June 2, 2025

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 June 2, 2025, 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, Kathy O'Connell and Meg Parascandola
Budget Officer: Nancy Seifts
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Guests: Shorty Hoffman, Karen McComb (Library President), and Roberta Bly.
Absent: Highway Superintendent: Randy LaVarnway

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #76 To approve the minutes of May 19, 2025.
Offered by: McGovern for **Discussion**
2ND by: Parascandola
Discussion: None
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None
Abstain: Braunius

One Work Source – Roberta Bly from Department of Social Services (DSS) came to inform the board about the regional one work source centers. She explained that these centers are for those seeking employment where they can get career support services with education options and resources and employers can get support for training their workforce. It is based out of Plattsburgh, NY and services four counties, Franklin, Essex, Clinton and Hamilton County. One stop, located in the DSS office in Hamilton County, assists individuals in education and job placement. School districts are interested in the information and Bly came tonight to spread the word to the town through the town board. McGovern, who was involved with this program in the past, explained how the program ran in the past with summer youth events and job fairs. Discussion about this program and accessibility challenges was discussed. Bly asks the town board to refer individuals to DSS in Hamilton County if they are interested in the program. There are specifications for career services and job training skills. Bly handed out information to the board.

Highway Report:

Bain gave the Highway report in LaVarnways absence.
-Friday May 30, 2025, the power was turned back on at the museum. It was scheduled to go back on last Tuesday but was a no show. Bain thanked Shorty Hoffman for making himself available to opening up the museum for National Grid to turn the power back on Friday.
-Bain reviewed the town garbage pick up schedule with summer pick up starting this week on Mondays and Thursdays. Recyclables are picked up on Tuesdays. Bulk pick ups are the third Wednesdays of the months of June, August and October. The town asks the public to not put bulk pickup garbage out before one week prior to pick up. Collection schedules can be picked up at Town Hall, Lake Pleasant Post Office, Chamber Visitor Center in Speculator or accessed on the town website at lakepleasantny.gov.

Old Business:

1. **Museum Grant –** Parascandola went over the grant contract that was received for painting, priming, removal of peeling paint, calking, metal roof etc. for the museum. Total project cost is $53,500.00 with a funding request of $40,125.00 which leaves a local share of $13,375.00 to match this Federally funded grant. Parascandola went on to read a letter from Adirondack Architectural Heritage informing the grantees about the Trump Administration issuing executive orders to eliminate federal programs that affect funding allocations and federally funded grant programs. These actions could prevent payments such as the one the town has been awarded. If the Federal Government withdraws the funding, then the funding will not come to the town. They encourage the town to continue with their project with the understanding that funds may not come through if the Federal Government does not provide the funding.
   Parascandola went on to inform the board of the payment schedule for the grant specifications as follows:
   1. 20% would be paid after execution of agreement with grantor and grantee.
   2. 60% will be paid upon receipt with proof of initial contractor payment, approved invoices and proof of 50% of project completion.
   3. 20% of grant is paid within 60 days after subgrantee has submitted 100% of completion report. To be considered 100% complete proof of contractor payment, first and second subgrant installments, visual evidence photos, site visit of project completion must be met.

   There is no deadline to accept the contract. Parascandola reviewed that $40,125.00 is covered by the grant with $13,375.00 to be covered by the town for a new roof and paint on the museum. A project sign about the grant information has to stay up at all time during the project.
   June 30, 2026 is the deadline to have the final project report completed.

Resolution #77 Town Board Approves Moving Forward with the Grant Funding for a New Roof and Exterior Painting of the Museum.

Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: McGovern
Discussion: O'Connell says that the town needs to move forward with the project. Parascandola said that a legal ad will have to go into the paper for invitation to bid. Time frame and contract specifications was discussed. The Town Board would like to see the work completed by mid-October.
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

2. **New Computers -** Parascandola reviewed the resolutions to purchase a lap top for the Supervisors office and a new desktop for the clerk's office. Parascandola went over the state contract pricing that has been offered to the town through Dell Technologies for a laptop, desktop package and Microsoft 365 software account. The Microsoft business basic account is quoted at $63.64 a year for each user.

Resolution # 78 Town Board to Approve the Microsoft 365 Business Basic Contract Through Dell Technologies for $63.64 a Year Per User.
Offered by: Parascandola
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Parascandola explained that the Dell Technologies quote is for a laptop and a desktop. The Supervisor is in need of a new laptop and the clerk's office is looking into equipment best suited for work flow before deciding on what product to go with.

Resolution #79 Town Board to Approve Purchase of a New Lap Top Computer for the Supervisors Office.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Town Clerk computer replacement tabled for further research. Clerk has to stay within the $2,000.00 budget approved by the board.

3. **Flag pole for Airdville Cemetery** -

Braunius went over the quotes he received for a 20'- high flagpole of brushed aluminum, solar light on top, internal halyard, to go in Airdville Cemetery. The town would be doing installation. McGovern asked if this was in the budget and Bain and Seifts reassured the board that it was included in this year's budget.

O'Connell asked if this can be tabled until LaVarnway returns to let the board know what projects he has to complete in the cemeteries. Braunius stated that he obtained quotes for acquiring a commercial grade flag pole. Pricing for commercial differs from residential pricing. Braunius went over the different quotes and comparisons.

Resolution #80 Town Board to Table the Flag Pole Until the Highway Superintendent Returns for Input.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Bain informed the board about the costs of installing the holiday snowflakes after talking to the Village Mayor. It costs $65 per snowflake to be attached to the electric pole to light up and about $1,000 for year-round maintenance of all the Village snowflakes.

New Business:

1. **Nathan Littauer Clinic Report –** Bain met with Emily Wright, the new Senior Director of Provider Practices at Nathan Littauer who updated Bain about the Primary Care. It will be open Sat. 9-5, and Sunday 11-7, for the summer hours starting July 5th and ending after Labor Day weekend. Dr. Cimo will be the new medical Dr. and he will see pediatrics patients as well as adult patients. Emily will be at the farmers market on June 19 and June 26, to hand out information about the primary care. Since January the clinic has already gone over its anticipated number of patients by 110 to date. In mid-March the clinic started contracting with a company called Meditec Select and this has decreased the amount of no shows. Complaints have been minimal and the glass windows at the front desk will be coming back for privacy reasons.

2. **Lake Stewards –**
   Bain received the contract from Craig Pedersen today which she will sign after the last steward contract comes in signed. She has asked that all lake stewards list all boats that they inspect and how many they send to the wash station each day on their vouchers so the board members have an idea of how effective this program is for the Town.

Resolution #81 Town Board to Approve the LPSCA Contract for Lake Stewards for the 2025 Season.
Offered by: Parascandola
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

3. **Standard Workday – New Record of Activity for Judge Smith**

Resolution #82 Town Board Approves of the New Record of Activity Results for Judge Smith.
Offered by: McGovern
Whereas, the Town Board has established the standard workday for elected officials and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activity.
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Resolution to be posted on the clerks sign board for thirty days and then sent to the State Comptroller.

Resolution #83 Tennis Reserve Fund Board Approval
Offered by: Braunius
Whereas, the Town of Lake Pleasant received statement number 170039 from Young/Sommer LLC to finalize and circulate the draft opinion letter on ownership of land for the grant.
Whereas, said statement, in the amount of $367.50 is in regard to the Elm Lake Road Park Enhancement Implementation Project Phase I and will be paid using Tennis Court Reserve funds, be it
Be it Resolved, that $367.50 be paid to Young/Sommer LLC from account A.7140.0401- Parks & Recreation, Buildings Reserve – Tennis Courts and the Bookkeeper be so authorized.
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion:
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Committee Reports:

- **Website –** O'Connell liked the historian page timeline on the website.
- **Building Committee –** O'Connell mentioned the drain for the split air that is on the interior wall that needs to be rerouted. Town board is holding payment until LaVarnway has a chance to discuss this with the contractor.
- **Youth Recreation** – Youth director met with the director in Arietta. Events are the mega bubble man and the portable planetarium. High ropes with ADK extreme and Water Safari trips are planned and booked into the end of November. Golf lesson paperwork to go out to students soon. No lifeguards in Arietta this year. O'Connell asked about Speculator revitalizing swimming lessons for the Village beach and Bain explained that the grant that was applied for is to cover lifeguard payroll. Discussion went around the table about the need for swimming lessons in the area. O'Connell will reach out to Mayor Barrett to see if the Village plans to do swim lessons.

-Cemetery Committee – will be scheduling a meeting when LaVarnway returns.

Resolution #84 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #19 dated 05/30/2025, 4053-4072 in the Amount of $25,568.19.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Public Comment:
- McComb asked if the clinic is now an urgent care clinic and McGovern explained that no it is a Primary Care facility, not an urgent care clinic. Individuals do not have to be a patient of record to walk in and be seen at the clinic.
-Seifts asked for the Primary Care information to get on the town's Facebook page.
-Hoffman brought up tree removal in the cemetery and mentioned that there is a National Grid tree trimming team in training that can take down the tree for free.
Discussion was had about veteran's banners on light polls and monuments that could be placed in town and what would be involved to attain these tributes.

Roundtable:

- Bain made the following announcements:
- Zoning/Code Enforcer Steve Page will get letters out to those that are responsible for the piles of debris on Page Street and he asks the board if he should send via regular mail or certified? The board agreed that he should send them out certified.
- Museum phone line has been reinstalled at the museum.
- The barrels at the community center need to be moved so those that are good will be stacked for owners to pick up and those that are no good will get thrown out. Those remaining have to be picked up by owners before the tennis court park project starts.
- -BTI program has ended for the season. Flies have hatched and are expected to be bad for a few weeks. Jennifer Reinders will take the eight-hour class to be certified for next year. This Wednesday, June 4th , 6:00 p.m.at the library, Vi Wicks will give a presentation on black flies titled: Reality Bites: Making the Best of Life with Black Flies.
- Bly has given the town a copy of her insurance for coverage from June 18, 2025 – June 18, 2026 and it is in her file.
- The Lyons Club has donated funds to the senior center to help replace the flooring and clean the carpets in the front entrance. Sally Gallup has been working with New York State and was able to secure a $5,000.oo grant to help with the remediation expense that the seniors have encountered.
- Dave McComb is working on ordering signs for the pathways to replace damaged and broken ones.
- Ken Kurt stopped by town hall to report that there will be a new EMT class in Speculator held in January of this coming year. EMT's and drivers are needed.
- Aaron Weaver sent the board his report which Bain provided for the board. At the end of the summer he will be in to give a report on the events.

- Gardens in front of town hall are looking nice and Bain thanks John Foley for his hard work.
- June 4, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. the Speculator Chamber of Commerce will hold their dinner this year at The Perks.
- At the Community Gardens students took home a tomato plant and a packet of seeds to plant at home. At the garden they planted onions, popcorn, beets and beans. In the fall they will come back to pick their crops. Bain thanked Bergholtz for all she does for the gardens. She also thanked Rabecca Smith, Mina Swanson and Jeannette Barrett for all their help.
- Library event sheets are available at the table for any one to take and read.
- SALS director Sara Dallas will be retiring soon but has agreed to make a stop in Hamilton County to speak and give information on where libraries currently stand amidst cuts.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday June 16, 2025, at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library

***ON A MOTION BY**: Braunius **2ND by:** Parascandola
To Adjourn @ 8:36 P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk