October 3, 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 3, 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, Don Braunius, Kathy O'Connell and RaChelle Martz (arrival at 7:21)
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent – Randy LaVarnway
Guests: Nancy Seifts (budget officer), Gary Rhinehart Jr. (Dackland radio station manager), Chris Ambrose, Paul Allen and Eileen LaVarnway

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #105 To approve the minutes of September 19, 2022
Offered by: Neil McGovern **2nd by:** Don Braunius
Be it resolved, that the minutes of September 19, 2022 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Highway and Buildings:

LaVarnway reported the following to the board:

- Library parking lot black top has been removed and paving should occur Tuesday or Wednesday of next week weather permitting.
- Crew is putting together the first snow plow.
- The garbage truck will go into the shop to have engine work done tomorrow a.m.
- There was a strange noise reported at the library that turned out to be a computer monitor squealing.
- Perkins Clearing is getting raked. Snow mobile trails will be closed from the southern entrance and out through mud lake Rd. all winter due to logging in area.
- Logging company has opened up old Route 30 and will be logging there this winter as well.
- Health center is being investigated for over use of electricity. Design of heating system might be the issue. This can be resolved by cutting on/off circulators seasonally.

- Health Clinic was closed Monday after a misunderstanding. Circulator pumps were making a noise and heat was shut down. Clinic personnel thought this affected hot water but it did not. Clinic will be reopened tomorrow.

Old Business:

1. **Budget Officer –** Nancy Seifts reported that tentative budget for 2023 is out to board members for review. Budget committee will be meeting again. Bain mentioned that a new computer for the county to do town business is a need and has to be added into the budget for next year. NYMER is increasing this coming year by $6,000.00 so that has to be adjusted in the budget.

2. **Short Term Rentals** – Chairman Kathy O'Connell reported that packets have been mailed out to committee members including letter and materials. Members are to review the information and get back to Kathy who will be setting up the first meeting.

3. **Tennis Courts** – Highway crew did the measuring of existing courts and property. Barry Baker was contacted at county for topographical maps to see grade and slope. All paperwork was sent to administrator's office over a week ago. Should get a response in 30 days. Bain will keep the board posted.

4. **Century Linen Rugs** – New rugs have been bought and are in with two extra spare rugs to switch out while others are being cleaned. Century Linen has been contacted to let them know that their services will no longer be needed due to budget cuts. Century Linen picked up their rugs today and new ones are down that will be maintained in house. Savings to the town should be over $1,200.00 a year.

New Business:

Resolution #106 Revision to Town of Lake Pleasant Handbook. Vacation Donation Program Addition of Sick Time.

Offered by: Kathy O'Connell

Whereas, Vacation donation program will change to – Vacation time/Sick time Donation Program.

Whereas, Sick time donations will follow same regulations as Vacation donations.

2nd by: Neil McGovern

Discussion: Board agreed that employees should be able to donate either vacation or sick time as they choose.

Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – O'Connell, McGovern and Braunius)
Nays: None

Resolution #107 Transfer of Funds from Lines DA.1990.400 and DA Fund Balance to Line DA.1910.400 to Cover NYMIR Yearly Bill

Offered by: Don Braunius

Whereas, funds in the amount of $3,000.00 will be moved from line DA.1990.400 and the balance of $1,902.01 moved from fund line DA fund balance for a total of $4,902.01 to line DA.1910.400

Whereas, this transfer of funds will allow line DA.1910.400 to have sufficient funds to cover the yearly NYMIR bill.

2nd by: Kathy O'Connell

Adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None
McGovern explained that NIMER is the towns insurance that covers cemeteries, buildings, equipment and vehicles. It is paid once a year and it covers everything under the town.

RaChelle Martz Joined the meeting

Resolution #108 Transfer of funds from line A.1410.400 Town Clerk Travel/Conference and Meetings to line A.3510.400 Control of Animals and Supplies

Offered by: Don Braunius

Whereas, funds in the amount of $188.00 will be moved from line A.1410.400 to line A3510.400

Whereas, this transfer of funds will allow line A.3510.400 to have sufficient funds to cover purchase of dog tags for dog licensing.

2nd by: Kathy O'Connell

Adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Resolution #109 Town of Lake Pleasant to adopt a Special Use Permit Application to be issued by Building and Code Enforcer.

Offered by: Neil McGovern

Whereas, Town of Lake Pleasant will use a Special Use Permit Application issued by Buildings and Codes Enforcer for a fee of $50.00.

Whereas, this permit is used by land owners for special short-term events held on private lands.

2nd by: Don Braunius

Discussion was had by board. Bain said that Steve Page (building and codes inspector) wanted to let the board know that this form could possibly be used in the future for short term rentals. Braunius stated that it should not be used for short term rentals because in that case this permit would have to be permanently posted at short term rental properties. Board agreed that this application will not be used for short term rentals at this time.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Committee Reports :

- **Health Insurance Committee –** Smith reported that insurance representative, Megan Nelligan is advising us to plan for a maximum of 10% increase to health insurance coverage. Megan will be meeting with the Health Insurance Committee in October to go over existing coverage and comparing it to other options including another option for current prime pay coverage.

O'Connell asked if this was cutting it close for the budget committee?
McGovern explained to the board that this is how it goes this time of the year. Earlier in the day Smith and McGovern spoke to health insurance representative about our need to budget as soon as possible. McGovern and Smith also expressed concerns to Ms. Nelligan about keeping under the 10% yet keeping quality health care benefits for town employees.
Seifts advised that the budget is fluid until November 20, 2022 for 2023. This means decisions will have to be made shortly after the meeting with health representative mid-October.

Resolution #110 Approve Audit of Abstracts #29, September 29, 2022
Voucher #2340-2343 Amount $2,825.50, Abstract #30, September 30, 2022 Voucher #2344-2373 Amount $107,523.77

Offered by: RaChelle Martz

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:

- **Gary Rhinehart Jr.** addressed the board about concerns he had after responding, as a firefighter, to a bad accident in the Piseco/Morehouse area of route 8. He wanted to know if towns were working on better communication lines in areas where there is a lack of cell service.
  Bain let Rhinehart know that Hamilton County Emergency Services/Sherriff's Department has been working on this for about eight years or more and now have communication to most surrounding towns and is now working on a tower for Piseco and Morehouse. Currently waiting on permit approval.
  Discussion was had by the board and public about this issue.

- **Nancy Seifts** announced that on October 19, 2022 the Library board and volunteers will be having a mile clean up on Route 30 from 3-5 p.m. on the stretch from Speculator sign down towards Wells. Anyone wanting to participate is to call Nancy Welsh.

Round table:

- Martz let the board know that Apple fest and Porta Potty Palooza were a success for the 4th of July parade committee where a sufficient amount of money was raised. Braunius asked how much money needs to be raised. Martz said that two porta potties are needed at an estimated cost of $2,500.00. This is in addition to existing firehall, pavilion and beach bathrooms in use. McGovern praised the historical society and 4th of July committee for work done at apple fest.
- Braunius asked about e-mails containing the wrong sender listed. Smith advised to change in contact lists.
- Smith reminded cemetery committee that cemetery rules need to be finalized when committee members can get together this fall. O'Connell and LaVarnway agreed that when schedules allow before end of year this will get completed.
- Bain read a letter from Sally Cross, historical society president, to the board and crew.

- Bain also mentioned there is a free flu clinic for seniors on October 25th from 1-2 p.m. please call Hamilton County Health Dep. to register 548-648-6497.
- There is a defensive driving course scheduled for October 27th from 9 a.m. -4 p.m. at the senior center. AARP members cost is $25 and non-members are $30. Please call Pauline Slack at 518-548-7638 to register.
- Heap assistance - contact public health nursing at 518-648-6497 and speak to Carriann Grexa-Allen.
- Bain reported that the museum fundraiser is up to $31,691.00. Thank you to Adirondack Lake Quilters for their donation and Cristine Meixner for setting up a booth at the apple fest.

Next Meeting: Monday October 17, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M. @ Lake Pleasant Library

*****ON A MOTION BY: Don Braunius 2nd by: Kathy O'Connell**
TO ADJOURN @ 7:55 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk