November 9, 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 November 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
Councilman: Neil McGovern, Cristine Meixner, Nancy Seifts, Don Braunius
Town Clerk: Deborah O'Rourke
Highway Superintendent Randy Lavarnway
Guests: Gary Rhinehart (Dackland Radio)
Zoom-Eileen Lavarnway, Mayor Barrett, Charlie Ascher, Art Brown, Eileen Lavarnway, Donna Benkovich, Stephen Whiting.

RESOLUTION #105 APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2020
OFFERED BY Nancy Seifts 2nd by Don Braunius
RESOLVED, that the minutes of October 19, 2020 be approved as presented
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain Councilperson: Nancy Seifts Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Cristine Meixner Nays: None
Public Comment: None
Committee Reports:
Highway: Superintendent Lavarnway reported all three tandem trucks are ready for winter. The crew is working on expanding Fish Hatchery parking lot. Pig Rock parking lot will be closed until January because of a logging job, so the crew is going to put a culvert in to make a new parking lot on the Lewey Lake snowmobile trail. Siding is completed for this year on the old bus garage. Congresswoman Elise Stefanik's office contacted the Town about the paperwork filed with FEMA and it has finally been approved. Hoping that Elise's office can help in getting the larger checks owed to the Town. Still no action on the sanders that Lavarnway has put on Auction International. Maybe as winter is approaching there will be some bidders.
Buildings: Doorbell at the Primary Care has been repaired problem with the rechargeable batteries.
Old Business:
RESOLUTION#106 THE BOARD APPROVED THE YOUTH REC. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR YOUTH SKIING WITH OAK MT. FOR WINTER OF 2020-21
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Cristine Meixner.
RESOLVED, the Board accepted the 2020-2021 winter schedule from Oak Mt. Ski Center for 8 weeks program. (see attached)
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Neil McGovern, Cristine Meixner, Don Braunius.
Question is there enough money put aside in the Preliminary Budget answer was yes. Don Braunius said that any communications will be between Oak Mt. and the Town Board.

New Business:
Donna Benkovich (Director of Tourism) said that there were about 40 kids that participated in the Halloween activities at the Speculator Pavilion. Rec. Director Samantha Desrochers held a Halloween Parade. Supervisor Bain thanked her for all her efforts on pulling the activity together on a short time span and following COVID guidelines.

Library Director Sharon Matthews reported that there were 60 adults and 89 kids that attended the "Trunk or Treat" at the Lake Pleasant Library.

Discussion on Juneteenth for 2021. The Town always follows the County's holiday schedule and it was decided by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors that this holiday will be recognized but not a paid holiday. This will be revisited in 2022.

RESOLUTION #107 THE BOARD APPROVED THE 2021 JAMES A. BRENNAN MEMORIAL HUMANE SOCIETY CONTRACT.

OFFERED BY, Neil McGovern, 2nd by Don Braunius

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has approved the 2021 Contract. See attached

ADOPTED by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons: Neil McGovern, Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Don Braunius.

Animal Control Officer's Mike Peck and Laura Peck do there best in finding someone to adopt any stray dogs or cats that they receive, so there has not been an additional cost to the Town.

Supervisor Bain suggested that if they received stray cats in the future maybe to contact Kitten Angels in Mayfield.

7:30 P.M. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET
Moved by Don Braunius 2nd by Nancy Seifts
After much discussion among the Public and the Board
8:40 P.M. CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET. Moved by Neil McGovern 2nd by Nancy Seifts
RESOLUTION #108 TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2021
OFFERED BY, Neil McGovern 2nd by Cristine Meixner
RESOLVED, that after fine tuning and much discussion the Board has adopted the Preliminary Budget for 2021
ADOPTED, by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Neil McGovern, Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Don Braunius.

RESOLUTION #108 APPROVE AUDIT OF ABSTRACT #29
Voucher #688-709 Amount $41,596.16
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Nancy Seifts
After discussion bill #708 was pulled further discussion
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, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Cristine Meixner Nays-None

Next meeting November 16 to adopt 2021 Final Budget
Committee Reports:

Supervisor Bain asked Bill Dievendorf/H2O and Neil McGovern to work on guidelines for R/O owners. The Town needs to set down what they are responsible to pay for potable water for the home owners who have contaminated wells.
New Committee's Supervisor Bain reported that the Village and Town joint committee on proposed septic and erosion regulations will consist of CEO Bob Benkovich, Neil McGovern, Mark Donecker and Mayor Barrett. Committee on Short Term Rentals/Air B&B will consist of Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Rebecca Smith and Mayor Barrett.

Transfer Station will be closed on Fridays starting Nov 30-May 1.

***ON A MOTION BY Don Braunius 2ND by Neil McGovern
TO ADJOURN 8:55 p.m.
ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah O'Rourke, Town Clerk