March 11, 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 March 2, 2020 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
Councilpersons: Neil McGovern, Cristine Meixner, Don Braunius, Nancy Seifts
Town Clerk: Deborah O'Rourke
Highway Superintendent Randy Lavarnway
Guests: Eileen Lavarnway, Gary Rhinehart (Dackland Radio), Karen McComb (Library Trustee's Pres.), Robert (Shorty) Hoffman, Mayor Jeannette Barrett, MaryAnn Allen, Paul Allen, Allen Hoover, Susan Martin.

RESOLUTION #30 APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRAUARY 19, 2020
OFFERED BY Don Braunius 2nd by Nancy Seifts
RESOLVED, that the minutes of February 19, 2020 be approved as presented. (With correction)
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Betsy Bain, Councilperson: Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Nancy Seifts Nays: None
RESOLUTION #31 REQUESTING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO POST WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON TOWN ROADS FOR THE YEAR 2020
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Don Braunius
WHEREAS, Vehicle and Traffic Law Article 41, Section 1660 gives authority to the county superintendent of highways to post weight limits on County Roads when the superintendent deems it necessary to protect County roads from harm during spring break up, and
WHEREAS, the Town would need to place an ad in the local newspaper notifying the public of such postings, and
WHEREAS, the County Superintendent places a legal ad in the local newspaper notifying the public of such posting on County highways, and
WHEREAS, the Town roads are typically posted for the same duration as the County roads, and
WHEREAS, the Town Board and Town Highway Superintendent believes that it would be in the interest of the Town if the County Superintendent post weight restrictions on the Town roads in conjunction with the County Roads during spring break up, be it
RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Lake Pleasant hereby requests and authorizes the County Superintendent of Highways post weight restrictions on Town roads within the Town of Lake Pleasant when he deems necessary for the calendar year 2020
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Betsy Bain, Councilperson: Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Nancy Seifts Nays: None

FEMA is holding a meeting in the Town of Benson on Wednesday that Superintendent Lavarnway and Supervisor Bain will be attending discussions on working on the Town's portal with pictures from road washouts as a result from the Halloween storm

RESOLUTION#32 THE BOARD AGREED TO CREATE REVENUE LINES AND EXPENDURE LINES AS A RESULT OF THE STORM.

OFFERED by Nancy Seifts 2nd by Neil McGovern

RESOLVED, that as a result of the Halloween storm there have been unexpected expenses and there will be reimbursement monies from the State and FEMA so new budget lines will be needed to be set up for this book work.

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

Highway: Lavanway reported that the most of the snowmobile trails are in good shape. All the groomers are in satisfactory shape. DOT informed Randy that photos have been taken of the parking lot north of the Village which Lavarnway wants to expand more and it shows the parking lot needs to be expanded more.

RESOLUTION #33 BOARD APPROVED THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE A BRUSH BAR AT A COST OF $4,500.00

OFFERED by Neil McGovern 2nd by Cristine Meixner

RESOLVED, that the Board approved the purchase of a brush bar which gets attached to a groomer that will cut brush while grooming

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

Buildings: Superintendent Lavarnway met with the Library's building committee about the east entrance to the building. A grant was issued to the Library so the committee is looking into using trex for the new set of stairs which is a non-skid material. There is no ramp needed there. The lightening on the flag pole has been fixed.

Superintendent Lavarnway reported that the Town is helping the Village DPW with a water main break on Route 8.

Old Business: Mayor Barrett gave an update report on Makomis Mountain Fire Tower that the Village wants to purchase through a DEC grant. The Tower which is 49 feet tall will put together and stand by the Pathway entrance behind the Village Pavilion. The Fire Tower Committee needs to raise $30,000 in order to complete the project. There will be a scheduled talk from Marty Podskoch in late June who is an author of "Adirondack Fire Towers". A variance will still be needed because of the height of the Tower. There will be more support for this project from the County. There will be more events and fund raisers for this project.

RESOLUTION #34 TO APPROVE THE SENIORS CITIZENS CONTRACT FOR 2020

OFFERED by Cristine Meixner 2nd by Don Braunius

RESOLVED, that the 2020 Lake Pleasant Seniors Citizen group and the Town of Lake Pleasant have signed and approved the 2020 Agreement. The Town and the Seniors wish to provide a meal site and activities for all senior citizen residents of the Town of Lake Pleasant.

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

Supervisor Bain reported the Verizon Cell Tower Contract is on hold as she was informed that the person who is working on this is on vacation. The LED lighting at the Town has been completed.
Councilperson McGovern has set up a meeting Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. with the Town's Health Insurance Broker Bryan Moldt to review the Nathan Littauer Co-pays

New Business: Supervisor Bain asked the Board to reconsider sending out 2020 Census letter, the postage would be over 400.00 she suggests doing a flyer would be just as effective.

RESOLUTION #35 TO AMEND RESOLUTION #28 DATED FEBRUARY 19, 2020
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Nancy Seifts
RESOLVED, the Board agreed to amend resolution 28 dated Feb. 19, 2020 that the Supervisor will not send a Census letter out but put out flyers instead. Permission for the Town Clerk to place a box ad in the Hamilton County Express.
ADOPTED, by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius. Nays: None

RESOLUTION #36 APPROVE THE 2020 AGREEMENT OF SERVICES WITH THE ADIRONDACKS SPECULATOR REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
OFFERED BY Nancy Seifts 2nd by Neil McGovern
RESOLVED, the signed agreement between the Town Board of the Town of Lake Pleasant and the Adirondacks Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce has been signed agreed the annual sum of $34,000 to be paid to the Chamber quarterly beginning March 2020
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Don Braunius, Neil McGovern
Councilperson Meixner and Supervisor Bain will be meeting to review Emergency Operation Plan updates. Supervisor Bain reminded everyone of the meetings scheduled with the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Disaster Assistance regarding low-interest loans available to business and private owners to repair damages to properties after the Halloween Storm.
Councilperson Seifts reported that the youth rec. committee met with Oak Mt. to start getting a contract together on ski lessons.
RESOLUTION #37 THE BOARD AGREED TO HAVE THE TOWN CLERK ADVERTISE FOR A SUMMER YOUTH REC. AIDES.
OFFERED BY Cristine Meixner 2nd by Nancy Seifts
RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk will place an ad in the Hamilton County Express for youth rec. aides.
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Don Braunius, Neil McGovern

RESOLUTION #38 APPROVE AUDIT OF ABSTRACT #6
Voucher #79-104Amount $19,703.32
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: Cristine Meixner, Don Braunius, Neil McGovern, Nancy Seifts Nays-None

Public Comment: Mayor Barrett asked Supervisor Bain to email her the 2020 Census letter.
Lake Pleasant President Karen McComb stated the east entrance does not need a ramp.
Robert Hoffman again stated that DOT has no plans on working on Rt 8/30 this year. Supervisor Bain said it was her understanding that DOT was just waiting on funds to be released by the Governor.
Councilperson Meixner asked if there was any word from BST&Co about the audit being started and the AUD. Supervisor Bain said the Town has been issued and extension for the AUD, the Audit can not be started until the AUD is filed. The Town is looking to hire a BTI applicator and there is also a need for EMTs and drivers during the weekdays for the Speculator Ambulance Corps.
Supervisor Bain said there is a Beginner Maple Workshop at the Lake Pleasant Library on Friday March 6th. Adirondack Park Local Government Days will be held April 29-30 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Lake Placid if any Board members are interested.
MOTION TO ADJOURN 7:50 P.M. Moved by Don Braunius 2nd by Neil McGovern
Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah O'Rourke, Town Clerk