September 18, 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 September 18, 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: Karen McComb (Library President)

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #104 To approve the minutes of September 5, 2023
Offered by: Braunius
2ND by: McGovern
Discussion: none
Be it resolved, that the minutes of September 5, 2023 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Martz
Nays: None

Highway Report:

- Highway – Part one of the bridge project on Fish Mt. Rd. is almost completed. It was paved today and guard rails will go up tomorrow then the road will be open. Part 2 is the payment reimbursement that was processed through the state and sent to those that issue the checks. LaVarnway is expecting to receive this payment soon which is 87.5% of $198,000. LaVarnway has sent the towns permit for the project from the state into them a few times as requested.
- Last Thursday the Town assisted the Village with paving and will be helping Arietta this week. Lake Pleasant will grind Golf Course Rd. on Wednesday and Arietta will grind roads on Thursday. In a few weeks the roads will get paved.
- The street light that Braunius asked LaVarnway to look at on Oxbow Rd. was replaced with an LED light.
- Pole #94 on Speculator Water Rd. has not been located by the light pole attendant. Discussion about this missing labeled pole was had.
- Incentives to buying the backhoe equipment are, extended warranties or money off explained LaVarnway.

- O'Connell asked if the highway committee has met yet and was told that they will not meet until all information is in.
- One of the wash bay garage doors is out of service after a cable rotted off the door at the bottom. Calls are out to the company to have this fixed.
- LaVarnway met with engineer, Jim Reis who is willing to help draw up plans for tennis court/pickle ball courts on Elm Lake Rd. There is an inactive village sewer line that was left in the ground 15 feet away from the tennis courts. This will not affect the tennis courts structurally but due to its location, the water meter will have to be moved at the gardens. This will be minor. LaVarnway will meet again with Reis about preliminary drawings that he has drawn up for the town. Reis offers his services for free as long as the plans don't have to be engineer stamped. LaVarnway doesn't for see stamped plans being needed.
- Garbage truck inquiry calls have resulted in a possible date between late January and February 2024. They have not offered any discounts. Contract said that the town would have the truck after 30 days. Airflow builds garbage truck bodies and 60-90 days build time is what they quote for garbage truck bodies to be built and assembled. The contact is working on a firm bid saying it can be piggybacked. Otherwise going out to bid again is the other option which would take months. Cost to ship a new body will be a few thousand dollars or one of the town employees can go down, get the truck, and drive it back with temporary plates. These trucks are road legal but NYS doesn't allow incomplete vehicles on the roads. If all of these pieces could come together, then, the town would have a truck by the end of December.

Resolution #105 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board Moves to Empower the Highway Superintendent to Act on Behalf of the Town Board to Make the Contract Happen Between the Two Companies, Airflow and Peterbilt, Not to Exceed Over $5,000.00.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Bain
Discussion: O'Connell asked about who will go down to get the Garbage truck. LaVarnway said he would fly down and drive it back to Almira and have someone pick him up from there. Assuming that the truck will get delivered to the town after it is ready with VIN # etc.
Bain mentioned that the current garbage truck was broke down again today.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Martz
Nays: None

Old Business:

1. **Short Term Rentals –**
   O'Connell has the Short-Term rental Registration form completed and will have it downloaded to the town's website. Bain and O'Connell discussed putting form on the town facebook page and board agreed to do an ad in the paper.

2. **Community Garden –**
   Bain announced that on September 28th at 8:00 a.m., rain date is the 30th, anyone who wants to help with the community garden old fence coming down and new one going in,

please come help. George O'Connell will be bringing equipment to dig. McGovern asked that it be put on facebook to get more volunteers. McGovern asked to have a notice on facebook for volunteers with this project.

3. **Budget Officer –**
   Seifts explained that she and Bain have been meeting with department heads about getting numbers for the tentative budget. She hopes to have the tentative budget in to the County by September 30th. The budget committee will be meeting in October. Bain mentioned that on Thursday she will meet with Steve Sawn about Insurance funds that will be needed.
   Seifts let the board know that new lines were added to separate postage of Court and tax collection plus a few more new lines were added. When the budget is done these lines will show up.

4. **RO Systems –**
   RMB will be maintaining all of the towns RO systems. Bain contacted home owners to let them know that Bill Deivendorf passed away and that RMB will be taking over the towns RO systems. One homeowner doesn't want their system removed until the end of October Bain asked LaVarnway if they should come once for all systems or twice. LaVarnway felt they can come the end of October and do all systems at once.

5. **Tyler system** – Bain reviewed with the board that at their last meeting they voted to go with the Tyler system as opposed to KVS system. All board members were given the contract a week ago to review. Bain asked if there were any questions and O'Connell asked who would be taking on the positions of responsibilities with the levels such as executive sponsor and project manager. O'Connell asked if it would be Bain as executive sponsor and the county as project manager and Bain replied that yes those will be the responsible parties.

Resolution #106 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to move for Betsy Bain to Sign the Tyler System Contract.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: Martz
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

New Business:
None

Committee Reports:

Highway Committee – Committee will meet about the backhoe, loader and garbage truck soon.

Youth Rec. - Martz reported that they are planning the budget and will meet with Laura O'Brian at some point to talk about ski lessons for the winter.

Health Committee -
Smith let the board know that Arnold Morehouse, with Marshall and Sterling, has offered to meet with the health committee sometime around October 10th to present six different plans for employee health insurance benefits to compare. He wants the board to plan for current MVP plan to increase by 9-11% for the coming year. Included in his comparison of plans he will include plans that maybe more suitable for current employee needs in regards to health coverage. For the towns retiree's coverage, Humana will increase from $170.00 per retiree monthly to $181.42 per retiree monthly right now but is subject to change. Bain asked the board if they want to pass to lock into this rate or pass. Discussion was to pass for now. Braunius praised Humana for its excellent service and benefits. He has had no difficulty with Humana. Bain asked about when Arnie can meet with the Health Committee and Smith let her know that he says by the tenth of October.

Resolution #107 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #35 dated 09/14/2023, #2992-3020 in the amount of $38,942.24.
Offered by: Martz
2nd by: McGovern
Discussion: O'Connell asked about the bill from the Chamber of Commerce that was in the bills but Quarterly reports have not been given to the board at this time. Bain asked at the chamber about the reports and that the board would like to see expenses and activities. She spoke to Mary Caldwell about the reports and asked to get them this week. O'Connell was willing to approve this bill this time but the town needs reports moving forward.
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:

- Nancy Seifts announced that on October 11th at 3:00 the library will be hosting a HWY cleanup. Those interested are to meet at the parking area going out of town.
- McComb brought up that the doggie poop bag dispenser needs to be replenished at the pathways. New sign in sheets have been put in the sign in box. Bain read off some of the comments from guests on the trail such as beautiful, love it, beautiful trails, thank you, etc. Praise to the HWY crew for maintaining the trails and keeping them maintained.
- Bain mentioned that Sally Cross stopped by to thank everyone again for painting at Route 66.
- Seifts mentioned that the fire tower in Speculator will be open year-round.

Roundtable:

- O'Connell announced that Apple fest is this weekend on Saturday September 23rd from 10-4.
- She also mentioned an upcoming South Shore Cemetery tour with historic characters and info soon.
- McGovern mentioned Oaktoberfest will be September 30th.
- Braunius announced that the campgrounds have been open and he has been camping in Lewey Lake and it is beautiful. He also mentioned the paving of road from Lewey Lake down to Speculator getting done. This is a separate maintenance project from the one being done south of Speculator to Wells.
- Indian Lakes Region 2 is doing maintenance on these roads. Discussion of how treacherous the Route 30 stretch is from Speculator to Wells, without the road finished and lines painted was had by the board and LaVarnway.
- O'Connell announced that the Lake Pleasant Sagandaga Association did annual testing on the lakes this year and they are healthy lakes. The mystery of the weeds is still under investigation with phosphorous levels on Lake Pleasant. Echo and Oxbow lakes were included in the testing this year.
- Bain let the board know that the town received the AIM payment (aid and incentive to municipalities) of $4,287.00 that is received every year from the state.
- Nathan Littauer contract is complete and signed with copies going out to those that have requested it.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday October 2, 2023, at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library

***ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2ND by:** Martz
To Adjourn @ 8:02 P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk