June 15, 2021

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 7, 2021 at the 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: Gary Rhinehart (Dackland Radio) Robert (Shorty) Hoffman, Eileen Lavarnway, Bob Benkovich (Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer) Stephanie Smith, Chris & Betsy Ambrose, Paul Allen.

RESOLUTION #64 APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 17 , 2021
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Don Braunius
RESOLVED, that the minutes of May 17, 2021 be approved as presented
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Cristine Meixner Nays: None

Committee Reports:
Highway: Superintendent Lavarnway reported that road work is starting on Pelcher Rd. Page St. and Gilmantown Rd. next week. Cemeteries are open, mowing and cleanup has been completed. Randy reported that the Contractor that was hired to do the new sidewalk project is running behind hopefully would be started by July 4. There was an electrical problem at the library there was a default wire that was loose. An electrician was brought it to repair it no charge for repair.
Old Business:
Final Auction International Report: Supervisor Bain reported to the Board that the Auction for 175 Golf Course Rd. was over Tuesday June 1 at 10:00 a.m. Peter Anderson was the highest bidder which was $45,300 The highest bidder has to pay the additional buyer fee of $4,530 to Auctions International. Tomorrow Betsy will be signing the paper work and getting it back to RJ. Once he gets that, he sends the paperwork to be signed by the buyer and the buyer sending it back with full payment.

RESOLUTION #65 TOWN BOARD AUTHORIZES SUPERVISOR BAIN TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AS NECESSARY TO SELL THE PROPERTY TO THE WINNING BIDDER, INCLUDING FORMS NECESSARY TO RECORD THE SALE WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK. (See attached)
OFFERED BY, Cristine Meixner 2nd by Nancy Seifts
RESOLVED, (see attached)
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius. Nays-None

"Opt Out" update: Supervisor Bain has contacted the Town Attorney, who will draw up the local law and she will have it at the next meeting. This local law will be subject to a permissive referendum. If a petition is filed in the Clerks Office it has to be filed within 45 days of the Board adopting the law, if no petition the Clerk will send it on to the Secretary of State.
Board of Assessment Review report: Assessor Dan Fyffe informed the Supervisor that no one showed up for Grievance Day
LED Street Lighting: Cristine Meixner handed out a LED Street light conversion cost analysis. Even though at the last meeting the Board was not going to move on this, Cristine reached out to Adirondack North Country Association Energy Circuit Rider Nancy Bernstein to look into the cost savings for the Town to have Nation Grid replace the fixtures and bulbs. After reviewing the cost analysis, the Board agree to proceed.

RESOLUTION #66 AGREEMENT CONVERT TO LED STREET LIGHT BULBS
OFFERED BY Cristine Meixner 2nd by Neil McGovern
WHEREAS: The cost of street lighting is a significant item in the budget of the Town of Lake Pleasant, and
WHEREAS: The New York Power Authority sets fees for utilities bill for use of their fixtures based on type of lamp; and
WHEREAS: National Grid, which supplies electricity to the Town of Lake Pleasant, is offering a program to convert high-pressure sodium bulbs and fixtures to LED bulbs and fixtures; and
WHEREAS: this would result in a projected savings of 79 % on the Town's annual streetlight bill; and
WHEREAS: THE Town of Lake Pleasant must pay a fee per streetlight to participate in this Streetlight Conversion Program, with expected payback of 27 months; and
WHEREAS: THE Town of Lake Pleasant may benefit from National Grid's LED rebate, which would reduce payback to 9.3 months;
THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED: The Town Board of the Town of Lake Pleasant hereby declares its intent to contract with National Grid to implement its Streetlight Conversion Program.
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Neil McGovern, Cristine Meixner Don Braunius Nays-None

Final BTI Report: BTI was completed on Friday May 21. Vi Wickes has completed the paperwork and has put the equipment away. Marty is going to be certified in the Fall and maybe Rich Prestopnik. It would still be good if we could hire one more person for next year to work as an apprentice. Up to date with supplies and salary we have spent $6,327., last year it was $5,813 a difference of $514.62. The Town really appreciate all of their time and hard work.
Youth Rec- Supervisor Bain got a message back from Steve Sawn our insurance rep. and he did reach out to NYMIR and they feel that the horseback riding lessons with the stable not having their own insurance, would still be leaving the liability open on the town if a child was hurt even if a waiver was signed. There was no response to the ad the Clerk placed in the paper for a youth rec. aide.
RESOLUTION #67 THE BOARD HAS AGREED TO PAY GARY RHINEHART FOR HIS VOLUNTEER HOURS AS YOUTH REC. AIDE

OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Don Braunius
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius.

R/O System Report: Stubbs system is hooked up, the main water supply is not functioning, it needed a new pressure switch. Bill Dievendorf will contact their plumber to replace the switch not the towns responsibility.
Bill suggested that the Town repair the old R/O system that is stored in the Highway Garage should be repaired so the Town would have 2 spare systems if needed.
RESOLUTION #68 THE BOARD AGREED TO HAVE BILL DIEVENDORF REPAIR THE SECOND R/O SYSTEM.
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Nancy Seifts
RESOLVED, the cost of the repair with parts and labor should be between $200-$500
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius. Nays: None

Pathways: Betsy told the Board that the Town will be partnering with Soil and Water on the Pathways. Soil and Water have two interns starting on June 14th. They will work with Paul Cleveland.
Library News: The Library has received a $5,000 donation from the Friends of the Library.

New Business:
The Town has received the Assessor's letter of resignation, Dan Fyffe's last day will be June 11, 2021. Betsy has spoken with Real Property Director Barry Baker and it seems we will continue to partner with the County and Indian Lake. They will start to advertise this position.

New Streetlight request: Chris and Betsy Ambrose who have moved to 351 South Shore Road would like a new street light at the end of their driveway. The Board will review this request.

Tax Payer complaint- After receiving two complaints one written and one by phone about junk on the Town Roads, the Code Enforcement Officer Bob Benkovich and Supervisor Bain went to see for themselves and took pictures. Supervisor Bain sent an email to all Board members a copy of the Local Law #4 Junk Storage Law dated 2009. At this time Bob would like the Boards support as to how they want him to proceed. The Board agreed to sending a certified letter to the landowner notify them of the complaint and see what happens.

Community Gardens report: June Bergholtz stopped by the Supervisors office to introduce herself and gave an update on the gardens. She thanked Randy Lavarnway for having his crew deliver a dump truck load of wood chips and repairing the roto-tiller. June reported that they have a few more people that have taken plots and now all the plots have been taken.

Roundtable: Neil McGovern wanted to welcome everyone to stop over at his home on Sat. starting at 3:00 p.m. to wish Kevin McGovern a Happy 40th Birthday.

Supervisor Bain reported that she had a meeting on May 27th with County Highway Supt. Tracy Eldredge, County Chairman Bill Farber, Nick Mauro, Dean Carnevale and representatives from DOT Linda Lubey, Brian Hoffman and Sean Hennessey. Tracy set the meeting up to discuss some future projects withing the County. One being Rt. 30 South of Speculator, but to our surprise the section from Speculator where the sidewalks end to 3-mile bridge approximately 8.86 miles was approved. The work will start in the Spring of 2022. The cost of the project is over $3,000,000. A thank you to Cris Meixner for the letter and signatures she got for asking for this. A thank you also to Robert Hoffman who spoke with the Lt. Gov. on this.

RESOLUTION #69 APPROVE AUDIT OF ABSTRACT #19
Voucher #1228-1239 Amount $30,655.72 ABSTRACT # 20
Voucher # 1240-1271 Amount $19,417.37
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 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, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius Nays-None

Public Comment: Robert Hoffman announced that the Museum opened Friday June 4th. It will be open Friday and Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Town Historian Aaron Weaver will be at the Museum on Tuesday 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Nancy Seifts mentioned that the price of stamps are going up .03 by the end of August she suggested for the Town to buy lots of forever stamps.
Cris asked if the School has signed the bus garage lease? Betsy said no. Cris asked if the Town has received any American Rescue Plant Act funds yet? Not yet they are due from the State by June 9.
Town Clerk will speak to Sherry Matthews to see if the library is free for the Towns meeting Tuesday July 6 @ 5:00 p.m. because of the holiday on Monday. Next meeting is Monday June 21, 2021

***ON A MOTION BY Don Braunius 2ND by Nancy Seifts
TO ADJOURN 8:00 p.m.
ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah O'Rourke, Town Clerk