September 16, 2024

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 September 16, 2024 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, Katherine O'Connell and Meg Parascandola
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Guests: James Reis, Jeannette Barrett (Village of Speculator Mayor), Nancy Seifts (budget officer), Joe Adamkoski, and Shorty Hoffman.
Absent: Highway Superintendent: Randy LaVarnway

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #126 To Approve the Minutes of September 3, 2024.
Offered by: McGovern
2ND by: Braunius
Discussion – O'Connell pointed out that on page 2 under the Court JCAP Grant she was not asking for an itemized list of things the court was looking for, she was only asking for an idea as to what they were asking for. She also said that maybe the board could offer some ideas on what could be needed because they don't see the room on a daily basis. She stated that what was in the minutes is not what she said.
Be it resolved, that the minutes of September 3, 2024 be approved as amended.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Highway Report:

Bain gave the highway report.
- Highway crew have been working for Hamilton County in Benson and Hope on paving work.
- They have been ditching in Perkins Clearing.
- This past week they worked in one of the cemeterys putting in a gravestone.
- Pot holes on the Moffitt Beach Road were fixed after a taxpayer called the town hall about them. Highway crew was quick to fix the potholes and the taxpayer called back with a thank you for the quick fix.

Bid opening for museum project –

Bids for the Museum Foundation Project were duly advertised from July 31, 2024 – August 14, 2024 in the Towns Official Newspaper, The Hamilton County Express and in the New York State Contract Reporter. At 4:02 P.M. today the clerk's drop box was checked with no bids inside. Two bids came into town hall for this meeting.

The first bid was received, opened, and read at 7:04P.M.

Joe Adamkoski Contracting, LLC, 380 Progress Rd., Gloversville, NY 12078 $105,700.00
With exclusions and payment schedule requests that were read off to the board.

The second bid was received, opened, and read at 7:07 P.M.
VMJR Companies LLC, 73 Mohican St. P.O. Box 578, Glens Falls, NY 12801 $335,000.00
With no exclusions or payment schedule requests

Resolution #127 Town Board Moved to Have the Buildings Committee Meet on Friday September 20, 2024, 2:00 P.M. at Town Hall to Review the Bids.
Moved by: McGovern
2nd by: Parascandola
Discussion:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Emergency Board meeting will be held on Friday September 20, 2024, 3:00 P.M. to review the buildings committee recommendations and award the bid.

Old Business:

1. **Alarm System –** tabled, O'Connell is waiting for information to come in.

2. **Retiree Insurance Update –** Smith went over the most recent spreadsheet on rates from Marshall and Sterling starting January of 2025. The board discussed why Humana is going up so much in rates for 2025. McGovern explained how Humana has been a great insurance carrier but in our area with our providers, it has not benefited our retirees who use surrounding providers no longer accepting Humana Insurance. Bain explained that the health committee will be meeting with Arnie in the next few weeks and will get back to the board with their findings.

New Business:

1. **Lake Pleasant Fire Department Contract –**

Bain reviewed the Lake Pleasant Fire Department contract with the board. The only changes to the contract are the dates. She let the board know that the committee was happy with the contract only increasing by 3% to add $175,100.00 for the first year 1/1/2025-12/31/2025. This is a two-year contract and will go up another 3% the next year adding $180,350.00 for period 1/1/2026-12/31/2026.

Resolution #128 Town Board to Accept the Lake Pleasant Fire Department Contract for the years 2025/2026.
Move to Discussion:
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Parascandola
McGovern explained that the town needs these services and this rate is reasonable.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None
Abstained: Braunius

2. **Foley's Lawn Care Contract for 2025 –**

Bain reviewed the contract with Foley's lawn care for 2025. Contract increased by $100 from 2024 contract. Foley's will do spring cleanup, remove debris, overturn mulch and soil, edge beds, weed drip lines, fertilize, weed flower beds etc. for $1,511.00.

Resolution #129 Town Board to Accept the Foley's Lawn Care Contract for 2025.
Moved to Discussion: O'Connell
2nd by: McGovern
Parascandola abstained due to her part time work for Foley Lawn Care. Bain and McGovern commented on how diligently Foley works on the gardening and lawn care for the town buildings.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius and O'Connell)
Nays: None
Abstained: Parascandola

3. **Budget for 2025 –**
   Seifts went over meeting with department heads, and she has met with Josh at the county to learn more about the Tyler system so that she can help with the data input.

4. **Downtown Revitalization Initiative and NY Forward –** Parascandola informed the board that on Sept 9th the town got notice that on September 6th the Village of Specualtor filed a letter of intent for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) & New York Forward (NYF) grant. After filing the letter of intent, the Village reached out to the town to see if they would like to participate in the grant with the Village. Parascandola introduced Mayer Jennette Barrette who spoke about New York Forward and Downtown Revitalization investing in funding again this year to upgrade towns. There are ten regional decision makers that get a set amount of funding per region for two grants. The goal is to revitalize downtown destinations in certain regional areas. Proposals need to

come from community input not just town and village boards. The application will be better received if the Village and the Town work together on this initiative. The Village would like to upgrade aging infrastructure and discussed with the board what infrastructure the town could need upgraded. The next meeting would be tomorrow September 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. for a technical plan. Parascandola stated that she contacted Lake George, Lake Champlain Revitalization and they can help with the grant application with no conflicts with the grant they are already helping the town with.
McGovern made the point that joint municipal projects get more attention and have better luck than if they were to apply separately. Some work would be done by contractors and some by volunteers. Discussion about possible projects in the Town and Village that could be done if grant funds were available was had around the room.

Resolution #130 Town Board to Partner with The Village of Speculator to Apply for a Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) & New York Forward (NYF) Grants.
Offered by: Parascandola
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Committee Reports:

Cemetery Committee – Braunius would like to table the flagpole purchase due to the cost of a flagpole with interior halyard running over the board approved $750.00. His research has come up with a flagpole with internal halyard costing approximately $1,400.00.

Youth Recreation- O'Connell reported meeting on Wednesday to go over budget needs for 2025. Bain praised the committee for doing such a great job.

Resolution #131 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #37 dated: 9/05/2024, #3662 - 3662 in the amount of $168,838.12. Abstract #38 dated: 9/12/2024, #3663 – 3679 in the amount of $3,813.90.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: Parascandola
Discussion: O'Connell asked about the Justice docket folders and if they are special for court or just manilla folders. Smith explained that they have an external printed format that the court needs for documentation, and these were bought in bulk to last the court for a year or more.
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Public Comment:

- Shorty inquired about the back room of the Museum coming off and going on the same so that it can continue to house the artifacts that it has been housing. He feels that the back room should get supported just like the rest of the foundation. He asked if the artifacts need to be removed, Parascandola explained that these are precautionary measures. Hoffman feels that a heating system should be budgeted for the museum in the future so that the artifacts have temperature control through the winter months.

Roundtable:

- Smith informed the board that the training she went to on Friday Sept 6th, put on by the Tri-County Clerks Association and the Comptroller's office was very beneficial. At the training they went over what was expected of the clerks during audit time.
- -Bain mentioned meeting with the Chamber about the snowmobile maps. On the 10th they had a meeting, and they will be looking into printing companies. Cristy at the County will have the small fold up maps available this year, but they are not in charge of updates on these maps. McGovern mentioned that snowmobilers are pulling up the maps on their phones. Bain said that in the wilderness it is beneficial to have these maps on vehicles to use when electronics can't be used. Discussion about trails and what DEC will allow and what they won't was had by the board.
- Bain let the board know that there have been twenty-five STR's registered with Steve Page so far this year and he is receiving good feedback from letters about STR registrations.
- Bain went over the information Caitlin Stewart was talking about for Septic System Replacement Fund. Info is to be turned into Soil and Water who is still developing the criteria.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday October 7, 2024, at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library

***ON A MOTION BY**: Braunius 2ND **by:** Parascandola
To Adjourn @8:03 P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk