October 16, 2023

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 October 16, 2023 at the Lake Pleasant Library 2864 State Route 8, Speculator, 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
Councilman: Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, RaChelle Martz and Katherine O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent - Randy LaVarnway
Nancy Seifts - budget officer
Guests: Chris Ambrose and Eileen LaVarnway

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Resolution #111 To approve the minutes of October 2, 2023**
**Offered by**: Braunius
**2ND by**: Martz
Discussion: none
**Be it resolved,** that the minutes of October 2, 2023 be approved as presented
**Adopted by the following vote:**
**Ayes:** Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Martz
**Nays:** None

**Highway Report:**

- McGovern announced that Randy LaVarnway, who is doing a wonderful job, is running for re-election on November 7th unopposed.
- LaVarnway let the board know that the town HWY crew is finishing paving projects with Hamilton County after four long days of paving roads.
- Last week the HWY crew took out pathway docks and signs putting them away for winter along with flags, library benches, garden hoses, barrier bumpers and tennis court nets. Boat wash station is getting winterized and put away. LaVarnway has contacted LPSA to let them know that the boat wash attendants did not leave the station cleaned up for winter.
- Crushed stone has been laid down in the burn/brush pit. During the last week of October brush pit will be chipped up. Four-inch diameter debris and smaller is allowed in the brush pit. Local mill will be removing logs that have been dropped off that are over the limit.
- Snowmobile trails are getting cut and groomed for the coming season.

- Bridges that need repair on the trails are getting repaired or replaced.
- Fish Hatchery parking lot is getting repaired with 20 loads of blacktop millings that have been donated from the state and laid down, graded and rolled out.
- Garage doors on the town wash bay have a broken cable and estimate is in for stainless steel replacement parts. Estimate came in at $4,380.00 for both doors. One door is nonfunctional at this time.
- O'Connell asked if one can be done this year and one next year. Questions were about additional costs if not done in the same visit. These doors were put in 12 yrs. ago. LaVarnway passed around pictures on his phone of the damaged doors and rusted out parts.
  LaVarnway asked the board to pass a resolution for funds to be moved to cover this expense. Seifts looked up the budget lines and let the board know what was left in the lines this year. There is $9,000.00 in the contingent line available this year.

**Resolution #112 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Approve HWY Superintendent to use funds from contingent for replacing wash bay parts to have wash bay doors in safe functioning order.**
**Offered by:** Braunius
**2nd by:** McGovern
**Adopted by the following vote:**
**Ayes:** Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Martz
**Nays:** None

- Currently the town is using a loner garbage truck. Hydraulic cylinders on the old garbage truck were leaving puddles of fluid on the ground. The dealer has provided a loaner truck and is fixing our current one. O'Connell asked who is building the new truck and LaVarnway said CEJJ is building the new truck. New garbage truck should be complete in late February or early March.

**Old Business:**

1. **Budget Officer –** Nancy Seifts

**Resolution #113 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board Approved A Line-Item Transfer of $4,380.00 from Contingent Line A.1990.400 to the Park, Recreation, Buildings Contractual Line A.7140.400 to Replace the Door Hardware on the Wash bay Doors.**
**Offered by:** McGovern
**2nd by:** Martz
**Adopted by the following vote:**
**Ayes:** Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Martz
**Nays:** None

Seifts mentioned that the Budget Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. at town hall to go over Health Insurance and other lines that need ironing out.
O'Connell asked about when to ask for budget alterations. She is considering professional tree removal of some trees on the South Shore Cemetery fence line that could possibly damage

graves. Bain would like to have Patrick Vetter do the tree removal since he did a wonderful job at the museum with no cost to the town.

2. **RO Systems –** Waiting for the company to get back about dates to winterize systems.

3. **Chamber 3rd Quarter Report –**
   Board members were given the 3rd quarter report from the Chamber to review. Martz had questions about the ratio of e-mails out and responses received. McGovern asked about their relationship with ROOST and Martz said that they are not utilizing them as they should. Bain asked LaVarnway for a report on his visit to the Chamber to inquire about the snowmobile maps. LaVarnway was told that they might keep the maps from last year since they have an abundance of them, editing changes to the current maps. McGovern discussed that signs need to be large, and trails well marked at these trail change locations. Lake Pleasant's change will be the Fawn Lake Trail. Bain asked if other towns have changes and LaVarnway said that he does not know. Martz asked if the bulk of the cost is from advertising and yes, it is. The Chamber might be starting from scratch next year with all new maps made inhouse. Braunius asked about using extra funds with an insert or sticker added to the existing maps. LaVarnway will go talk to the Chamber on Wednesday about the maps and new trail detours being included.

4. **Events Promotional Signs –** Martz provided information about a grant for signposts that the town could investigate in order to do an event sign. Application window for the grant is from January 8th to February 13th to apply.

5. **Primary Care Update –** New LPN started and is learning the computer system. She may be there one week or two. Amanda is filling in on Tuesdays and Thursdays for bloodwork. Appointments are needed for bloodwork at this time. Nathan Littauer is working hard to get these job positions filled.

**New Business:**

- Bain explained to the board that they have received the first year's voucher for tyler technologies program to be used up at the Hamilton County Treasurer's office and a resolution is needed to transfer funds to pay for this annual fee from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

**Resolution #114 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board Approves Fund Transfer of $13,599.00 from A Fund Balance to A.1681.400, Computer Contractual to Pay the Annual Fee for tyler technologies.**
**Offered by:** O'Connell
**2nd by:** McGovern
**Adopted by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Martz
**Nays:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Cemetery Committee** – O'Connell asked if the committee can get prices from Patrick Vetter and Kevin Elkin to remove trees and have funds in this next year's budget so that the work can be done. O'Connell reminded the board that they do have permission from the property owner to remove trees.

**Highway Committee –** Highway Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow.

**Youth Recreation -** Martz mentioned meeting with Laura O'Brian about ski lessons and race program for this coming year. They are sticking with an eight-week program adding dance lessons through, Different Drummer Dance, for those who don't want to ski. Advanced and Junior Preview with regular lessons getting ironed out at this time with ways families can contribute to the cost. O'Connell reported that families were good about paying for a certain percentage of rentals last year. No firm decisions at this point.

**Health Committee -**
McGovern mentioned that if they can get a figure narrowed down by tomorrow then the budget will be ready for health insurance.

Braunius asked the board if someone working with the town could deal with the RO systems if needed. LaVarnway explained that he didn't want the liability of drinking water on the shoulders of town employees. McGovern explained that the town is already responsible for the work getting done and that it is best to leave the actual work to a qualified company who specializes in this type of work. Bain said it had been a while since the water was tested (3yrs.) and it needs to be added to the 2024 budget for this detailed type of testing of these residences to be performed by the professional company.

**Resolution #115 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #38 dated 10/04/2023, #3037-3037 in the amount of $314,355.00. Abstract #39 dated 10/12/2023, #3038-3060 in the amount of $23,481.20.**
**Offered by:** McGovern
**2nd by**: Braunius
**Discussion:** LaVarnway explained to the board that the contractor still has to clean up debris from the job on Fish Mt. Rd. Signs and barrels are still on site.
**Adopted by the following votes:**
**Ayes:** All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
**Nays:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Roundtable:**

-McGovern mentioned that "Trunk or Treat" will be at the library on Halloween from 4-7p.m. On Friday October,27th the Lion's Club Halloween party will be at Lake Pleasant Central School beginning at 6:30. McGovern asked Martz about forums for County candidates coming up and Martz let all know that on October 24th at the Indian Lake Theater at 7p.m. and at Wells Community Hall on October 25th at 7p.m. these candidate forums will be held. McGovern also mentioned meeting with a prominent landowner in the area who is interested in giving the town a preservation easement or open space of property. The property has a dwelling that needs some work. McGovern will reach out to the town attorney about the town becoming a recipient of this easement.

- Martz announced that on October 28th from 7-10 p.m. at the Oxbow Inn there will be a Halloween Party with tricky tray raffle and 50/50 raffle to raise money for the Vicki Hoover Memorial Scholarship Fund. Costumes are encouraged and there will be live music and free snacks.

- Martz also let all know that the total solar eclipse will be happening April 8th at 2:20 in our area and the town should prepare for this to bring tourism to the area. Several local lodging places are already booked for this time.

- O'Connell announced that this Saturday the South Shore Cemetery story tour will be put on by the Lake Pleasant Historical Society at 7:00 p.m. There will be lanterns and the highlight is couples.

- O'Connell let everyone know that she put some thought into LaVarnway's report last meeting about DEC monitoring trails with game cameras. She sees this as an asset for the state to know who is misusing trails and roads. Discussion by the board about how this is an asset was had.

-LaVarnway let the board know that Jim Reis dropped off the engineering plans for the tennis courts. They will get looked at tomorrow.

- Bain announced that the Community Garden grant states that all work must be completed by December first. The town maybe able to apply for another grant next year for the stone to be laid down after the ground settles. Bain read a nice thank you letter from June Burgholtz thanking everyone for their help on the fence and at the community garden. Special thank you to Kathy O'Connell for her work to get the grant. Thank you to the school children for help at the garden.

- Musium fundraiser is up to $35,434.00 after the last donation of $550.00 last week.

-Bain received a disappointing report about Moffit Beach Campground from a regular seasonal camper. The complaint was about water being shut off in the campground over Columbus Day weekend. McGovern let all know that complaints have to go to DEC at the state level not to the town. Braunius mentioned that at Lewey Lake Campground up to Columbus Day it was busy and top notch.

**Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday November 6, 2023, at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library**

***ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2ND by:** Martz
**To Adjourn @ 8:19 P.M.**
**All in Favor**
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk