July 21, 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 July 21, 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
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent: Randy LaVarnway
Guests: Karen McComb (Library President), Nancy Seifts (Budget Officer), Chris Ambrose, and Shorty Hoffman.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #97 To approve the minutes of July 7, 2025.
Offered by: Braunius for **Discussion**
2ND by: McGovern
Discussion: None
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and Parascandola)
Nays: None
Absent: O'Connell

Highway Report:

- Highway crew has been working on Page Street this past week to grind up existing black top, ditching, remove rocks, and mowing roadsides. They are now back to working in Perkins Clearing.
- The museum except for water and sewer, is complete and bids will be opened tonight for roof and painting. A water meter pit has been ordered.

O'Connell joined the meeting at 7:01.
- Town HWY crew has been helping other towns and the County with shared services.
-The flagpole for Airdville Cemetery is in and will be planned to get installed after the Cemetery Committee meets and recommends a location to the Town Board. Parascandola asked if there will be a ceremony when the flag is erected in the cemetery. Discussion was had about a ceremony at the table.

Old Business:

1. **Museum Grant –**

Supervisor Bain reported that bids were duly advertised on June 18, 2025, for the museum's new roof and painting of siding in the Hamilton County News and the New York State Contract Reporter. Bids had to be turned into town hall by today, July 21st at 3:00 p.m. Three bids were received from the following:

Time	Name of Bidder	Address	Amount
7:07	**Better Home Builders Inc.**	**455 Tarrytown Rd. Ste 1449 White Plains, NY 10607**	**$64,786.25**
7:10	**AGT Contractors LLC**	**3 Stephen St. Albany, NY 12202**	**$38,475.00**
7:12	**M&K Construction & Restoration LLC**	**58 E. Main St. Johnstown, NY 12095**	**$82,500.00**

Resolution #98 Town Board to Pass the Bids Over to the Buildings Committee for Review and Recommendation.
Offered by: Bain
2nd by: Parascandola
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

2. **Elm Lake Road Project Grant –** Parascandola explained that the tennis court contract was able to be signed and now the contract is waiting for signatures on the State side. Allison Gaddy said that a bid notice cannot go out yet. After the next signature, a project manager can be assigned and progress can continue. Parascandola reviewed the bricks grant and locations considered for this are, Elm Lake Rd. site, the library/clinic site or another building that could be purchased by the town, for an education/recreation center. A survey of the property is required, and the grant would cover 80% and the town would have to fund the 20% match. Application is due on August 15, 2025.

Resolution #99 Town Board to Apply for the Bricks Grant
Motion to discuss
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: Braunius
Question about the build out time frame was asked by McGovern.
LaVarnway explained that the library/clinic property is a difficult lot due to sewer lines and buildable lot size.

Parascandola explained that if the town doesn't get the first grant, then this Bricks grant will be backup. Braunius asked if there was room at Elm Lake Rd. and what size building. O'Connell said it would be one large room with a kitchen in the back 40'X96'.

Resolution #100 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board Authorizes the Submission of an Application to the NY Bricks Program for the Design and Construction of a New Community Center.

Offered by: Parascandola

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Pleasant recognizes the need for a centralized, accessible, and modern facility to support community engagement, social services, recreation, and emergency response functions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Community Center will serve as a vital public asset, offering year-round access to essential programming and services for residents of all ages, including underserved and vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the BRICKS (Building Resilient Infrastructure for Community Knowledge and Services) Program provides financial support for the planning, design, and construction of critical community facilities that enhance public health, safety, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Pleasant is eligible to apply for funding through the BRICKS Program and desires to pursue such funding to support the design and construction of the new Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that pursuing this grant opportunity is in the best interest of the Town and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lake Pleasant hereby authorizes the submission of a grant application to the BRICKS Program for funding to support the design and construction of a new Community Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, or their designee, is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary in connection with the preparation, submission, and implementation of the application, including entering into any agreements, contracts, or certifications required by the funding agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted this 21ST day of July, 2025 by the Town Board of the Town of Lake Pleasant.

2nd by: Braunius

Adopted by the following votes:

Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)

Nays: None

3. **Computer Tech –**
   Resolution #101 Town Board to Implement the Confidentiality Agreement for Volunteer IT Tech.
   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

4. **Chamber Snowflake Lights –**
   Bain explained the costs of installing the snowflake lights on the electrical poles. The Village had asked the Chamber to do some fund raising to fund the maintenance of the snowflakes on the electric poles so that the expense is not on the Village or the Town. The Chamber does not have long term storage for the snowflakes.
   Resolution #102 Town Board Opens to Discuss the Snowflake Decorations.
   Offered by: McGovern
   2nd by: Parascandola
   Discussion went around the table about the snowflakes. After discussion the board decided to wait and see if the Chamber and the Village come up with an agreement about continuing the snowflake placement thought the Village. The Town Supervisor, Village Mayor, and the Chamber will meet to discuss how this will all come together. The Town Board has given approval for the Town Supervisor to make the final decisions.
   Snowflakes **tabled** for now.

5. **Lake Pleasant Clinic Waiting Room Furniture-** Bain explained that the clinic waiting room needs new furniture. She met with a saleswoman from Ruby and Quiri to help with medical furniture options. They suggested high quality vinal material for chairs including hip chairs and bariatric chairs for patients that would need them. Bain asked the clinic staff to pick the color. Cost is up to $15,000 from donated funds not tax dollars. The sliding glass window at the check in desk came in the wrong size and had to be sent back.

New Business:

1. **LPSA Lake Management Plan –**
   O'Connell has shared the Lake Management Plan with the board. She has offered a format suggestion for LPSA to make the plan easier to understand. Concerns are erosion, weed growth and invasives**.** Soil and water at Hamilton County has been given a copy of the plan and there is a committee that has proposed the plan to the board. O'Connell would like to see what the professional organizations like soil and water and AWI think about this plan.

Resolution #103 Town Board to Table the LPSA Management Plan
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Parascandola
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

2. **Town Clerk/Insurance Coordinator –**
   Bain explained that she was contacted by Hamilton County Personal and the title for Health Insurance Coordinator did not fit what the town clerk does as a health insurance coordinator. The suggestion was to eliminate the position and absorb the duties under the town clerk line.

Resolution #104 Town Board to Eliminate the Health Insurance Coordinator Line AA.1989.0100 in the Budget and Funds in this line will Move to the Town Clerk Personal Line AA.1410.0100.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Committee Reports:

- **Cemetery Committee –** Braunius mentioned that a cemetery committee meeting will be scheduled to figure out the location of the flag pole.
- **HWY Committee** – Meeting Friday afternoon.
- **Website –** Parascandola informed the table that the three parts to the new electronic set ups for the Supervisor and the Town clerk are in and will be set up soon. Volunteer assistance for set up will be contacted soon.
- **Building Committee –** O'Connell mentioned that three security companies has been contacted for costs. Meeting to discuss the bids opened tonight to be determined by the buildings committee.
- **Youth Recreation** – O'Connell let the room know that Jim Levi provided an interactive bubble presentation at the farmers market last Thursday for 1.5 hrs. The last event to ADK Extreme was canceled due to the bus driver not being available.

Smith let the board know that she has started researching copier contract options and products that can be leased, rent to own or bought. Bain asked Seifts if she remembered how long the town has been leasing the existing copy machine and the year 2016 was mentioned with question. Discussion about color vs. black and white and other features was discussed.

Resolution #105 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #23 dated 07/08/2025, 4134-4134 in the Amount of $4,032.00. Abstract #24 dated 07/17/2025, 4135-4149 in the Amount of $9,872.87.
Offered by: Parascandola

2nd by: McGovern

Discussion: Parascandola asked about the lawn mower parts and LaVarnway explained them. Bain explained the unemployment bill to the board.

Adopted by the following votes:

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

Public Comment:

- McComb asked if any other cemeteries will be getting flags and the board said that yes down the road one at a time. She also mentioned that the zoning requirements will need to be followed and parking space and building space will be an issue with the proposed community center in the same location as the library and clinic.

Roundtable:

- Braunius mentioned how nice the Lake Pleasant Fire Department picnic was this past Saturday. He asked LaVarnway how the road construction in Perkins Clearing was going and LaVarnway stated that the state contract was approved last week. The town is in the procurement process of this, and bids are now over 30 days old. Work has not started yet.
- McGovern agreed with Braunius about the well-attended firehall picnic. He will not be at the next meeting.
- Parascandola mentioned that the Village received a grant, and they are doing a public survey and are looking for public feedback. They are tabling at the farmers' market this Thursday.
- O'Connell wished LaVarnway a Happy Birthday. She mentioned that folks are not aware of the clinic being open on Saturday and Sundays. She asked if an open flag can go out. Bain mentioned passing out flyers to campgrounds and businesses and they are tabling at the farmer's market. O'Connell mentioned Dick Jaquish passing and his service will be on July 26, 2025 at the Fish Mt. Cemetery with a luncheon at the Lake Pleasant Fire Hall following the graveside service.
- Bain mentioned that the flower barrels have been cleaned up behind the community gardens thanks to Mary and the Chamber of Commerce.
- Wells Central School will be hosting the Food drive on Thursday July 24th from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. . They will have food enough to feed 150 families.
- A resident contacted Bain about a call from Frontier about having internet and Bain is asking everyone to call town hall if they hear of seniors getting these calls.
- The Primary Care clinic has reported having cases of covid and Influenza. They are concerned about Measles coming into the area.
- Maria McKay with Public Health and Bain have been working on a community vulnerable list that will get updated on a quarterly basis.
- Clinic locks are to be changed out soon on all three doors.
- Steve Page has been sending out letters to residents not complying with town policy with building, garbage and STR's. Steve has been doing site visits that are not productive so certified letters are going out.
- Braunius reported that he was on the Hamlets To Huts committee site and reported that they are making progress with what they are doing with the property in Wells.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday August 4, 2025, at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library

*****ON A MOTION BY**: Braunius **2ND by:** Parascandola
To Adjourn @ 8:32 P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk