January 5, 2026

State of New York
2679 Route 8
County of Hamilton
Town of Lake Pleasant

An Organizational Meeting of the Lake Pleasant Town Board was held on January 5, 2026, at the Lake Pleasant Town Hall, 2679 State Route 8, Lake Pleasant, NY 12108. 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
Councilmen: Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Meg Parascandola and Katherine O'Connell
Budget Officer: Nancy Seifts
Highway Superintendent: Randy LaVarnway
Guests: None
Absent: Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #1 To approve the minutes of December 15, 2025
Offered by: Braunius
2ND by: Parascandola
Discussion: None
Be it resolved, that the minutes of December 15, 2025, be approved.
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Parascandola and O'Connell)
Nays-None

Highway Report:

- LaVarnway thanked everyone for being considerate on Monday December 29th during the ice storm that hit our area. The highway crew was out working on storm maintenance and garbage was unable to be picked up. Residents patiently waited for garbage to be picked up on Tuesday after the storm.
- Ice storm with power outage was well maintained with downed trees cleaned up and power restored as soon as possible. Discussion about the difficulties was had at the table. Bain mentioned that Hamilton County Emergency Services was fantastic in responding to needs during the storm. LPCS and the Lake Pleasant firehall were available for those in need to weather out this storm and there were no residents that needed these services. Discussion about community emergency preparedness was had at the table.
- Grooming and cutting out tree growth continues on the snowmobile trails.
- There were mechanical breakdowns during the ice storm that had to be fixed. LaVarnway thanked his crew for putting in the hours that they put in to get work completed.

- New truck update, truck is still in fabrication.
- FEMA has resubmitted the town's funds for the $26,000 that is owed to the town.

Old Business:

1. **Clinic Flooring –**
   Bain updated the board on the clinic flooring, letting them know that Ruby and Quiri stood by their word and replaced the office flooring at a reasonable rate as the board saw in the bills.

2. **Nathan Littauer Contract** – Tabled
   Bain said that there have been complaints that will be addressed in the right way.

New Business:

2026 Organizational Appointments and Resolutions

Resolution #2 Town Board Approved the 2026 Town Organizational Appointments.
Offered by: McGovern

Deputy Supervisor-Meg Parascandola
Budget Officer- Nancy Seifts
Attorney for Town – Young & Sommer's
Historian- Aaron Weaver
Official Bank- NBT
Health Insurance Rep.- Stephanie Smith
Justice Court Clerk- Stephanie Smith
Interim Deputy Court Clerk – Vacant
Interim Deputy Town Clerk – Vacant
Dog Warden – Steven Rajca
Deputy Dog Warden – Margie Rajca
Registrar Vital Stat. & Handicap Permit Issuer- Stephanie Smith
Purchasing Agent- Betsy Bain
Youth Recreation Director- To Be Determined
Parks & Recreation Foreman- Randolph Lavarnway
Refuse & Recyclable Foreman- Randolph Lavarnway
Highway Superintendent Foreman- Ed Brooks
Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer- Steve Page
Official Newspaper-Hamilton County Express
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: Braunius asked about the need for the Hamilton County Express to be the official newspaper and Bain explained that it is necessary for the legals. Discussion was had about newspapers.
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Parascandola and O'Connell)

Nays-None

Resolution #3 Town of Lake Pleasant to Authorize the Superintendent of Highways to make Purchases of Tools etc. at a Cost not to Exceed $2,999.00 and to Buy Oil, Tires, Salt at State Rate Contract Pricing.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Parascandola and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution #4 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board To Set Mileage Rate for Reimbursement at .725 Cents Per Mile.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Parascandola and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution #5 Town of Lake Pleasant to adopt the Holiday Schedule as Established by Hamilton County.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: Parascandola
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Parascandola and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution #6 That regularly scheduled Town Board meetings will be held at the Lake Pleasant Town Hall, 2679 State Rt. 8, Lake Pleasant, NY 12108 at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month, or as otherwise published and/or posted. There will not be a meeting on a Monday Holiday.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Parascandola
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Parascandola and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution #7 Salaries of Elected Officials and Appointed Personnel are set forth as Established in the Towns 2026 Town Budget.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Parascandola and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution #8 Town Clerk office hours for 2026 will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M., Wednesday 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. with court going into session at 5:00 P.M. Friday by appointment by calling 518-548-3625 Ext. 2. Secure drop box is available for use to the left of the clerk's door and is checked daily.
Offered by: Parascandola
Discussion: was had about the town hall hours at the table**.** O'Connell would like to see the town clerk have a lunch hour so that she gets a break and hours can be more dependable for residents that pop into town hall to do business in the clerk's office.
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes- All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Parascandola and O'Connell)

Resolution #9 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Approve the Standing Committees for 2026.
Offered by: Parascandola
Finance/Budget – McGovern, Bain, LaVarnway
Recreation Trails – Braunius, LaVarnway
Safety – Smith, LaVarnway, Bain, Matt Seifts (safety coordinator)
Youth Recreation – O'Connell, Parascandola
Cemetery – LaVarnway, Smith, Braunius
Highway – LaVarnway, Braunius, McGovern
Building Committee – LaVarnway, McGovern, O'Connell
Fire Dept. Committee – McGovern, LaVarnway
Website Committee – Parascandola, Smith
Health Insurance – LaVarnway, Smith, Bain
Grants Committee – LaVarnway, O'Connell, Parascandola
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: None
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Bain pointed out that Vincent Sorbello is renewing his five-year term on the planning board and Kevin O'Brian is renewing his five-year term on the zoning board. Caitlin Caswell will fill the vacancy left by Karen McComb on the library board for a five-year term as library trustee and Katie Mendez will fill the vacancy left by Elizabeth Knapp on the library board for a one-year term as library trustee. A new library president will need to be picked by the library board.

****** See Attached for Complete List ******

Resolution #10 Town Board is in Agreement with The Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board and Will Pay the Annual Fee of $300.00 to the Review Board.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: Parascandola
Discussion: Bain mentioned that she was pleased to see the park agency striving to make the park ADA compliant.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, Parascandola, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

******See Attached******

Resolution #11 Town Board Approves Payment of The Association of Towns of the State of New York 2025 Membership Dues of $1,100.00.
Offered by: Parascandola
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, Parascandola, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Committee Reports:

- **Cemeteries –** Braunius reported that the cemeteries are closed, flag in Airdville is down and one person complained that it was down.
- **Grant –** Parascandola reported that there was a meeting last Friday about the grant to move forward for the legal notice for the bid. Ideas were brought forward and will be passed onto the grantee for approval of the bid packet for the Elm Lake Rd. Project.
- **Buildings –** O'Connell asked LaVarnway for a date and time for the next meeting. Committee decided on January 13, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in Highway office.
- **Youth Recreation –** O'Connell asked for fingers crossed that ski lessons will be on for Friday with the possible rain in the forecast.

Resolution #12 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #41 dated 1/2/2026, #4376-4402 in the amount of $67,339.94. Abstract #42 dated 12/29/2025, #4403-4405 in the amount of $4,413.58. Abstract #1 dated 01/02/2025, #4406-4412 in the amount of $19,126.73.

Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: Braunius asked about equipment that was bought by the highway department and LaVarnway explained that it was for replacing the backhoe parts that had to be replaced after a tree fell on the backhoe.
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Parascandola and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment: None

Roundtable:

-Braunius brought up the power outage last week that caused the post office to close for a day due to the postal service not providing a generator to keep the post office running with heat and electricity. Parascandola was surprised to find that the lobby was not open for residents to access their boxes. Discussion was had at the table about the length of the power outage.
-McGovern informed that for the polar plunge there were not many in participation but was well attended by spectators. This 15th year annual event raised $685 for the Wounded Worriers and Parascandola thanked local EMS and fire departments for standing by during the event.
- Parascandola let the room know that if a stray domestic cat is found The Animal Protective Foundation in Glenville provides an excellent service.
- Bain mentioned that Steve Page has a new desktop computer repurposed from Hamilton County that will be installed soon.
-Bain gave the senior meal site update to the table and asked for help from the board. The Piseco school has agreed to open their kitchen and Office of the Aging will agree to the meal site if ten people agree to go daily to the school as a meal site to show cause. Meals will still get delivered from the firehouse in Speculator parking lot to those that cannot come out to eat. Piseco school is also open for seniors to walk at the school. Discussion about this being a good location was had at the table.
- Bain reported from clerk Smith that taxes are not yet mailed out and are not expected to go to USPS until next week. Residents can contact the clerk's office by phone or e-mail to get their bill if they need it sooner.
- Smith has oaths of office ready and she thanks Seifts for recording and taking minutes down in her absence.
- Braunius asked about the other two senior trips and Bain said that they are both boat trips planned for this summer.
Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday January 20, 2026, at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Town Hall.

*****ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2ND by:** Parascandola
To Adjourn @ 8:22 P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk