June 15, 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 15, 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 - Meggie Parascandola
Councilpersons- Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, and Kathy O'Connell
Budget Officer- Nancy Seifts
Town Clerk- Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent – Randy LaVarnway
Guests- Eileen LaVarnway, Catherine Buyea, James Reis, Chris Ambrose, Karen McComb, Shorty Hoffman, and Lisa Johnson arrived at the end of the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #99 to Approve the Minutes of June 1, 2026.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: None
Be it resolved, that the minutes of June 1, 2026, be approved.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Highway and Buildings:
LaVarnway reported to the board:
-New pickup has arrived with decals coming in the mail.
-At the tennis/pickleball courts the fence posts are up with paving moved to Wedednesday. Drainage is going in, but the tenth fence post went through the water line to the garden that was marked. A temporary garden hose was installed with a new valve. LaVarnway explained the drainage to the board.
-LaVarnway reported on the 220 Truck, explaining the repairs that included the frame getting fixed, mirror replacement, and tail gate repair. There is now a recall repair that is waiting on parts.
-Dump fees went up to $78 per ton. LaVarnway asked about the billing process and if the town is charging enough for dump fees to cover labor and billing.
-Extra summer HWY employee started back last week to help with the summer work.
-One HWY employee passed his CDL test. LaVarnway now has a full crew. Discussion about keeping on the seasonal employee and the days needing coverage was discussed.

-Cemetery lawns are getting mowed on Wednesdays. Braunius would like to have the lawns mowed more often. LaVarnway asked the board about keeping an extra HWY employee through the summer, and the board said that LaVarnway is to keep within his budget.

Resolution #100 Lake Pleasant Town Board Made a Motion to Employ a Seasonal HWY Employee through Labor Day.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, and Braunius)
Nays: O'Connell

-LaVarnway received a letter back from FEMA denying the towns claim for legal fees and interest on the BAN for a total of $28,395.00 in reduced project costs. He read in the letter where they are allowing this as a claim.
The state was called, and LaVarnway was told that they can help send the application onto appeals.

Resolution #101 Town Board to Appeal the FEMA Denial of Claim.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Old Business –

1. **Junk Storage Law –**

Parascandola explained that the towns attorney through Young and Sommer has been working on revising the current towns Junk Storage Law of 2009. They have made some recommendations to the board, and Parascandola would like a motion to discuss the development of this law.

Resolution # 102 Town Board made a Motion to Discuss the Junk Storage Law Revisions and Agreed to Move Forward with Having Young and Sommer Draft and Start Process of Updating Local Junk Storage Law of 2009.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: McGovern
Discussion: Parascandola further explained that the lawyer is recommending that the law includes statutory requirements, that are not reflective in the currant law, to record the abatement with the county clerk. There is also a layout and grammatical correction recommended. Parascandola asked the board to approve legal fees for drafting the current law and start the process of updating the local law.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

2. **BESS-**

Parascandola mentioned that the board and other community members have been attending trainings and researching other local laws, seeking community feedback on BESS. Letters went out to community members and the fire department about this topic, and no feedback has been received.

Resolution #103 Motion to Discuss Further Development of the Law with the Assistance of the Towns Attorney.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: Braunius mentioned situations where the fires are difficult if not impossible to extinguish. McGovern asked who did the training and if they were for or against BESS. Parascandola said that the training she attended was put on by a NY city firefighter that is now a consultant training firefighters how to handle these types of fires. He asked why the park agency is not giving feedback on this, and Braunius said that ORES is allowed to do what they want in the park. Discussion continued around the table. Current moratorium is in place.
No action taken tabled for now.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

3. **Pathway Workday-**

Parascandola asked LaVarnway about any projects that could be planned for the community to help with cleanup. The town did not get the T-Mobile grant for signs on the pathways. LaVarnway said that new signs are needed currently on the pathways. Braunius asked about the picnic areas. LaVarnway said that grills were removed that were in disrepair.

Resolution #104 Town Board to Discuss a Pathway Workday and Repairs that are Needed on the Pathways.
Offered by: Parascandola
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: No biking signs need to go up in four locations. O'Connell will ask the school shop teacher about having shop kids make signs. Color coded trail markers were discussed for different sections of the trail. They will have to go on the location maps that also need to be redone. Parascandola stated that the pathways are an important part of the community. Braunius asked about installing cameras on the pathways. Fall clean up was discussed to allow for planning this summer. It was decided to postpone a workday until fall.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

4. **New Computer for Codes Department-**

Resolution #105 Town Board Made a Motion to Discuss a New Computer for the Codes Department.

Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: At the last meeting the board was presented with an estimate for a new computer for the code enforcement department. Upon review the board asked for an additional estimate and Parascandola reached out to DELL. She has not heard back from them. Parascandola stated that the one estimate in is higher than costs of computers bought recently, and she would like to wait for an additional estimate to compare.
No action taken
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

New Business –

Resolution #106 Town Board to Discuss Notice of Claim of Snowmobile Accident on Fawn Lake Trail.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: Parascandola reviewed the notice of claim received on June 6, 2026, with the board. An individual was injured off of the Fawn Lake Trail while snowmobiling after a tree fell on the individual. The town was foiled, and requested information was sent to the FOIL requestee and the towns insurance company. An investigator has been assigned to the case.
LaVarnway explained that the town has a permit and agreement with DEC to groom trails, but the State of NY does not permit the town to cut trees. Additionally, the town is not allowed to go outside of an eight-foot area to groom off the trails.
McGovern stated that for recreation through state lands, individuals ride at their own risks. He also said that this will only put a damper on snowmobile recreation in the area.
Discussion continued around the table. No action was taken.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Town Board to Discuss Letter From a Concerned Taxpayer Regarding Drainage on Golf Course Rd.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: Parascandola explained that the town received a letter stating that there is a plan for Golf Course Road drainage put together by LaVarnway, and Hamilton, and Warren County Soil and Water districts to replace eight culverts on Golf Course Rd. and Kaulfuss Rd. with detention basins and check dams. The resident agrees that drainage needs to be redone. Reis spoke saying that the issue has been ongoing. He feels that the town will spend too much to put in all these culverts on a road that is 15 feet long. Reis feels that there is too much water coming down Rt. Eight, Golf Course Rd. and onto his property. He wants to get the water away from Kalfus

Road. He asks for reconsideration of the plan. Reis offered alternative solutions. McGovern asked about Soil and Waters input. LaVarnway said that a catch basin could be installed before the road is repaved again. The town does not own a vacuum truck. Discussion continued, and Braunius made a motion to move to HWY Committee.

Resolution #107 Town Board to Move Drainage on Golf course Road to the Highway Committee.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Parascandola stated that when the town assists with water diversion, and that diversion causes problems on properties, then the town could be liable for damages.
Highway Committee to meet Tuesday morning June 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the site on Kalfus Rd.

1. **Board Member Appointment-**

Parascandola explained that a community member approached her with interest in town council. Parascandola would like to appoint Lisa Johnson to the town board to fill term June 15, 2026-Dec 31, 2026, that she vacated on June 4, 2026.

Resolution #108 Town Board to Discuss Appointing Lisa Johnson to the Town Board to Fill Term June 15, 2026 – December 31, 2026.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: Braunius said that Lisa would be good to fill the shoes as town board member.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None
Lisa was not able to attend tonight's meeting due to her EMT final class.

Resolution #109 Town Board to Appoint Neil McGovern as Deputy Supervisor from June 15, 2026 -December 31, 2026
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: None
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None
Abstained: McGovern

Resolution #110 Town Board to Approve the Adjustments to the Standing Committees for 2026.
Offered by: O'Connell

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

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

Resolution #111 Town Board has Received a Liquor License Application 30 Day Notice from The Melody Lodge on June 11, 2026. Motion to Discuss.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: Parascandola asked if the application 30-day notice holds The Melody back, and if the town can help with the process. Buyea appreciates the town's willingness to help, but this is the state's procedural law that she is following as a business owner.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Town Board to Discuss the Town Library Holiday Hours and Pay.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: McGovern
Discussion: Parascandola explained that the library director had asked about the town's observance of July 4th on July 3rd, 2026, and if library personnel will get holiday pay if they work on the fourth. The town board agrees that the day of observance is the paid holiday for full-time employees only.

Committee Reports:
Highway Committee- Meets tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. on Kaulfuss Rd.
Buildings Committee –O'Connell wants a buildings committee meeting in July.
Youth Recreation Committee – Crouse has two trips in the planning stages for the summer with two activities at the farmer's market.
Cemetery Committee- Meeting tomorrow after 10:00 a.m. at Fish Mountain Cemetery to plan location for flag.
Grants Committee – Parascandola has submitted for reimbursement for Elm Lake Rd. project up to $75,000.00. There is an outstanding payment to the museum from the grantee. Waiting for paperwork to come in from the contractor, then reimbursement paperwork can be submitted. Consolidated funding application ends on July 31, 2026, if the town is interested in applying.

Resolution #112 Approve Audit of Abstract #22 dated June 3, 2026, Voucher #4634-4634, Amount $120,000.00, Abstract #23 dated June 12, 2026, Voucher #4635-4657, Amount $86,000.48.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: O'Connell asked about the bill to Dunham springs, and LaVarnway said the springs are for a truck. She asked what station one of the boat stewards is monitoring. She asked about

the Primo bill, and LaVarnway explained that he has asked them to come monthly to avoid late fees incurring and Parascandola pointed out that they are charging taxes. O'Connell asked about the furnace plumbing and cleaning, and LaVarnway said the health center needed the furnace cleaned out. After this the town will use a new company. New company recommends replacing the fuel oil with propane boiler.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Parascandola, (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:
-McComb finished planting flowers at the pathway entrance, and Dave jacked up the commemorative rock. He would like LaVarnway to check it out for approval.
-Hoffman mentioned the BESS and Raquette Lake fighting it with bringing up lake pollution risks. Solar farms was discussed in the room.

Round table:
-O'Connell reported that the Historical Society will hold a cleanup of Route 66 in Speculator tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. The Village received the Route 66 buildings, and the historical society maintains them.
-LaVarnway asked if the "keep out" signs at the museum could come down, and O'Connell said that they can come down.
-O'Connell asks all to visit the museum with its three new exhibits. The museum looks very nice after new paint and roofing with porch decorations for the 250 Anniversary.
-Parascandola asked LaVarnway about black bags to the transfer station, and LaVarnway is reviewing this with Tracy at the county. In the meantime, Lake Pleasants garbage pickup schedule says *no black bags*.
-Smith informed the board that she had an applicant for the deputy position that she interviewed and she would like to hire this individual to fill the position part time for two days a week for nine weeks this summer and possibly during tax season. She asked the board to set an hourly rate of pay for the position.

Resolution #113 Town Board to Approve of Deputy Clerk Part Time Hire at $17.00/Hr.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Parascandola, (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

-Reis thanked the board for their time tonight.
-Parascandola mentioned that the seniors asked about plowing from the town. McGovern said that the veterans get plowed because it is within the town and the Senior Center is within the Village. The seniors desire more help from the town.
- Hamilton County has positions for youth interns through public health available.
-June 18th is the first farmer's market. Youth get $2 for veggies through the sprouts program.
-Parascandola attended the Hamilton County Water Quality Coordinating Committee Meeting on June 10, 2026, at the Lake Pleasant Library where LPSA, Parascandola, Hunt, and ADK

Council, among others, met to have conversations of interest. Highlights from the meeting included the NYS Septic System Replacement Program, debris in the water and spiney flea. Wake boats and spiney flea contribute to spreading invasive species in the lakes. Push to have no wake boats in the ADK park.
- The library has a meeting on Thursday June 18th at 10:00 a.m. about accessibility for their grant requirement.
Lisa Johnson arrived at 8:56 p.m.
-Brush pile in Arietta was closed due to large pine logs that were dropped off. Braunius asked about other towns coming to Lake Pleasants brush pit. Braunius asked if the town should monitor more closely for nonresidents trying to bring brush to Lake Pleasants brush pit. Discussion went around the table about keeping out nonresidents. The sign says Town of Lake Pleasant residents only.
-Hoffman mentioned three community members that passed away recently.

Next Meeting: Monday June 15, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M. @ the Lake Pleasant Town Hall
*****ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2nd by:** Johnson
TO ADJOURN @ 9:04 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk