June 1, 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 June 1, 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: Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Kathy O'Connell, and Meg Parascandola
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Guests: David Snyder, Viola Wickes, Marilyn Tanner, Marie Parascandola, and Shorty Hoffman
Absent: Highway Superintendent – Randy LaVarnway

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #92 to Approve the Minutes of May 18, 2026.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: None
Be it resolved, that the minutes of May 18, 2026, be approved.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Bain and Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Highway and Buildings:

Bain gave Lavarnway's report to the board:

- All cemeteries have been mowed and maintained.
- All flags are hung around town for Memorial Day Weekend.
- Crew has been hauling winter sand.
- Working on CDL's with hauling sand back and forth.
- Three burials were prepared and finished.
- Inlet is ready for Lake Pleasant to pick up the groomer. At the April 6, 2026, meeting the Town Board approved the purchase of this groomer from Inlet in Resolution #65.
- LaVarnway will pick up the check from treasurer's office and take it to Inlet to purchase and bring back the groomer. Then LaVarnway will ask the board to set up and sell the existing groomer that the town plans to sell.

Old Business –

1. **BTI Report –** Wicks reported that she and four others, Jennifer Reenders, Sarah Smith, Mark Crary, and Marty Zegstroo treated the streams this year. They started April 7th and ended treatments on May 12th. The dry weather helped and they were out almost every day. All streams that had approval were treated except for a few. Applicators treated fifty-eight streams with five gallons of BTI in five weeks. Rough estimate is that thirty-five miles of streams were treated. Wickes passed around pictures of larva in the streams to the board. Braunius commented that he has been camping this week and has seen few black flies. Wickes explained that after treatment there was a large decrease in the larvae. Bain informed the room that three other towns in the county no longer treat for black flies. Indian Lake, Long Lake, and Arietta do not treat.

2. **Procurement Policy Update** –
   McGovern explained that he and Braunius are working on the policy and he asked to table

3. **Pathway Workday –**
   Parascandola took a walk on the pathways, and she plans to talk to LaVarnway when he returns about scheduling a cleanup day. After her walk Parascandola would like to see the pathway section down by the water in the back closed for repairs. Braunius was able to take a walk on the pathways as well and he would like to see repairs done on the sections that are in need.
   Discussion about repairs was had at the table.

4. **Program for Codes Department and New Computer –**
   Bain explained that Page has found a 3 yr. package for $1,603.00.

Town Board Moved to Discuss Codes Department New Program Proposal.
Offered by: Parascandola
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: O'Connell asked what the cost was for one year and Bain replied, $973.00 and for three years it will cost $1,603.00 for the same product. Updates are included. O'Connell asked if Page had talked to someone from the company and Bain said no that this was from the state. O'Connell wants to hear back that this program will be updated every year. Bain explained to the board the difficulties that Page is having with access to the information solely from the internet.

Resolution #93 Town Board Approves of the Code Enforcer Departments New Program if Annual Updates are Included in the Cost Estimate of $1,603.00 Per Three Years.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Bain and Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Bain explained that Zack Small, New IT Tech for Hamilton County, came by Town Hall last week. Bain explained that the town is hoping to have a contract soon for services that Small is providing for the county, to the town. Small looked at the Code Enforcement computer and he suggested a computer set up for Code Enforcement at an estimated cost of $2,195.00.

Town Board Moved to Discuss Replacement of Code Enforcement Existing Computer.
Offered by: Parascandola
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: O'Connell asked about going directly to DELL with this need and Parascandola explained that she had e-mailed them to see what they had to offer and she had not heard back from them. There were difficulties with working with them for the Town Clerk and Supervisor computers. Parascandola compared the costs of the DELL quotes prior to what Small is quoting and they are similar costs. O'Connell would like to see what Parascandola hears back from DELL and the state contractor.

Resolution #94 Town Board Moved to Table the Code Enforcement Computer Replacement.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Bain and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Birding Trail Site –
Parascandola announced that the Town of Lake Pleasants Perkins Clearing Rd. will be listed as one of the ten sites on DEC's official bird trail. This coming weekend is the Boreal Bird Festival for Hamilton County with two visits to Perkins Clearing on June 4th and June 6th. DEC has the notification out and there will be an official press release soon.

New Business:

Resolution #95 Transfer of funds from line A.1410.0101 Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk and line A.1110.0102 Justices, Deputy Court Clerk to line AA.9060.0801 Health Insurance, Deductible.
Offered by: McGovern
Whereas, funds in the amount of $8,000.00 will be moved from line A.1410.0101 and $2,000.00 will be moved from line A.1110.0102 to fund line AA.9060.0801 in the amount of $10,000.00.
Whereas, this transfer of funds will allow line AA.9060.0801 to have sufficient funds to cover Health Insurance Deductible costs.
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Bain and Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Bain explained that an employee added their family to the town insurance plan after the budget was set. Discussion about current benefits and usage was had at the table.

McGovern read the proclamation and presented it to Supervisor Betsy Bain.

Town of Lake Pleasant

WHEREAS, *Mrs. Betsy A. Bain concluded her service to the Town of Lake Pleasant effective June 3, 2026.*
WHEREAS, *Mrs. Betsy A. Bain has served as Town Councilwoman for Eight years from January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2017and then as Town Supervisor for Six and a half years from January 1, 2020, through June 3, 2026.*
WHEREAS, *Mrs. Betsy A. Bain has contributed to the Town of Lake Pleasant through her dedicated efforts, selfless commitment and exemplary leadership.*
WHEREAS, *Mrs. Betsy A. Bain has been an invaluable resident to the Town of Lake Pleasant.*
BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED, *by the Town of Lake Pleasant Board that Mrs. Betsy A. Bain is honored for her outstanding dedication and service to the Town. The Board extends its sincere appreciation to Mrs. Bain for her numerous contributions to the Town and extends to her its best wishes.*

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Meggie Parascandola, Supervisor	Neil McGovern, Councilperson
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Donald Braunius, Councilperson	Katherine O'Connell, Councilperson
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Katie Smith, Town Justice	Michael Visscher, Town Justice
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Randolph LaVarnway, HWY Superintendent	Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk

Each elected town official had signed their names, and the town seal was placed in the lower right corner.
Bain told the room that it is just as hard to retire as it is to come in as Supervisor. Bain praised the board for how well they work together, and she reminded them of how far they have come, and she would like to see the board continue to move forward working hard together for the town.

Bain swore in Meggie Parascandola as Supervisor

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***I*, Meggie Parascandola, *do Solemnly swear* that I will support the *Constitution of the United States* and the *Constitution of the Sate of New York*, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Supervisor for the Town of Lake Pleasant to fill the remaining term June 4, 2026 – December 31, 2026, according to the best of my ability.**

(signed)_____

McGovern stated that the town picked the hardest-working Supervisor in Bain.
Braunius said good job to Bain and that he will support Parascandola moving forward.
Parascandola thanked the board for their support and goodwill. She is excited to fill the shoes as Supervisor.
Bain gave a donation to the fire department and gathered flags for all the board members and asked them to fly the flags for the 250-year Anniversary of the USA.

Committee Reports:

Buildings – McGovern commented that the museum looked good. O'Connell explained that ACT Constructors LLC worked on the weekend to get the job done. They scraped, put on a lead blocker, and brushed on two coats of paint. The door was even painted, and this was not in the contract. There was a rotten board that was removed and replaced and trim that was painted.

Youth Recreation – O'Connell reported that Crouse is building the summer program and golf lesson forms will be out to students this week.

Grants Committee – Parascandola mentioned that the fence posts are on order and should be installed after June 8th. Erosion prevention with coconut blankets with rocks or flowers was discussed as an option.

Resolution #96 Approve Audit of Abstract #18 dated May 29, 2026, Voucher #4603-4627, Amount $34,374.84, Abstract #19 dated May 27, 2026, Voucher #4628-4630, Amount $4,463.87, Abstract #20 dated May 22, 2026, Voucher #4631-4632, Amount $25,689.81, Abstract #21 dated May 13, 2026, Voucher #4633-4633, Amount $20,000.00.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: O'Connell asked about the Chamber of Commerce invoice. Town board reviewing the Chamber's financial reports were mentioned.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Public Comment:
-Hoffman said that with retirement, don't stop. Marilyn said congrats to both Parascandola and Bain. Marie congratulated both and congratulations continued around the room.

Round table:

- Braunius mentioned that dash cams should be investigated for the town trucks in next year's budget. The topic will be brought up to LaVarnway.
- Parascandola gave a reminder about the library having Wild Center passes that families can check out like they do with a book.
- Parascandola mentioned that on August 8th, the seniors are having a garage sale. Items can be dropped off on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m.
- Hamilton County has their rabies clinic in Wells on June 8, 2026.
- There will be a meeting at the library on June 18th about accessibility regarding the grant that they applied for. Community members may want to attend if they have concerns about the library's accessibility.
- Parascandola found that in the May 4th minutes in the Hamilton County News there is an error in the attendance. Bain was absent from the attendance, but she was there. This was correct on the town website but not in the newspaper.
- Parascandola and Bain sat in on a meeting about bed tax being charged in the town outside of the county if the county opted out. The towns and the villages may have to go in on this together. With rental companies, they would pay the tax, and it would not be collected from the homeowners. O'Connell asked if the board would get time to discuss this and Parascandola said that they would.
- Smith let the board know that she received an application for the deputy clerk position and she will be conducting an interview tomorrow.
- Bain mentioned that at the county meeting Tracy will be presenting the transfer station hours.
- Bain read to the board a letter from Nathan Littauer about the Speculator Primary Care personnel. Amanda will remain at the clinic and a new front desk person, Shannon, will transfer from Gloversville Primary Care to Speculator, and she can do blood draws. Carla Darrow will be retiring on August 26, 2026.
- Bain mentioned the June 4th Historic Hamilton County Celebrate American Independence honoring 250 years of freedom, unity and patriotism at the courthouse at 12:00 P.M. with 5th and 6th grade from LPCS participating.
- Last week Frankie Page found a dog on Page St. that is well trained without a collar or chip. Town Hall is hoping to find the owners. The dog was taken by the town dog warden to James Brennan Humaine Society. Parascandola mentioned that the dog has not been claimed and no applications are in for him yet. Brennan just got an influx of dogs, and the town would like anyone interested in applying for the dog.
- Bain heard back from the school and the state approved the contract on state level. The school board will be meeting next week to sign the contract.
- BTI payroll will be reimbursed by Consolidated Health District tomorrow.

Resolution #97 Town Board to go into Executive Session over an Employee Matter 8:12 P.M.

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

Resolution #98 The Town Board Came out of Executive Session at 8:36 with no Action Taken.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, O'Connell and Parascandola)
Nays: None

Next Meeting: Monday June 15, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M. @ the Lake Pleasant Town Hall
*****ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2nd by:** Parascandola
TO ADJOURN @ 8:37 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk