October 17, 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 October 17, 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: Karen McComb (library President), Nancy Seifts (budget officer) and Paul Allen

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #111 To approve the minutes of October 3, 2022
Offered by: Don Braunius **2nd by:** RaChelle Martz
Be it resolved, that the minutes of October 3, 2022 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Highway and Buildings:

LaVarnway reported the following to the board:

- Health center electric bills are down after shutting down the AC system manually.
- Circulator pump at the health center went bad. The part was not available locally, had to wait for it to ship. Company in Utica got back saying that they can get part to us sooner. Now there is a working part and a backup.
- LaVarnway got notice on Friday that there was no heat at the health center. Upon investigation it was found that there was no fuel oil in tank. Delivery company had skipped health center. LaVarnway brought fuel to health center and filled tank with fifty gallons. Fuel company came Monday and filled with fuel.
- Library parking lot will be paved tomorrow. Empire in Broadalbin is supplying the asphalt. Two coats will go down.
- Cemetery water has been shut off for all three of Town of Lake Pleasant cemeteries.
- Tennis nets will come down tomorrow morning.
- Pathway signs came down today. Garden hoses and fixtures were taken down.
- Curb bumpers in parking lots have been taken up and put away for winter.

- Boat wash station was cleaned up and put away.
- one plow truck is ready for work.
- LaVarnway received a package from NY State Parks and Recreation for snow mobile trail milage that had to be re-GPS'ed this year. Lenny at the Hamilton County Soil and Water, helped with mapping. Map has come back one mile shorter than last year. It was found that one trail was left off of the map. Total milage is 56 miles of trail.
- LaVarnway spoke to the Parks/Highway committee about the groomer coming from Inlet. It is not coming with a drag. Three options: 1. Keep drag the town has and change the hitch assembly to fit the new one. 2. Build a new one at the cost of $6,009.00 with out accessories. Accessories will up the cost to close to $10,000. 3. VT company has a used one they will sell for $7,000. Discussion was had. Presently there are four groomers and drags for 56 miles of reimbursed trails.

Resolution #112 Town of Lake Pleasant to move funds from The Groomer Reserve Fund Balance to fund A.7140.201 in the amount of $7,000.00
Offered by: Neil McGovern
Whereas, this movement of funds will allow for sufficient funds in line A.7140.201 to cover expenses for a new used drag coming from Mountain Grooming Equipment LLC.
2nd by: Don Braunius
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

- Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Vetter tree service Co. will be assisting with cutting down the trees beside the museum. Carriage will be moved, and neighbor has been notified so that renters are not present at time of tree removal.

Old Business:

1. **Budget Officer –** Nancy Seifts went over changes to the tentative budget for 2023. If any board members have any questions about the tentative budget, they are to call Nancy. There will be a public hearing at the next board meeting on November 7, 2022. Budget committee will meet on Wednesday after health committee meeting with health representative. Bain let the board know that health committee will also be meeting with another health representative, Arnie Morehouse from Marshall and Sterling on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Arnie will be bringing three different insurance companies for the committee to compare plans. Between meeting with the two health reps. the budget committee should have a better understanding of what to budget for health insurance for the coming year. Bain and Smith explained that choices seem limited and rates for employee insurance is going up to a possible of 10% increase. LaVarnway asked if Nathan Littauer was considering taking back Excellus and McGovern explained that it hasn't yet and that Nathan Littauer is a private hospital. Seifts thanked Deborah O'Rourke for helping her and Smith with understanding health insurance set up for town. There will be a public hearing at the next board meeting on November 7th and the budget adoption will be at a special meeting on Thursday November 17th at town hall at 5:00 P.M.

2. **LPSA Boat Wash Station –** Station has been put away and lake stewards are done. Total for this year was $9,554 and the town had to pay $5,000 of that so Town of Lake Pleasant will get reimbursement for $4,554.

3. **Senior Bus Trip Update –** Schedule for the 2023 bus trips is out. Wells and Lake Pleasant seniors met and did up a schedule. New on the trip list is a Lake George Outlet trip. It is working well with both towns senior groups merging to work together.

New Business:

1. **Standard Workday Corrections –** Smith explained that there were discrepancies in the previous standard workday resolution that went to the state comptroller. Smith redid figures using the state ROA computing calculators online and came up with new ROA figures and resolution. She explained to the board that the Animal Control Officer who didn't have any recorded hours due to circumstance could be left off, checked not submitted with penalties or reduced to more accurately reflect hours worked. Board discussed this and McGovern suggested leaving on with a more accurate reflection of hours worked.

Resolution #113 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Approve Corrections and Replace Previous Standard Work Day Resolution Dated 05/05/2022 with Current Resolution Dated 10/17/2022

Offered by: Neil McGovern

Whereas, Board approved standard work day resolution 05/05/2022 will be replaced with the correct standard work day resolution dated 10/17/2022

worked for elected and appointed officials in the Town of Lake Pleasant

2nd by: Kathy O'Connell

Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, O'Connell, Martz and Braunius)

Nays: None

Committee Reports:

- O'Connell let the board know that the short-term rental committee will be meeting on Friday 10/21/2022.
- Youth Recreation has gotten some surveys back about the ski lessons.
- Cemetery committee will be meeting on Monday at 4:00 p.m. Smith asked when cemeteries will close and LaVarnway said first snow fall.

Resolution #114 Approve Audit of Abstracts #31, October 12, 2022
Voucher #237475 Amount $1,422.20, Abstract #32, October 14, 2022 Voucher #2376-2395 Amount $23,976.91

Offered by: Neil McGovern

2nd by: RaChelle Martz

Resolved that all bills in the following funds be paid as presented – General, Highway, Landfill, fire district and Library

Discussion: Braunius asked about the golf lessons bill not specifying what and who we were paying for. McGovern moved to rescind the golf lesson bill payment to get more accurate understanding of the charges. Voucher #2392 was pulled.
Bain let the board know that the century linen bill will be the last one.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:

- Karen McComb let everyone know that on 10/19/2022 there will be an Adopt a Highway program cleanup at 3:00 starting at the boat wash station where supplies will be given out. Clean up will be from Downey Ave. down to the DRAG sign. Good footwear is recommended.
- Nancy Seifts mentioned that the new LED street lights can make visibility difficult when you are directly under them in pouring rain.

Round table:

- O'Connell let everyone know that the Lake Pleasant sixth graders will be doing the Wreaths across America this year if anyone is interested in sponsoring a wreath call the school.
- Braunius brought a stack of papers that he collected in the town hall parking lot after it fell out of garbage. Papers are a contractors old business paper. Discussion of garbage coming from elsewhere to be dumped here due to costs elsewhere pursued.
- McComb asked about the recyclables change in effect. LaVarnway said not yet.
- Bain mentioned that we have a great group of Employees that have been donating sick/vacation times to another employee in need.
- Bain read a letter from Nancy Bernstein about submitting for another project after she noticed that we had switched to LED lighting. O'Connell asked if we had gotten our $5,000 reimbursement yet. Bain said that we had not received it yet. O'Connell doesn't want the town to do anymore projects until we get the $5,000.
- Bain let the board know that the county's communication towers will be moving forward now that local law #11 Arietta and #12 Morehouse, have been passed and leases of land have gone through.

Next Meeting including public hearing for budget: Monday November 7, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M. @ Lake Pleasant Library
*****ON A MOTION BY: Don Braunius 2nd by:** Neil McGovern
TO ADJOURN @ 8:09 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk