September 19, 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 September 19, 2022, at the Lake Pleasant Library, 2864 State Route 8, Lake Pleasant, NY 12164. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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, RaChelle Martz and Kathy O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent – Randy LaVarnway
Guests: Nancy Seifts (budget officer), Karen McComb (Library President) and Eileen LaVarnway

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #101 To approve the minutes of September 6, 2022
Offered by: Don Braunius **2nd by:** RaChelle Martz
Be it resolved, that the minutes of September 6, 2022 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Martz)
Nays: None

Highway and Buildings:

LaVarnway reported to the board the following:

- Shrubs at the library will be dug up and relocated to the back of the library this fall.
- Library parking lot repair is scheduled for 9/26/22 a.m. with a standby date of 9/27/22 a.m. Health center has been notified. Traffic will be limited at this time.
- Changes to recycling are in the works yet not fully approved at county level. Board will be notified of changes when they occur. These upcoming changes will involve less sorting of recyclables for residents.

Resolution #102 Amendment to Resolution #118 (2021) The Board Approved The Purchase of The Peterbilt For The New Garbage Truck
Offered by: Neil McGovern
Whereas, The Lake Pleasant Town Board agrees to order a new Peterbilt garbage truck for a cost increase of $5,000.00. This brings the original cost of $197,143.00 to a total of $202,143.00.
Resolved, Funds to cover total cost of garbage truck will be covered by the American Rescue money and the garbage truck reserve fund account.

2nd by: RaChelle Martz
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Martz)
Nays: None

LaVarnway informed the board that the present garbage truck is currently under repair tomorrow a.m.

Old Business:

1. **Budget Officer –** Nancy Seifts reported that the budget committee met and collected information from all department heads to see where each department is headed into the 2023 budget year. Committee to review and send up to county for the tentative budget of 2023 to be drawn up.

2. **Short Term Rentals** – Chairman Kathy O'Connell reported she has been in touch with everyone on the committee and packets are going out to them this week. O'Connell hopes to have a meeting set for early October for all seven members of the committee to meet and share ideas. Board discussion on short term rentals was had.
   Bain has asked neighbors of short-term rentals to drop off concerns, in writing, to town hall office or drop box. There is no need for names or addresses just concerns to be dropped off.

3. **Tennis Courts** – Bain announced that the grant paperwork is moving forward. LPCS physical education teacher has been contacted about participation and the HWY department is drawing up a sketch of the courts with measurements. Sketch will get sent to Lynne Schachte's office. A grant, if awarded, could be for $70,000.00-$100,000.00.

4. **Century Linen Rugs** – Every two weeks it cost the town almost $50 for cleaning six rugs at town hall. The library and Nathan Littauer clinic own and maintain their own rugs. Century Linen will not clean town hall rugs once a month. Six rugs would cost the town hall $30.00 each and HWY crew can pressure wash as needed. Board members discussed and agreed that buying and maintaining rugs in house will save the town money.

Resolution #103 for Town of Lake Pleasant to purchase six area rugs to be used and maintained at town hall.
Offered by: Don Braunius
2nd by: Neil McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Martz)
Nays: None

New Business:

1. **Planning Board Fees –** Smith explained to the board that a boundary line adjustment is coming before the planning board and that there is not a fee line for this in fee schedule. Discussion was had by the board and previous planning board secretary, Nancy Seifts. It was determined that all planning board fees fall under the subdivision fee of $100. Smith to revise the current fee sheet, breaking down the individual fees all at $100. The board decided to table for now and will discuss any changes to fees at a later date.

Committee Reports :

- **Budget Committee –** Met with department heads to work on tentative budget.
- **Fire Department Committee –** McGovern and LaVarnway met with the Lake Pleasant fire department about budget and negotiating the contract for 2023+.
- **Youth Recreation –** Martz and O'Connell met with Laura O'Brian to discuss the ski program. They plan to send out a survey to school age children to see what students and parents want to get from the ski program.
- **Cemetery Committee –** Has permission to cut down trees bordering fence around South Shore cemetery. HWY department will assess what trees they can cut down when their schedule allows. Rules still in the editing stages.
- **Health Insurance Committee –** Smith let the board know that renewals are coming up for next year and insurance representative Megan Nelligan is advising us to plan for a 10% increase to health insurance coverage as a maximum. Megan will be meeting with the Health Insurance Committee in October to go over existing coverage and comparing it to other options.

Resolution #104 Approve Audit of Abstracts #26, September 8, 2022
Voucher #2320-2325 Amount $1,327.58, Abstract #27, September 12, 2022 Voucher #2326-2327 Amount $101.28, Abstract #28, September 16, 2022 Voucher #2328-2339 Amount $4,989.29
Offered by: Neil McGovern
2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
Resolved that all bills in the following funds be paid as presented – General, Highway, Landfill, fire district and Library
Discussion: Discussion was had by the board and LaVarnway as to why the clinic electric bill was so high. This will get looked into.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:

- Karen McComb let the board know that the Adopt-A-Highway has a pick-up date of Wednesday October 19, 2022 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. There will also be a photo shoot at the sign on Tuesday October 4,2022 at 3:30 p.m. Nancy Welch has been organizing this and those wanting to participate can call her at 518-548-6355.
- Nancy Seifts mentioned checking web for how many short-term rentals in our area. Discussion was had on ways to compile this information.
- Karen McComb asked for a definition of a short-term rental. O'Connell replied with less than thirty days rental for most cases. McComb asked about those that rent for months. O'Connell said this will be addressed with the committee.

Round table:

- Braunius praised the Adirondack porch spider festival. It is a festival held on private land where large porch spiders are measured and let go. The largest porch spider wins a prize.
- McGovern asked about the Porta Potty Palooza? RaChelle Martz said that the parade committee will be at the apple festival this Saturday selling baked goods to raise money for the Fourth of July Parade. In addition, they will have a bean bag potty toss game to raise money for porta potties that will be needed next year for the Fourth of July festivities.
- McGovern commented that this is great that the Forth of July Committee is doing this but can't the Village provide this service to the community? Discussion was had by the board and public on this issue and how the Village has responded to this need.
- O'Connell let the board know that lake stewards were able to stop and clean a boat that had Zebra mussels on it and another with Asian milfoil before the boats went into Sagandaga lake this summer.
- O'Connell mentioned that this summer she was asked what the town hall hours are. She would like them posed on doors to town hall and on web site. Smith assured her that they are posted on web site and in shadow box outside of clerk's office. Smith will make sign larger in shadow box.
- LaVarnway mentioned Smith asking for a permanent sign outside the court room that will let townspeople know when court is in session and out of session. Currently when court is in session a metal sign stating this is hung out side on door knob. Discussion was had by the board on ways this can be displayed.
- Martz let the board know that she will be at the expo. Building in Syracuse next weekend to promote snowmobiling in Hamilton County.
- Bain let the board know that June Bergholtz contacted her last week to let her know that they would meet at the community gardens with the LPCS 4th graders to harvest the food pantry plots. Forth grade teacher is interested in having her class do this every year.
- 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.

- There is a defensive driving course scheduled for October 27th from 9-4 p.m. AARP members cost is $25, non-members are $30.
- Speculator Volunteer Ambulance is looking for volunteers, if interested please contact Ken Kurt.
- Standard work day has come back from the state and is now up at county for payroll to finish up and file.
- Bain reported that the museum fundraiser is up to $31,264.00.

Next Meeting: Monday October 3, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M. @ Lake Pleasant Library

*****ON A MOTION BY: Don Braunius 2nd by: Neil McGovern**
TO ADJOURN @ 8:15 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk