November 21, 2022

State of New York
2679 Route 8
County of Hamilton
Town of Lake Pleasant

A Meeting of the Lake Pleasant Town Board was held on November 21, 2022, at the Lake Pleasant Library, 2864 State Route 8, Lake Pleasant, NY 12164. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., to make approvals, give reports, establish organizational tasks and conduct any business that may come before the board.

The following were present:
Supervisor: Betsy Bain
Councilpersons: Neil McGovern, Kathy O'Connell, RaChelle Martz and Don Braunius
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent – Randy LaVarnway
Guests: Eileen LaVarnway, Aaron Weaver (Town Historian) and Karen McComb (library President)

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #116 To approve the minutes of November 7, 2022.
Offered by: Neil McGovern
2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
Be it resolved, that the minutes of November 7, 2022 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution #117 to approve the minutes of November 17,2022
Offered by: RaChelle Martz
2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
Discussion: O'Connell pointed out that the date at top line needs to be 17th not 7th.
Be it resolved, that the minutes of November 17, 2022 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None
Neil and Don Obtained

Highway and Buildings:

LaVarnway reported the following to the board:

- Cemeteries are closed for the season.

- Trail work has commenced on snowmobile trails. Town HWY crew borrowed the county excavator to make changes to culverts on snowmobile trails and bypass has been completed.
- Plowing has been going well since Wednesday.
- Snow mobile check for 70% was received from Parks and Rec. Department.
- LaVarnway met with towns in Hamilton County, snowmobile clubs and parks and recreation, at Hamilton County to go over snowmobile trail maps. County is appreciative of Lenny mapping the trails. These are funded trails from the state. LaVarnway will have to rewrite contracts with snowmobile clubs with new milage changes. Braunius asked if we had milage of funded and nonfunded trails. LaVarnway said that after state funded trails are set then unfunded milage of trails can be determined.
- Inlet is ready for the piston bully to be picked up as well as the drag next week.
- Library lights for the foyer are in and will be installed.
- LaVarnway requests an executive session about an employee's medical from the board.
- Thermostats have been adjusted again at the clinic. Cages will be ordered for thermostats.

Braunius mentioned that Town Hwy crew did a good job in LaVarnway's absence.

Old Business:

1. Bill Dievendorf with H2O Pure got back with the town regarding the Blenis RO system quote for repair. The bearing seals failed and the bearing is shot. The replacement part will cost the town $500. Dievendorf won't know the full extent of the damage until after he disassembles so there is a possibility of more cost to repair. This system was installed in July of 2019 and is fairly new.

New Business:

1. **Membership Renewal for (ANCA) Adirondack North Country Association –**

Bain is asking for a $50.00 membership like the previous membership.

Resolution #118 for the Town of Lake Pleasant to renew its Membership with Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) for fifty dollars.
Whereas, fifty dollars will be paid for the Town of Lake Pleasant to keep its membership to Adirondack North Country Association.
Offered by: Neil McGovern
2nd by: Don Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

2. **Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board –**

Resolution #119 For the Town of Lake Pleasant to pay the three hundred dollars for dues to the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board for yearly contract
Whereas, the cost of $300 for the yearly contract for Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board will be paid by the Town of Lake Pleasant.
Offered by: RaChelle Martz
2nd by: Neil McGovern
Discussion: Kathy asked if NY state requires this exist yet they don't fully fund it. McGovern responded with yes that is correct.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

2022 Annual Historian Report –

Aaron Weaver reported to the board that old documents still need to be restored at town Hall. A document from Mr. Rhilander is among the documents that need to be restored and preserved. Preservation will allow for more accessibility of these documents to the public. Weaver discussed how successful the summer history events were and how each event went. The Onondaga presentation was put on by an Iroquois, Perry Ground, from the Iroquois nation via a grant through the library. County Historian, Ernest Virgil, gave the Moffitt's tour. Weaver thanked the town for having a culvert put in at the entrance to the trail to Moffitt's grave.
Several decedents reached out to Mr. Weaver this summer looking for unmarked graves and where they might be.

Committee Reports:

- Martz reported voucher for Arietta has been filled out summer youth recreation. Permission slips for skiing are out to schools and home school kids.
- Short term rental met November 8th and will be meeting again after the Holidays.

Resolution #120 Approve Audit of Abstracts #36, November 17, 2022
Voucher #2429-2439 in the Amount of $131,359.28.
Offered by: Don Braunius
2nd by: Neil McGovern
Resolved that all bills in the following funds be paid as presented – General, Highway, Landfill, fire district and Library
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:

- Karen McComb askes all to support the Holiday Stroll and vendors on Friday November 25, 2022. It will be held inside this year. Historical society will have new T-shirts for sale as a fundraiser. Library will have the gift card tree drawing.

Round table:

McGovern feels that we didn't do a good enough job letting the public know about the benefits of the referendums on the election ballots. He also mentioned that the DEC is planning to close campsites in region five on September 4th as opposed to years past closing after Columbus day in October. Lewy lake and Moffitts are in region five and are slated to close in 2023 on September 4th. McGovern let the board know that this is a terrible thing as it will affect our businesses and tourism to this area for the fall. This decision will leave us without a campground open from Northampton to Inlet. McGovern encourages all to call the Region 5 DEC at General info. 518-897-1200

Regional director, Joseph Zalewski 518-897-1211

Discussion was had by the town board and the public about this issue.

McComb mentioned that we need to let our Assemblymen become aware.

Martz will ask ROOST to get involved, Bain will call Raybrook and Smullens office.

- O'Connell mentioned that wreaths across America will have a ceremony and wreath laying through LPCS date to be announced.
- Smith thanked HWY Department for the new flag outside of Town Hall.
- Bain mentioned that the clinic won't have a provider November 18th through December 2nd. Provider will be back December 5th. Lab work and prescriptions will be available.
- McComb mentioned what the TWIGS does to support the clinic yet they are unable to provide a provider when current one needs to be away.
- McGovern explained that in the past Nathan Littauer would send up another provider from another surrounding clinic. They are unable to this time due to not having a provider available to cover at this clinic. Bain and McGovern are working on this issue.
- Bain read thank you from the Lake Pleasant Library thanking the Board for their help during the Adopt a Highway clean up.

Resolution #121 Lake Pleasant Town Board entered executive session at 7:50 PM to discuss health benefits for a particular employee.
Offered by: Neil McGovern
2nd by: Don Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution # 122 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board came out of Executive Session With No Action Taken and Returned to Regular Session at 8:20 PM.
Offered by: RaChelle Martz

2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution #123 Town of Lake Pleasant Will Cover All Costs of Health Insurance for It's Employee On A Medical Leave of Absence Until Cleared For Full Time Work By Employees Physicians.
Whereas, Town will continue to pay health insurance until employee is cleared from Physicians to return to work.
Offered by: Neil McGovern
2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Next Meeting: Monday December 5, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M. @ Lake Pleasant Library
*****ON A MOTION BY: Don Braunius 2nd by: RaChelle Martz**
TO ADJOURN @ 8:30 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk