April 20, 2026

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 Monday April 20, 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:
Deputy Supervisor: Meg Parascandola
Councilpersons: Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, and Kathy O'Connell
Highway Superintendent – Randy LaVarnway
Budget Officer: Nancy Seifts
Guests: None
Absent: Supervisor - Betsy Bain, and Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #71 to Approve the Minutes of April 6, 2026
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: Verizon discount discussion in roundtable.
Be it resolved, that the minutes of April 6, 2026, be approved.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Deputy Supervisor Parascandola, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Highway and Buildings:
-LaVarnway reported to the board that repairs were done, and groomers were put away this week.
- Primary Care porch posts were replaced due to rot.
-Town roads have been swept to remove sand.
-Plows are being removed from all the trucks except one.
-New Westernstar truck that came in had to be sent back due to the plow mount that the plow hitches to is five inches too low and frame extension had been cut. Several other small things were also found wrong with the truck. LaVarnway let the board know that payment has not been made on the truck. The truck has been sent to Watertown, NY for repairs. LaVarnway explained to the board what will have to be done on this vehicle for it to be road worthy and functional.
-Town water truck and garbage truck have gone to the shop to be inspected.
-Removal of debris from pathways and cemeteries has begun.

-LaVarnway is working on the State contract for work to be done at the upper end of Perkins Clearing next year. He will be taking a ride up to see what needs to be done to clean the roads.

Resolution #72 Town Board to Approve of LaVarnway Listing the Town's Snowmobile Groomer for Sale on Auctions International Starting the Bid at $20,000.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Deputy Supervisor Parascandola, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

-LaVarnway reported that the brush pit opened on Friday April 17th after several residents asked about when it would be opening.
-The flag is back up in Airdville Cemetery.
-O'Connell asked about the bench in Airdville Cemetery and if it could be moved. LaVarnway said that the bench was donated and the doner wanted the bench where it was placed. The bench will stay where it is always placed. Discussion about chairs or some form of seating going up near the flag was had at the table.
-O'Connell reported that Parascandola and Bain helped her clean up the wreaths from Wreaths Across America, in the cemeteries, starting with Higgins Bay in Piseco and South Shore. When they got to Airdville, Michelle Aird had cleaned up, and Cheryl Pastella had cleaned up Speculator Cemetery.
-Discussion was had about painting lines in parking areas and on steps at the back of the library. Sand will get added to the paint for traction.
-Braunius asked about a quart of 10/30 motor oil that was bought from Napa being a common oil that is used in the garage. LaVarnway explained that it was bought because the water truck motor required it.

Old Business –

1. **Junk Storage Law –**
   Parascandola reported to the board that she and Steve Page met with the town attorney to clear up confusion with the town's current law. Two courses of action were discussed. One, to begin assessing fees based on the existing fine schedule established in the current law under section 43 of the land use code and/or two, begin the process of having the properties junk abated.

Resolution #73 Town Board to Discuss Enforcement of the Towns Junk Storage Law and Applying it to the Current Residents in Violation of the Law.
Motion was made by: McGovern
2nd by Braunius
Discussion: Parascandola let the board know that the town could fine the residents- ranging from $50-$250 per incident, weekly. O'Connell asked if the town attorney would handle the violation charges and Parascandola explained that the fine schedule would be enforced through the court

system. McGovern asked about costs that the town incurs to enforce this law. Parascandola explained that the landowner can be held accountable for the legal fees. If an abatement is made, then a public hearing will need to be held first before proceeding.
Parascandola gave history behind looking into enforcing the junk storage law stating that several residents were given notice to clean up properties. All but one, have made progress. Now the Zoning Officer is asking the town board how to best enforce this law. The attorney will provide the town with an estimate on how much it will cost to draw up a memorandum outlining the procedures. Once the town has the estimate, the town board will decide whether to have the memorandum drafted.
No Action Taken at This Time
All in Favor
Ayes: All (Deputy Supervisor Parascandola, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

2. **BESS –**
   Parascandola reported that she and Buyce (Planning Board Chairman), attended the training at the North Pole Fire Department on BESS. This was training more geared for fire departments on how to put out these types of fires. It was recommended at the training to just let the fire burn itself out and not to douse it with water. Small businesses and those living off the grid were discussed.

3. **Elm Lake Road Project –**
   Parascandola reported that the town received the insurance certificate from Stephen Miller General Contractors, Inc. for the fencing portion of the tennis courts. The town is waiting for signed work agreements from Stephen Miller General Contractors Inc. and Brothertowne Paving & Excavation, LLC. A building permit from the town for fencing has been secured.

Resolution #74 Town Board to Discuss the Agreements and Down Payments for the Elm Lake Road Tennis/Pickleball Courts Project.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: Parascandola reviewed that with the contract for Stephen Miller there is an upfront cost of $25,000 and with Brothertowne there is an upfront cost of $50,000 to start the work. She asks the board for a resolution to make the initial payments once the contractors sign and submit the contract agreements.

Resolution #75 Town Board to Approve Agreements and Down Payments for the Elm Lake Road Tennis/Pickleball Courts Project.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Deputy Supervisor Parascandola, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

4. **Museum Project –**
   Parascandola reported that the insurance certificate was received from ACT Constructors LLC and a building permit has been issued from the town for the roof replacement.

Resolution #76 Town Board to Discuss Signing the Museum Project contract with ACT Constructors LLC.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: Parascandola explained that with this agreement there is an initial payment of $20,000 to the contractor.

Resolution #77 Town Board to Sign Contract and fund Museum Project to Release Initial Payment of $20,000 to ACT Constructors, LLC.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: Braunius
Whereas, the Museum restoration project includes a roof replacement at a total contract cost of $57,825.00, and
Whereas, due to the historic importance of the Museum, a portion of the roof replacement will be reimbursed by a grant from Adirondack Architectural Heritage (AARCH) in the amount of $40,125.00, and
Whereas, a down payment for the project is now due to ACT Constructors, LLC in the amount of $20,000.00, be it
Resolved, that account number A.1620.0408 – Buildings, Museum Project be created and funded in the amount of $40,125.00 to be totally offset by creating and funding Revenue account A.2089 – Other Culture & Recreation, Museum Project by $40,125.00, and be it further
Resolved, that $17,401.91 be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance to account number A.1620.0408 – Buildings, Museum Project and the down payment be remitted to ACT Constructors, LLC, 3 Stephen Street, Albany, NY 12202, and the bookkeeper be so authorized.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Deputy Supervisor Parascandola, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution #78 Town Board to Discuss Clean up date on the Pathways.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: Grant for signs was discussed. LaVarnway explained that the pathways need gravel in areas. Algae on walkways need to be removed by pressure washing. LaVarnway stated that parts of the pathways will need to be shut down if they are not repaired this year. Where the funding will come from was discussed. Needed repairs, fundraising, and volunteer work were discussed. Parascandola suggested having a clean up day in July. **All in Favor.**
Adopted by the following vote:

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

New Business:

Resolution #79 Town Board to Approve Payment to Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board from the Tennis Court Reserve Fund
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: McGovern
Whereas, the Town of Lake Pleasant has received an invoice from the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board related to the Elm Lake Road Park Enhancement Implementation Project, and
Whereas, said invoice, in the amount of $1,500.00 will be paid using Tennis Court Reserve funds, be it
Resolved, that $1,500.00 be paid from account A.7140.0401 – Parks & Rec, Buildings Reserve – Tennis Courts and the bookkeeper be so authorized.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Deputy Supervisor Parascandola, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Committee Reports:

Cemetery Committee – Braunius reported that the flag is up in Airdville cemetery as LaVarnway stated in his report.
Highway Committee - McGovern asks that LaVarnway be persistent with the new truck getting repaired and back to the town in good order.
Youth Recreation – O'Connell gave update on hiring a youth recreation coordinator. Positions have been offered and they are now waiting to hear from the applicant.

Resolution #80 Approve Audit of Abstract #12 dated April 16, 2026, Voucher #4532-4536, Amount $31,450.35, Abstract #13 dated April 17, 2026, Voucher #4537-4555, Amount $9,080.02.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: Parascandola asked about the electric bill for the highway garage, going from $895.00 to$1,720.00. The board reviewed back through the usage. LaVarnway explained that the lights draw extra power. O'Connell will compare usage in 2025 to the current 2026 usage.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Deputy Supervisor: Parascandola, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:

-None

Round table:

- McGovern said that he will be unable to attend the May 4, 2026, meeting.
- Braunius said that he was the recipient of venison steaks from the veterans' program that distributed six thousand pounds of venison to those in need and to veterans.
- Braunius mentioned the teen group at the library getting involved with volunteer work on the pathways.
- O'Connell thanked Bain and Parascandola for helping her pick up the wreaths this year.
- O'Connell let the room know that at the museum, the desk at the front has been moved to the back for those that want to do research at the museum. Bookshelves have been put back after being stored in the clinic basement during foundation work. Aaron has put up a new display for the 250 Anniversary.
- Seifts mentioned that the library had scheduled to do town clean up on May 6, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. with a rain date for May 20th. Meeting at the second rest area south on Rt. 30.
- Parascandola announced that the food bank is coming to Wells Central School on April 29, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- Parascandola spread the word about Hamilton County asking for the towns to let the County know if they are doing anything to celebrate the 250-year anniversary. The towns historian Aaron Weaver is doing events for the anniversary starting on June 30th and August 11th with hikes to Col. Pecks grave where he has cleaned up and placed flags.
- Parascandola mentioned that the letters are falling off on the town building and if there is a way to engage the shop students in fabricating new lettering for the building. O'Connell will consult with the tech/computer teacher about students making letters.
- Discussion about the front lights attracting bugs was had and it was decided to go without the spotlight and see if it helps keep down the accumulation of debris on the face of the building.
- Parascandola informed the board that the DEC recreation management plan that was applied for years ago has now been approved.

Next Meeting: Monday May 4, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M. @ the Lake Pleasant Town Hall
*****ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2nd by:** Parascandola
TO ADJOURN @8:45 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk