October 12, 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 October 4, 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: Kathy O'Connell, Bonnie Reisinger, Stephanie Smith, Gary Rhinehart (Dackland Radio), Eileen Lavarnway, (Library Pres.) Karen McComb

A moment of silence in memory of William (Bill) Waller who served the Town on many Boards and Committees. He will be greatly missed.

RESOLUTION #95 APPROVE MINUTES OF September 20, 2021
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Nancy Seifts
RESOLVED, that the minutes of September 20, 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 the new sidewalks in front of the Town Hall have been completed, Randy said the mason did an outstanding job. John Foley(Foley Landscaping) has started the landscaping work that the Town hired him to do in front of the building. The railings at the Museum were painted right after the last Town Board meeting. The new fiber optics were installed at the library.
The first 1.5 miles of Gilmantown Road has been paved. Randy said it was an example of great shared services, he asked for 10 trucks and ended up with 17 trucks from different municipalities. The road still needs shoulders and top-coat. Don asked about the if gable vents in the library being done? Lavarnway spoke to Contractor Mike Visscher he said the work will be done this fall.

Old Business: Town handbook- Supervisor Bain has contacted two Consulting Companies. The first Company was Public Sector HR Consultants who did the original handbook and did the County's Handbook also. They sent a word file for the committee to work with and make changes. He will update and add somethings he feels are needed and send back to be reviewed. Once approved it can be done by January 2022 and the estimate was $2,500. The second company was Puzzel HR, Betsy spoke with Frank Tortora the estimate was $4,150

RESOLUTION #96 THE BOARD APPROVED TO HIRE PUBLIC SECTOR HR CONSULTANTS
OFFERED BY, Neil McGovern 2nd Nancy Seifts

RESOLVED, that Public Sector HR Consultants will work with the Town on updated the Handbook with an estimate of $2,500.
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Cristine Meixner Nays: None

ROW update**:** Supervisor Bain wanted to thank everyone for all their help in with the closing of 175 Golf Course Road.
Assessor update: Supervisor Bain has been assured from the County Real Property Office, that the Town will have a new assessor shortly and all files have been updated.
Museum Fundraiser-Cristine Meixner informed the Board that at the Apple Fest the Museum fund raiser received $900 in donations so the total collected so far is $1,385. Cristine was able to have the fund-raising thermometer that was used at the library to be repurposed by Jim Miller. Cristine is also looking to have a fund-raising table at the Holiday Stroll at the Library she will be asking the Lake Pleasant Library Board of Trustees to see if they will approve her having a fund-raising table at their event.
Asked about the small cell towers that have been installed Betsy said they are done. It seems that at this point there has been no improvement on cell reception.
New Business: Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer Bob Benkovich will be retiring at the end of the year. Bob is willing to help train the new employee.

RESOLUTION #97 THE BOARD APPROVED TO HAVE THE TOWN CLERK ADVERTISE FOR A NEW ZONING/CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Cristine Meixner
RESOLVED, the ad will be placed in the Hamilton County Express by the Town Clerk. There will also be a job description available with job application.
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius Nays: None
The Tentative Budget was given to the Town Clerk on September 30, 2021. Budget workshops are scheduled for Oct. 6 @ 10:00 a.m., Oct. 13 @ 10:00 and if needed Oct. 18 @ 1:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION #98 TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF $1,100 FROM THE GAVAC (Fly Card) BUDGET LINE TO THE CONSOLIDATED HEALTH ACCOUNT.
OFFERED BY, Nancy Seifts, 2nd by Neil McGovern
RESOLVED, that the Board agreed to transfer the funds to Consolidated Health because it is short $1,100 to pay the 4th quarter bill for the fly car (GAVAC). In January the Consolidated Health will pay back the GAVAC line
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius. Nays: None

RESOLUTION #99 APPROVE AUDIT OF ABSTRACT #29
Voucher #1490-1525 Amount $92,462.69
OFFERED BY Don Braunius 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: Library President Karen McComb said she was happy to see the Town Hall get some landscaping work done as it is the face of the Community. She also wanted to let everyone know that the maintenance contract for the proposed landscaping in the front of the library has not been brought to the Library Board yet.

Roundtable: Cris let the Board know that she just found out that increasing the wattage of a LED streetlight does not increase the area it lights up-the lateral light distribution. The Board discussed this at the last meeting. She also reported that a 25-watt LED consumes 104 kWh a year a 48-watt LED consumes 200 kWh a year so this would affect the energy savings we hoped for. Further discussion. Betsy mentioned that there is a very interesting article on Airbnb/VBRO//HomeAway in the Association of Towns magazine. Betsy has approached the County Board on the subject several times but at this time the County Board is not taking a stand on the subject. Further discussion.

Betsy reported that the Hamilton County Health Dept. says covid testing supplies are getting limited and suggest people to buy them at drug stores.

Next meeting is October 18 @ 7:00 p.m.

***ON A MOTION BY Don Braunius 2ND by Neil McGovern

TO ADJOURN 7:55 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah O'Rourke, Town Clerk