March 8, 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 March 1, 2021 by Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 t(Dackland Radio), Deputy Town Clerk Faith Cleveland, Bonnie Reisinger

RESOLUTION #30 APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2021
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Nancy Seifts
RESOLVED, that the minutes of February 16, 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 he has received the Snowmobile Trail grant voucher, he expected less money but the payment was the same as last year. The Snowmobile Club vouchers are in this bill pay. He reported grooming is going well until this weekend when we had rain and sleet. The groomers went back out today to smooth trails out. Trucks are all running well, no major issues. The crew is still just salting not plowing the bridge in Speculator DOT put cold patch on the bridge. The new employee Austin Hayes is doing very well willing to learn has done grooming and riding wing.

A result from the 2019 audit that was just completed for the Town, there seems to be a problem with some of the past reserve funds that were set-up they were not done correctly. Randy would like to see these done over subject to be retroactive. Neil McGovern said if the funds are to be used within 5 years they are in good shape. Cristine Meixner hopes the reserve funds will continue in the future, she stated she will not be on the Board after this year. Before the next meeting Betsy, Randy and Debbie will meet to write up new resolutions for the reserve funds in question.

Randy reported that the Yamaha snowmobile used to rescue broken down groomers has a problem that has everyone puzzled it won't hold a charge so the crew has to carry a battery pack just incase the machine is turned off. The snowmobile is a discontinued rental from Village Rentals, Randy thinks the year is 2006. Randy feels that if they purchased a side by side that would eliminate 2 pieces of equipment the snowmobile and the 6-wheeler. If tracks are put on the side by side then that piece of equipment could be used on all trails.

RESOLUTION #31 THE BOARD HAS AUTORIZED SUPERINTENDENT LAVARNWAY TO SELL THE 2006 YAMAHA SNOWMOBILE.
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Cristine Meixner

RESOLVED, that the Board agreed for the sale of the 2006 Yamaha.
ADOPTED, by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Cristine Meixner, Nancy Seifts, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius. Nays: None

The subject of the Lake Pleasant Library roof icicles needs to be discussed. A couple of years ago the attic ducts were spray foamed because that was what they felt would fix the problem. Randy brought up the problem with Zoning/Codes Officer Bob Benkovich who review the plans. Andy Perkins and Randy went up and discovered that some of the things on the plans were not done which could be the cause of the icicles. Superintendent Lavarnway will contact the contractor to discuss the problem.

Old Business: Supervisor Bain reported that the R/O letter sent to the R/O Systems owners were sent out Feb. 2, 2021 by registered mail, the Town has only heard back from (Dunn & Stubbs) The two that the Town is still waiting to hear from are (Blenis & Samuelson). BST Audit for 2020 should start in April. The only question the Town had for 2019 audit was the time it took, BST said it was because of COVID.

RESOLUTION # 32 THE BOARD AGREED TO AMEND A CHANGE IN RESOLUTION # 27 TO ENSURE LAKE PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS CREDITS (LOSAP) DURING COVID
OFFERED BY Nancy Seifts 2nd by Don Braunius
RESOLVED, that the Resolution should state the year 2021-Dec. 31, 2022 (correction)
ADOPTED by the following vote: Ayes Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius Nays-None

New Business:
There was a very lengthy discussion on the Town owned Tennis Courts at the County Building and the Courts on Elm Lake Road. Supervisor Bain has been in contact with County Chair Bill Farber on the actual agreement with the County. The agreement dating back to 1930's was that the Courts were owned and maintained by the Town but the property belonged to the County. The cost to keep the Courts up is not cheap. Different ideas were shared one of which was the Town of Arietta would contribute as it's been said that a lot of people from Arietta use the Courts. Cristine Meixner did suggest in 2019 to set up a Tennis Court reserve fund which the Town has been putting $5,000 a year. Supervisor Bain will speak to the County about updating the contract.
Discussion on the future of the Towns' Assessor. The present Assessor Dan Fyffe will be moving away before Fall. The Town will not be renewing its contract with the County. The joint contract between the Towns of Lake Pleasant, Indian Lake and County did not work out. Real Property Director Barry Baker has a couple of people in mind that are retired, so it would make them more affordable for the Towns.

RESOLUTION #33 APPROVE AUDIT OF ABSTRACT #7
Voucher #989-1000 Amount $155,659.93
Abstract #8 Voucher #1001-1027 Amount $14,295.44
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

Roundtable: Next Board meeting is March 15, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. by Zoom

Public Comment: None

Roundtable: Cristine Meixner has heard some complaints that the snowmobile signs in the Tree Farm area are not big enough. Randy said that is not true he will take some pictures to prove it. Neil McGovern stated he is sorry that Nancy Seifts and Cristine Meixner will not be running for Council this year. Cristine said she has been trying to recruit someone young. Discussion among the Board about starting our meetings back at the Library in person, further discussion at the March 15th meeting.

RESOLUTION #34 THE BOARD APROVED THE MEDICARE PART B CHARGEBACK FOR ALL THE SENIORS.
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern, 2nd Cristine Meixner
RESOLVED, the Board agreed to reimburse the Seniors for Medicare Part B $96.00
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius Nays: None
Supervisor Bain showed the award the Town received from PERMA for their 20Years of continuous services.

***ON A MOTION BY Don Braunius 2ND by Nancy Seifts
TO ADJOURN 6:45 p.m.
ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah O'Rourke, Town Clerk