October 12, 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 October 5, 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 (Zoom)
Town Clerk: Deborah O'Rourke
Highway Superintendent Randy Lavarnway
Guests: Assemblyman Robert Smullen (Zoom) Mayor Jeannette Barrett

RESOLUTION #95 APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Cristine Meixner
RESOLVED, that the minutes of September 21, 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: Mayor Barrett mentioned about the Town and Village's concerns on the Air B&B's something that the Town is addressing and also about the discussion the future of a septic system law. Supervisor Bain said that the Town will be setting up a committee sometime in mid-October.
Supervisor Bain introduced Assemblyman Robert Smullen who is traveling around his district. He spoke about the state budget and how Covid is affecting it not great news. Smullen said that the CHIPS money that Towns are reimbursed for road work will be cut by 20% and tax revenues are down he said there is a U shape recovery. Smullen also was asked by Supervisor Bain about unemployment situation as she has filed a compliment with the Labor Board and has not heard back. Smullen responded that the unemployment system because of Covid is a mess, some people who have filed for unemployment have not received benefits.
Committee Reports:
Highway: Highway Superintendent Lavarnway reported paving is winding down two roads completed today long day and thanks to all Towns that helped out. One more road to do tomorrow. Next Thursday FEMA will be doing on site visits for inspections on Park Stream. This will let the Town know which avenue they will go. Core sampling being done tomorrow to see how stable the ground is. Lavarnway is very concerned about the 20% CHIPS cut this equal $17,000 less for the town budget. There could be a possibility that Pave-NY and Extreme Winter Recovery funds be removed at a cost of about $40,000. Superintendent Lavarnway informed the Board that the paper work that he filed for the Town's Snowmobile Trail refund was lost so he sent in another voucher. After a call to find out if it was received it, he was told that the voucher was received and has been processed.
Buildings: The new filters have been installed at the Primary Care and the new siding is going up on the old bus garage. The camera's that were ordered for the Health Center are sitting in a warehouse someplace, the $581.00 has been credited so Lavarnway has asked Matt Seifts to

order a different system. Repairs were made to the garbage shed latch at the Primary Care after a bear broke into it.

Old Business:
BST audit: Nancy Seifts reported that she has been working on the narrative section of the AUD.

RESOLUTION #96 THE BOARD AGREED TO THE 2021 BUILDING PERMIT FEES OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Nancy Seifts
RESOLVED, The Town Board agreed on the new 2021 building permit fees in conjunction with the Village. The Town will advertise way in advance so the public will be aware of increases.
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Neil McGovern, Cristine Meixner Don Braunius. Nays-None

RESOLUTION # 97 THE BOARD PASSED THE 2021 DUMPSTER REQUEST FORM OFFERED BY, Neil McGovern 2nd by Nancy Seifts
WHEREAS, the new dumpster fees have been approved for 2021
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Neil McGovern, Cristine Meixner, Don Braunius. Nays-None
Recreation Committee Don Braunius and Nancy Seifts have met with Oak Mt. owners Laura and Matt O'Brien about the future of ski lessons for the Lake Pleasant kids. Further discussion when costs come in from Oak Mt.

New Business: Supervisor Bain has been speaking with Zoning/Codes Officer Bob Benkovich about the short-term rentals and air B&B rentals and the safety guidelines that should be followed. Councilperson Neil McGovern and Supervisor Betsy Bain volunteered to be on a committee with Bob Benkovich to review the safety guidelines. The Village will also be setting up a committee.
The 2021 Tentative Budget has been handed out to the Board by the Town Clerk.
Budget meetings are set for Wed. Oct. 14, @ 2:00 p.m. Friday Oct. 16 @ 2:00 p.m. Wed. Oct. 21 @ 2:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Town Hall.
Supervisor Bain asked Councilperson Cristine Meixner if she would work on updating the Town's Employee handbook on social media. Bain did contact he Association of Towns on this so she will give Cristine all the information she received.
2021 Health Insurance quotes have come in from Bryan Moldt (Upstate Agency) the Retiree's quote came in at -5% Worker's quote came in at 3.7% increase a meeting is set up with Bryan Moldt for next week at the Town Hall.
Committee Reports: Cristine reported that the 2020 Digital Towpath held its annual meeting, and adopted the 2021 budget no increase on annual fees. Further conversation on an additional $175.00 a year for email archiving backup to be added.
RESOLUTION #98 APPROVE AUDIT OF ABSTRACT #26 Voucher #616 Amount $1,125.00, ABSTRACT #27 Voucher #617-646 Amount $72,364.14
OFFERED BY Nancy Seifts 2nd by Neil McGovern
RESOLVED, that all bills in the following funds be paid as presented.
GENERAL, HIGHWAY, LANDFILL, LIBRARY

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

Roundtable: Neil informed the Board he did receive an email from the Village Mayor about the benches. There is no more money put aside for care of the benches. The original $500 that people pay for the benches also included one facelift. Not sure if Jerry's Wood Shop will continue to maintain them. McGovern feels that this is a group effort between the Village and Town that will hopefully be funded by outside sources. Cristine asked if the Board would consider the cost of the archiving backup cost, Neil suggested the Budget committee review this. September 22 the contract was signed with Williamson Law on the new Code/Zoning computer program the Village also signed a contract with them.

Supervisor Bain and the Board wanted to thank Paul Cleveland for all his work on cleaning up the garbage along the roads from Arietta to Speculator. If you see him give him a beep and say thank you. Supervisor Bain said that she and Nancy have been working with the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office and NYS Comptrollers office on correctios to the 2019 AUD.

Supervisor Bain attended a reception in honor of Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service Director Erica Mahoney who was recognized by 2020 Rural Health Champion by Adirondack Health Institute.

The Governor has continued suspension of the Open Meeting Law until Nov. 3rd. Lake Pleasant is the first Town to get all the paperwork in for the Community Hazard Mitigation. Flag is at half staff for all the fallen firefighters. The new carpet and flooring have been ordered for the Primary Care Center.

***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