May 4, 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 May 4, 2026, at 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
Councilpersons: Don Braunius, Kathy O'Connell, and Meg Parascandola
Budget Officer: Nancy Seifts
Highway Superintendent – Randy LaVarnway
Guests: Aaron Weaver, and Barbara Mullins
Absent: Councilman – Neil McGovern and Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Highway and Buildings:
LaVarnway reported to the board:
-The new western star truck left town hall garage on Friday May 1st for repairs and LaVarnway is waiting for them to call with repair list to be done on it.
- The new fire alarm company, Chimara, met with LaVarnway to look at the town hall garages and pole barn. Estimates for services will be coming in as soon as they are drawn up.
-Roadside brush is being cut back and down.
-LaVarnway painted the parking lines at town hall. Bumpers were put out in the parking lot.
-He has been working with Alison Buckley to get contact for the state with work in upper Perkins Clearing.
-Two employees need their CDL licenses and are working on them but if they don't have them by June, LaVarnway asks the board if the town can bring on the extra employee for the summer to drive the garbage truck.

Resolution #81 to Approve the Minutes of April 20, 2026.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: None
Be it resolved, that the minutes of April 20, 2026, be approved.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain and Councilpersons – Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Old Business -

1. **BESS –**
   Parascandola reported that she and Buyce met last week to look over information from the training they attended and what other towns are doing to create laws around these facilities. They have good resources to work with and will be meeting with another town to discuss how they went about developing a law. Once they have all the information, they will then reach out to the town's attorney for development of the law.

2. **Junk Storage Law –**

Parascandola reported that she and Page reached out to the town attorney to put together the memorandum to facilitate moving forward with the property. Page would like to move forward with either fining this resident owner or moving forward with abatement of the property.

3. **Elm Lake Road Contracts –**

Parascandola reported that signed contract agreements are back from both contractors. She went over the timeline for the work to be completed. All perimeter fence posts; fence post sleeves, net anchors, and sleeve covers are to be installed by May 31, 2026. All court surfacing by the fencing company should be completed by July 31, 2026. All fencing and gates should be completed and installed by August 30, 2026. All surfaces and painting of lines should be completed by July 31, 2026.

Mullins asked about the town leasing the Hamilton County tennis courts and Bain explained that the town decided not to lease the courts from the county when the contract was up and maintenance was going to cost the taxpayers of lake pleasant if they signed another lease with the county. When the town did not renew their lease for the courts, Hamilton County decided to close the courts. Bain further explained that the town did not have the funds to maintain the county courts and redo the Elm Lake Road courts at the same time. Mullins expressed that at this time there is nowhere for tennis to be played in the town. Bain stated that Wells has offered its court to those that want to come down and play.

O'Connell explained that the project could not move forward until the frost was out of the ground. Discussion of other places that tennis and pickleball players can play the sport at while the Elm Lake Road courts are being built was had in the room.

4. **Pathway Assessment and Clean-up Date –**

LaVarnway explained that he, Matt, Dan, and Dave McComb have been assessing the area. Clean up began with leaf blowing and jacking docks that were in need. One dock needed plank repairs. It was discovered that the long section that goes to the viewing area is now pulling apart in some areas and supports have moved. LaVarnway and his crew determined that the decking needs to come off and reassembled with new supports and railings to code. LaVarnway suggests building steps to go down to the walkway for easier safer access until the deck can be repaired. This can be roped off in the winter to avoid snowmobile damage to the stairway, and it will not be a handicap accessible route down to the dock at the back of the pathways. This will be a temporary safe solution to access the lower docks while funds are raised for repairs on the docks that need to be

replaced. Projected costs for repairs and replacements were discussed. With two major projects already in the works, this project will have to be slotted for next year. LaVarnway will collect cost estimates and get them to the board for the next meeting. Looking for a grant was mentioned.

Resolution #82 Highway Superintendent to Meet with Recreation Committee to Bring a Pathways Repair Proposal with Estimates to the Town Board.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: Parascandola
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain and Councilpersons – Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

5. **Post-Closure Monitoring –**

Bain read a report letter to the board that allows the town to have monitoring tests done and submitted once every three years instead of yearly. Bain further explained that Hamilton County's Soil and Water Department will be doing the testing for the town. The Town Highway Superintendent will continue to do the grounds maintenance at this site. Bain explained that Soil and Water will also be doing this testing for Indian Lake and Long Lake.

New Business:

Historian – Aaron Weaver gave the board an updated report on what he has been working on as historian for the town. He will be doing two Col. Peck grave tours this summer. This spring he went in and cleaned the graveyard and put up garden flags commemorating the 250th anniversary. Weaver plans to decorate the town museum porch and railing with a bunting and banner for the 250th anniversary of our country. He plans to help at the farmers market and have route 66 open to the public. He explained what the county is doing for the 250th and what is planned for the fourth of July float for the parade. Revolutionary War Veterans Garden flags will be placed next to the veteran's graves for the summer.
O'Connell explained that the museum contents are being put back into the museum with three new displays being put together.

Resolution #83 Town Board to Approves Setting up, Funding, and Dispersment of the Elm Lake Road Park Enhancement Implementation Project Tennis Court Reserve Fund.
Offered by: Parascandola
WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Pleasant has secured grant funding through the State of New York for the Elm Lake Road Park Enhancement Implementation Project, which will reimburse Tennis Court related expenses up to $255,795.00, and
WHEREAS, contract agreements have been executed with Stephen Miller General Contracting, Inc in the amount of $73,224.00 and Brothertowne Paving & Excavating, LLC in the amount of $146,236.00, and
WHEREAS, the down-payments for the above-mentioned contract agreements are due in the amounts of $25,000.00 and $50,000.00, respectively, for project commencement, and
WHEREAS, Tennis Court Reserve funds are available for this project in the amount of $25,976.65, be it

RESOLVED, that the bookkeeper is authorized to increase account number A.7140.0401 – Parks & Rec, Buildings Reserve – Tennis Courts up to $219,460.00 with $193,483.35 being transferred from the General Unappropriated Fund Balance and the remainder coming from the Tennis Court Reserve Fund, and be it further
RESOLVED, that the above expenses be offset by creating and funding revenue account number A.3089.0200 – State Aid, Tennis Court Project by $219,460.00, and be it further
RESOLVED, that down-payments be remitted to Stephen Miller General Contracting, Inc in the amount of $25,000.00 and Brothertowne Paving & Excavating, LLC in the amount of $50,000.00 and the bookkeeper be so authorized.
2nd by: Barunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain and Councilpersons – Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Speculator Volunteer Ambulance Corp. –
Bain reported that Ken Kuhrt stopped by town hall to let the town know that he has stepped down as president of the Corp. and Eric Balk was voted in as the new president, Kuhrt will continue with the corp as an EMT. Balk will be stopping into town hall to give the Supervisor updates about the Corp. as Kuhrt has done over the years. Kuhrt also passed on that the new law in NY State has the county responsible for EMS services in their county and Hamilton County is working to set this up with their local EMS agencies within the county by the December 20th deadline.

Committee Reports:

Youth Recreation – O'Connell reported that both candidates have accepted the positions for youth coordinators with Sheila Crouse taking July and August and Samantha Desrochers taking September-June.

Grants Committee –
Parascandola brought forth a sample resolution policy to the board to review that could be customized for the Town of Lake Pleasant and passed to allow departments to present grant applications to the board for approval before the applications are submitted.

Resolution #84 Grants Committee to Review and Customize Policy for Grant Applications.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain and Councilpersons – Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Payments to the contractors were discussed. LaVarnway reported that ACT has ordered the supplies and will be ready to start work soon.

Website-

Seifts gave Smiths report that the summer transfer station hours are posted on the website on the transfer station page and on alerts and there is another alert that Perkins Clearing is open.

Resolution #85 Approve Audit of Abstract #14 dated April 24, 2026, Voucher #4556-4560, Amount $29,908.76. Abstract #15 dated April 28, 2026, Voucher #4561-4562, Amount $1,294.15. Abstract #16 dated May 1, 2026, Voucher #4563-4578, Amount $105,991.67.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: Parascandola
Discussion: None
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

LaVarnway asked about the planters at the health center and new topsoil going in them. O'Connell asked if the piles of mulch and topsoil at the community gardens can be moved for easier access to the gardens during the court construction and LaVarnway said that it can be done.

Public Comment:
None

Round table:
-Braunius presented trail markers that could mark the pathways to help visitors navigate the pathways more easily. Parascandola asked Braunius if they could wait to see if the town gets the grant that could include the purchase of these markers in it. Braunius agrees with waiting to see if they can be purchased with grant funds.
-Braunius also mentioned that last night he and his son in law went to open mike at the Lemon Tree and it was a nice event.
-Braunius thanked Paul Cleveland for the great job he did on roadside clean up in town.
-Parascandola asked if at the next meeting a date can be set for community cleaning of the pathways.
-Seifts gave Smiths report on Amazon Business account that will renew for no annual fee thanks to AOT working with Amazon to get no annual fees for towns Amazon Business accounts.
-O'Connell announced that community clean up day is scheduled for May 6, 2026, weather permitting.
-Betsy announced that music at the point will not be at the point this year. It has moved to Oak Mt.
-Bain mentioned that the transfer station is back to their summer hours and will only be closed on Sundays.
-Debbie O'Rourke stopped into town hall to complement that Airdville Cemetery looks very nice.
-Bain let the board know that there are printers, scanners, fax machines etc. that are no longer of use to town hall offices. She asked the board for permission to dispose of them.

Resolution #86 Town Board Decided to Dispose of Old Electronic Equipment at Town Hall that is no Longer in Use.
Offered by: Bruanius

2nd by: Parascandola
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain and Councilpersons – Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

-Bain reported that Hamilton County has hired a full-time attorney who will hold an office at the county building five days a week. These services may be extended to the municipalities down the road. Free IT services from the county's IT technician will be extended to the towns soon.
-Bain reported that BTI will get reported on by Wicks at the next meeting if she is able to attend.
-June Bergholtz came in to report on the community gardens this past week. A needed load of topsoil is coming in, and they are full, with a waiting list.
-Bain received an e-mail this morning from the clinic to let the town know that Mary was out sick today and Amanda would be there to draw blood. One resident did come into town hall today to say that they were turned away due to the nurse that does blood draws being out.

Next Meeting: Monday May 18, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M. @ the Lake Pleasant Town Hall
*****ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2nd by:** Parascandola
TO ADJOURN @ 8:33 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk