September 29, 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 September 20, 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 (Absent), 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, June Bergholtz

RESOLUTION #91APPROVE MINUTES OF September 8, 2021
OFFERED BY Don Braunius 2nd by Neil McGovern
RESOLVED, that the minutes of September 8, 2021 be approved as presented
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Cristine Meixner Nays: None

Committee Reports: Highway- Superintendent Lavarnway reported that the Crew are hauling sand getting ready for winter, cutting out snowmobile trails. The Pig rock parking area will be closed this year. The Recreation Trails Committee met and discussed the snowmobile sold in the spring and the agreement to put money in the 2022 budget for a side-by-side.
RESOLUTION #92 REQUEST D.O.T TO ESTABLISH A LOWER MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITED ON GILMANTOWN ROAD
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern, 2nd by Cristine Meixner
RESOLVED, the Town of Lake Pleasant Board request the Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may procced on Gilmantown Road, a Town Highway between County Road 11 and the Town line. Upon receipt of the notice that the regulation herein requested has been established, the Town of Lake Pleasant, will provide, install and maintain signs in accordance with the Vehicle and Traffic Law and conforming to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices of the department of Transportation.
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes :Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius Nays: None

RESOLUTION #93 THE BOARD APPROVED THE SALE OF THE SIX-WHEELER BY SUPERINTENDENT LAVARNWAY
OFFERED BY Don Braunius 2nd by Neil McGovern
RESOLVED, Lavarnway will put the 6-wheeler on Auctions International as soon as the trails are cleared.
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Cristine Meixner

Suggestion by Don Braunius to order new six-wheeler but hold onto old one until it comes in.

Old Business:
Community Gardens- Supervisor Bain introduced June Bergholtz who had taken on the Community Garden. A thank-you for a wonderful job June and her family have done and how much the Town appreciates all they did. June thanked Supervisor Bain for support and Highway Superintendent Lavarnway for the wood chips for the paths and servicing the rototiller. June reported that all 25 plots were taken this year as well as the green house. She said that by Oct, 1st the plots needed to be cleaned up for next year. June was able to make some donations to the local food bank.
Primary Care update: Supervisor Bain contacted Nathan Littauer Hospital and talked to Patrice McMann about the concerns of not having a doctor in the clinic, she told Betsy that the Lake Pleasant Primary Care is on the top of her list. Right now, Sarah Hand is at the Clinic every other Friday. Nathan Littauer is hoping by January to have a doctor. Carla has worked out a plan with a Dr. from Mayfield clinic to help out with prescriptions.
Hand Book update: Supervisor Bain contacted Public Sector HR who did the original handbook back in 2006. They can update and make necessary changes and work some of the County handbook in. The estimate is $2,500 and could have it completed by January 2022. They have sent a word version to Betsy who will forward it to Nancy and Neil who have volunteered to work on this. Betsy will look to get a second estimate.
Budget update: Today is the last day for department heads to get their budget worksheets to the Budget Officer. Tentative budget needs to go to the Town Clerk no later then September 30th. The Town Board prepares the preliminary budget which gets filed with the Town Clerk prior the Public Hearing.
American Rescue Plan: After many hours on the phone with different agencies Betsy is now the administrator of the Plan. It was recommended to appoint one person to be a treasurer.

New Business: The Town received a refund check from PERMA $1,279 due to an audit. Supervisor Bain informed the Board that the Hamilton County Supervisors' have been working with the Office of the Aging on the Senior Meal sites. After working with Dee Parks and Ryan Moore (Warren County Administrator) at this point they are able to keep the meal sites in Hamilton County open and meals supplied. There is a problem getting food companies to contract because of a truck driver shortage. Betsy just wants our seniors to know we are on top of this and there is no threat of our meal site being closed due to this situation.

Committee Reports: Don reported on the Recreation Committee update: Oak Mt. will be increasing the ski lessons for the local kids by $2.00
Neil reported on Workforce Housing: Neil reported there is no certified low-income in Hamilton County except in the Town of Indian Lake. A large number of rentals have turned into Airbnb's or Vrbo. Cristine is approaching the study a different way. She reported she is looking into what workforce housing boards have been doing in various towns.

RESOLUTION #94 APPROVE AUDIT OF ABSTRACT #27
Voucher #1444-1465 Amount $18,169.88
OFFERED BY Cristine Meixner 2nd by Neil McGovern
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: Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Cristine Meixner Nays-None

Public Comment:

Roundtable: Neil McGovern said he is very happy to see the Planning Board up and running with a new Chairperson and a set date for meetings. The dedication at the Museum for Annie Weaver was a nice event. Supervisor Bain thanked Neil McGovern for the first donation to the Lake Pleasant Museum project. A new budget line will be started by the Town so that donations can be made to the Town of Lake Pleasant and mailed to P.O. Box 799 Lake Pleasant NY 12108 but please make a note that it is for the Museum. Cristine asked if the Town has an Assessor yet, Betsy said not yet, but Barry Baker Real Property Tax Service is handing it for now. Cristine has concerns about Airbnb's and septic system inspections. Questions about the Salt Shed, Don Braunius said if Lake Pleasant didn't do the state highway, we wouldn't need salt. Lavarnway said that NYS pays for the plow truck and the man hours. Lavarnway said that he has had some of the crew sanding the railings at the Museum but they had to stop due to rain. They will finish sanding then will paint them. Kevin Elkin/Tree Service has concerns about cutting down the big trees by the Museum. He said we would have to get permission to drop them on the neighboring property and the biggest problem is the high-tension lines.

Betsy reported that she has received a $250.00 donation toward the fly car. A total of $750.00 has been raised so far.

Next meeting is Oct. 4, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

TO ADJOURN 8:10 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah O'Rourke, Town Clerk