August 18, 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 August 18, 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
Guests: Paul Allen, Nancy Seifts (Budget Officer), and Shorty Hoffman.
Absent: Highway Superintendent - Randy LaVarnway

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #114 To approve the minutes of August 4, 2025.
Offered by: McGovern for **Discussion**
2ND by: Braunius
Discussion: None
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Highway Report:

Bain gave the highway report for LaVarnway:
-The meter pit for the museum has an estimated delivery date of August 29th.
-Page Street and Pelcher Road have been paved. Sholder work is to follow.
-The DEC project in Perkins Clearing has been brush cut.
-A bear proof bin for the health center has been ordered after the bear got into the garbage again last week. The Village of Speculator will pick up the garbage three days a week until the bin arrives.
-No update on the new plow truck.
-Auctions International will be listing the old pick up.
-LaVarnway thanks all the towns, county and state for helping with the paving this past week.
-The cost of the new bear proof bin will be $2,652.12, including shipping.

1. **Elm Lake Road Project Grant –**

Parascandola let the room know that they were able to download the signed contract from the state and tomorrow there will be a meeting between the town project manager from the state and Allison Gaddy for the next step and when the bid notice can go into the paper. Tomorrow they will ask when the in-kind work such as fill and grading can begin.

2. **Chamber Snowflake Lights –**
   Bain met with Mary and Tracy (Chamber) and Jeannette (Village Mayor) to discuss the snowflake expenses. They all agreed to split the maintenance costs for this year. Lights will continue from the Department store down route 8 towards town. The Village will work on a fund raiser to cover the cost of the National Grid charges. Jeannette will check with National Grid on the costs and they will go from there. The Chamber, Town, and Village all agreed to pay 1/3 of the costs for the holiday snowflake lights maintenance this year.

New Business:

1. **Museum Roof and Painting Bids** –

Parascandola mentioned that due to a clerical error the museum notice to bid has to be reissued. On Wednesday this week the legal will be published to request for bids and the bids will now be due on September 22nd by 2:00 P.M. with a special meeting held that afternoon at 4:00 P.M. to open the bids. Concern is that the federal grant could be lost at any time.

Committee Reports:

- **Cemetery Committee –** Braunius reported that the flag pole is up. There is not a flag up yet. O'Connell mentioned that the newly painted Airdville Cemetery sign looks nice. Parascandola got ahold of Bill McGuire and he thinks that September 11th is a good day for a flag raising ceremony in Airdville. The school and families of veterans will be notified about the flag raising ceremony. Discussion on where to meet for snacks after the ceremony with out a community center was discussed.
- **HWY Committee** – Bain asked that the committee work on the CDL guidelines for the handbook.
- **Website –** Parascandola informed the board that the lap tops are being set up.
- **Building Committee –** O'Connell reported that she and LaVarnway are working on the security contract bids.
- **Youth Recreation** – O'Connell reported that summer recreation is over for the season.

Resolution #115 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #27 dated 08/13/2025, 4171-4191 in the Amount of $16,475.60.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: Parascandola

Discussion: O'Connell asked if the water bill for the museum can be waved if the line is not hooked up and zero units of water are used. Discussion went around the table about this bill. Bain asked if the bill can be paid if the Village will not wave the bill and the board agreed that it can be paid if they are denied a waver.

Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Public Comment:

Hoffman said that operation of system with the water is for the system as a whole and it is the availability that the residents are paying for.
Hoffman let the room know about the visitors to the museum since it opened back up.
Seifts thanked those that participated in the Quack-A-Palooza event on Tuesday, August 12th with well attendance and participation of the community. McGovern thanked the library volunteers for their hard work on this fund raiser.

Roundtable:

-Parascandola informed the room about the upcoming Hamilton County Recreation Day with a 5K walk/run this Saturday, August 23rd starting at 11:00 A.M. utilizing the trail system.
She mentioned the paving on Page Street and how well the job was done. She brought up the speed limit at 45mph that seems too fast for some areas of the street. It was discussed that the speed limit could be reduced on the corners of Page Street. McGovern stated that the board had asked for a reduction of the speed on this road in the past and it was turned down. Roadways and speed limits were discussed around the room.
-Bain mentioned that the senior center is looking to be back open with Office of the Aging serving lunches onsite.
-Bain is waiting for one more quote for the health center new floor project and two more quotes for furniture.
-Bain, Seifts and McGovern will start the budget process in a couple of weeks.
-The Board received a copy of the Chamber of Commerce 2nd Quarter Report, May – July 2025 to review tonight.
-On Sunday, August 24th from 4:00 -6:00 pm, LPSA will be holding a meet and greet social event and annual meeting open to the public at the Lemon Tree Brewery.
-Letters that Page sent out have led to one of the families contacting the town to rent a dumpster for clean up.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library

Resolution # 116 Town Board Moves to go into Executive Session at 7:37 P.M. to Discuss Matters Under #6, #7, and #8 of Public Officers Law 105.
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

The Town Board returned to regular session at 8:42 P.M. with no action taken.

***ON A MOTION BY**: Braunius **2ND by:** Parascandola
To Adjourn @8:43 P.M.
All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk