September 6, 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 6, 2022, at the Lake Pleasant Town Hall, 2679 State Route 8, Lake Pleasant, NY 12108. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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, RaChelle Martz and Kathy O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent – Randy LaVarnway
Guests: Katelyn Eldredge (Speculator Chamber of Commerce Director), Peter Welch (Speculator Chamber of Commerce President), June Bergholtz, Nancy Seifts (budget officer), Gary Rhinehart Jr. (Dackland radio station manager)

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by moment of silence for Gary Wicks

Resolution #93 To approve the minutes of August 15, 2022
Offered by: RaChelle Martz **2nd by:** Don Braunius
Be it resolved, that the minutes of August 15, 2022 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius and Martz)
Nays: None

Resolution #94 To approve the minutes of August 22, 2022
Offered by: Neil McGovern **2nd by:** RaChelle Martz
Be it resolved, that the minutes of August 22, 2022 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius and Martz)
Nays: None

Highway and Buildings:

LaVarnway reported to the board the following:

- Library parking lot will be torn up and repaved soon when health center can be closed and all parties, town crew included, are available. Insurance check for majority of paving cost coming soon. Remainder of bill will be submitted to insurance company after job is complete.

- Health center has had water on floor after condensation pump failed to work and has been fixed. Inspector at health center found that locks did not work on some of the cabinets that need to be locked. Town Hwy crew will fix the locks. Alarms at health center have been going off. Battery had to be replaced.
- Town brush pit was ground up in six hrs. Bain asked how long the brush pit will be open and LaVarnway replied that it will be open until the first snow fall. Don Braunius asked how the chips are deposited and LaVarnway said its free for residents, but it goes on snowmobile trails and to repair parking lots and roads.
- LaVarnways town credit card was hacked, cancelled and a new card issued.

Kathy O'Connell joined the meeting at 5:12

- LaVarnway has spoken to three paint companies about painting the Museum. One declined the job due to lead paint. The other two companies were going to meet with LaVarnway to review the project, but both did not show up or respond to calls. Trees on right side of Museum will be cut down as soon as tree company can schedule.
- Bids from the special meeting 8/22/2022 for the Fish Mt. Rd. culvert project have been looked over by engineer and Prime Hwy Contractors LLC out of Albany, NY are acceptable. LaVarnway asked the board to be aware of the costs of this project. McGovern announced that the town will be responsible for 12 ½ % of the project, putting the town at about $75,000.00 with a total cost of approximately $600,000.00. Some FEMA funding can still apply plus chips money. This project will most likely be done next spring. LaVarnway stated that there is no way of telling how much FEMA will cover.

Resolution #95 The Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board will award the bid for the Fish Mountain Road Culvert Project, to Prime Highway Contractors, LLC.

Whereas, Prime Highway Contractors, LLC will complete the project for $540,000.00.

Offered by: Neil McGovern

2nd by: Don Braunius

Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, O'Connell, Braunius and Martz)
Nays: None

Speculator Chamber of Commerce Director, Katelyn Eldredge, gave a report for the not yet complete third quarter.

Since taking over as director Katelyn has increased the chambers reach on all social media platforms and hopes this will bring more tourism to our area.
Membership is doing well. High School kids are getting involved with internship opportunities.
Currently the chamber is working on the Bear and Wine festival and the Holiday Stroll making changes such as indoor holiday stroll for usual outside vendors. The monopoly game may make a comeback in order to raise funds for events. The chamber is also working to partner with Beth Knapp to display artwork from the area to decorate with local art. The next event is the town wide garage sale.

McGovern mentioned that the chamber needs to have the local businesses keep up with them about changes to their hours.

Other questions from the board were answered regarding short term rentals, community clean up and snowmobiling/trail maps. Bain expressed concerns about bringing back events of the past to continue to bring people back to our community.

Old Business:

1. **Short Term Rentals** – Chairman Kathy O'Connell reported that there is one member that she has not been able to get in contact with yet. McGovern asked if they would meet live or via zoom and O'Connell says she prefers in person meetings.

2. **Tennis Courts** – Bain met with Kelsey and Terry Dowd to fill out the grant paperwork. County courts will not qualify due to pickle ball lines, but Elm Lake Rd. courts will qualify for grant. Physical Education teacher at LPCS will be contacted to join the Tennis Association in order to qualify for free equipment for the school students.

New Business:

Community Gardens – June Bergholtz reported that decent rain has led to better crops this year. Woodchucks and bears found their way into gardens through mesh fencing so looking into sturdier 6' fence for the coming year. Currently looking for ways to raise funds for upgrades. There are 20 plots total with three that were dedicated to the food pantry. Fourth Grade teacher, Shiela Crouse, will come with students to pick and take produce to the food pantry. Clean up is scheduled for October 1st.

Resolution #96 Town of Lake Pleasant to Transfer Library Funds
Whereas, Funds will move from fund balance in the amount of $4,397.00 to the following lines –
L7410.100 Library Assistant $4060.00
L9030.800 Social Security $273.00
L9035.800 Medicare $64.00
Be it resolved, that this move will enable these lines to cover payroll and benefits for library employees.
Offered by: Neil McGovern
2nd by: Don Braunius
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius and Martz)
Nays: None
Abstained: Kathy O'Connell

Resolution #97 Town of Lake Pleasant to sign contract with Dackland Radio from 9/01/2022 – 9/01/2023
Offered by: Neil McGovern
2nd by: Kathy O'Connell

Ayes: (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, O'Connell and Martz)
Nays: None
Abstained: Don Braunius

Budget Officer – Nancy Seifts reported that budget worksheets are out to department heads and September 20th is the due date.

Committee Reports –

- **Youth Recreation** – Martz reported that summer program is wrapping up and next is working on ski program.
- **Cemetery Committee -** Permission to cut trees surrounding South Shore Cemetery has been given. Final revisions for the rules and regulations are wrapping up.
- **Fire Department Committee -** McGovern and Braunius to meet with fire department about budget.
- **Health Insurance Committee -** Health Insurance renewals are coming up. Humana is already asking for the town to renew coverage for retirees.

Resolution #98 Approve Audit of Abstracts #24, August 26, 2022
Voucher #2286-2288 Amount $865.41, Abstract #25, September 2, 2022 Voucher #2289-2319 Amount $49,700.38
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. thanked the town for choosing Dackland Radio for the coming year.

Round table:
McGovern praised all those who put together the ribbon cutting ceremony for the fire tower.
Braunius asked if receipts were being signed by those with receipts for the town after the previous discussion to do so.
LaVarnway let the board know that he got word from Peterbilt about 4th quarter production for garbage truck being put off so there is no date for when the town will be getting a new garbage truck.
Bain reported that Consolidated health had their annual meeting on August 29th. Budget was taken to county to be filed. Seifts and Bain went to the comptrollers to file the tax cap. Town is over the 2% this year and will be going into website this week to file proper forms.
Chris Rhodes contacted Bain and youth recreation committee about consolidating the recreation programs of Lake Pleasant and Arietta. Arietta offers swim lessons and Lake Pleasant offers crafts and trips.

Resolution #99 Town of Lake Pleasant and Town of Arietta to consolidate their youth recreation programs to better serve the needs of their youth.
Whereas, Lake Pleasant will provide trips and crafts for youth and Arietta will provide swimming lessons for youth.
Offered by: RaChelle Martz
2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, O'Connell, Braunius and Martz)
Nays: None

Bain reported that the museum fundraiser is up to $31,024.00 received a $300.00 donation today.

Discussion was had about the century linen rugs being cleaned once a week and if this is necessary. Decision was made to cut back to two times a month and see how it goes.

Resolution #100 Town of Lake Pleasant to have Century Linen clean rugs two times a month instead of every week.
Offered by: Neil McGovern
2nd by: Kathy O'Connell
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, O'Connell, Braunius and Martz)
Nays: None

Next Meeting: Monday September 19, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M. @ Lake Pleasant Library

*****ON A MOTION BY: Don Braunius 2nd by: Neil McGovern**
TO ADJOURN @ 6:22 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk