has completed repairs to Perkins Clearing Road. The Crew will start prep work on 2100 ft of Page St. and 400 ft. on Old Page Hill Rd. Wednesday then pave by June 4th.

**RESOLUTION #60 THE BOARD APPROVED THE HIRING OF DONALD PINKERTON 111 AS MECHANIC STARTING AT $18.00 PER HOUR.**
**OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd Cristine Meixner**
**RESOLVED, that Donald Pinkerton has accepted the position of Mechanic at $18.00 he will be starting in 2 weeks.**
**ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Nancy Seifts, Don Braunius Nays: None**

**Old Business:** Supervisor Bain reported that the BTI program has been completed. This was Mark Crary's last year so the Town is looking for 2 BTI applicators for next year.
The Town Board has accepted the Lake Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department's annual Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP).

**RESOLUTION #61 TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE TO TAKE OVER THE TOWN'S PAYROLL AND BOOK KEEPING REPORTS. (see attached).**
**OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Don Braunius**
**RESOLVED, That the Hamilton County Treasurer's office will assume the Lake Pleasant's payroll and book keeping reports for 2020 at a cost of $7,875 for June-December.**
**ADOPTED, by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Neil McGovern, Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Don Braunius.**

The County has asked former Princ. Acct. Clerk Nancy Seifts to help with the transaction.
Dave McComb informed the Town that there has been some vandalism again at the Pathway. Every year it seems that the signs are damaged. He does have a student who will be volunteering this summer to help with the Pathway.

**New Business:** The Community Gardens now have a new leader, Don Braunius has volunteered to help with equipment and keep the water on. The former gardener Mrs. Crisbacher has retired. Nancy Welch will be working with Don Braunius in the gardens. There are 16 plots, 4 have been planted so far. There are two greenhouses but no work has been done on them yet this year. Supervisor Bain explained how the Town Municipal Building will be open during COVID. The middle door will be open and guidelines are posted for those to read before entering. There will be retesting June 4th at the County Tennis Courts.

**RESOLTUTION #62 TO HIRE H2O TO TEST THE 6 CONTAMINATED WELLS AND THE TOWN'S NOT TO EXCEED $250.00**
**OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Cristine Meixner**
**RESOLVED, that the Board agreed to have H20 test the previous wells that were tested in 2017 not to exceed the cost of $250.00**
**ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Nancy Seifts. Nays: None**

**RESOLUTION #63 TO APPROVE THE REPAIR OF THE FORMER R/O SYSTEM NOT TO EXCEED $1,000.**
**OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Don Braunius**
**RESOLVED, to repair the former R/O system not to exceed $1,000 and return the R/O system back as a backup.**
**ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Nancy Seifts, Don Braunius Nays-None**
After a conversation with one of the neighbors with a contaminated well he wants his original R/O system repaired and returned. He feels the one that is in his house is not efficient. Bill Dievendorf from H2O will have a quote for us by the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION #64 APPROVE AUDIT OF ABSTRACT #13**
**Voucher #274- 289 Amount $5,391.03**
**OFFERED BY Cristine Meixner 2nd by Nancy Seifts**
**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, Mike O'Connor, Don Braunius Nays: None**

**Roundtable:** Councilperson Cristine Meixner asked why the Schools aren't doing signs for the Graduates she was informed that they are supplying them to the Graduates for their driveways. She doesn't feel the Town should be spending the money, Councilperson McGovern said it is only for this year. The Youth Rec. Director is purchasing signs for the Graduates to be placed at the four corner's Dean Lane Park. Court Clerk O'Rourke informed the Board that the Lake Pleasant Court is one of the first to hold an arraignment through Skype. Town Clerk reported that DEC sent a letter stating the Town would no longer be able to issue fishing and hunting licenses, because of the amount of small quantity of sales. O'Rourke sent a letter to them stating the importance of the licensing and they have reconsidered.

Councilperson Braunius would like to see County and Town leaders send letters out to get the State Campsites open. There is lot of cleaning up before they open so it needs to happen soon.

***ON A MOTION BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Nancy Seifts TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION 8:30 p.m. To discuss a personnel matter. (Disciplinary actions)
***ON A MOTION BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Nancy Seifts TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION 8:35 p.m. No action taken
June 15th meeting is at the Lake Pleasant Library.
*** ON A MOTION BY Don Braunius 2nd by Nancy Seifts TO ADJOURN 8:36 p.m. ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah O'Rourke, Town Clerk