August 3, 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 August 3, 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 - Meg 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, James Reis, Chris Ambrose and Shorty Hoffman.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Followed by a Moment of Silence for Gloria Fant, Donald Vogel and Marietta Miciotta.

Resolution #138 to Approve the Minutes of July 20, 2026.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: None
Be it resolved, that the minutes of July 20, 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:
-He sent a crew to weedwack the Sacandaga Pathways last week.
-Three roadways were installed in upper Airdville Cemetery and existing pins were located and adjusted through the cemetery.
-A crew has been working on Golf Course Road to change the drainage through culverts and lining the ditches with stone.
-Today the brush in the brush pit was grounded up. The project was scheduled for two days but was completed in one day due to the brush in the pit being an allowable size. This allowed the work to be done in a more fluid time efficient manner.
-The recycling truck came back after going in for several issues. It's computer module had to be programmed from GM. The body control module had to be reprogrammed.
-The towns nine year old 214 state road truck, had air conditioning problems. A valve and the compressor were bad and had to be replaced.
- The state emergency management proposal was submitted to fight FEMA for reimbursement.

Resolution #139 Town Board Approval of Highway Department Completing Work in the Perkins Clearing Conservation Easement Tract on the Jessup River Road for the NYSDEC Quoted Amount of $96,792.60 by August 31, 2027.
Offered by: McGovern
Whereas, there is maintenance needed in the Perkins Clearing Conservation Easement tract, on Jessup River Road; and
Whereas, the Town of Lake Pleasant Highway Department submitted a quote to NYSDEC for the amount of $96,792.60 for maintenance to be completed by August 31, 2027, and
Whereas, the Highway Superintendent is asking the Lake Pleasant Town Board for approval to complete such work at the quoted amount.
Now Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Town of Lake Pleasant Highway Superintendent has permission to quote and complete such work.
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: LaVarnway explained that the start date will be September/October time frame. Another employee will be added, including fuel and equipment and materials. Materials will be delivered and paid for by the state. The length of the road is 2.4 miles.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

State of New York
County of Hamilton SS:
Town of Lake Pleasant
I, Stephanie Smith hereby verify the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Lake Pleasant, Hamilton County, New York on the 4th day of August 2026.

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Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk

James Reis asked about the Golf Course Rd. drainage work. He asked about the town's plans to put in drainage adjacent to a residence on the street. LaVarnway explained that drainage at that site is sufficient. Discussion about the road and drainage was had then Braunius asked to move the topic to the Highway Committee.

Old Business –

Resolution #140 Town Board to Approve Additional Expense from Stephen Miller Contracting for Fencing for the Tennis/Pickleball Courts in the Amount of $1,476.12.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution #141 Town Board Made a Motion to Move Forward with having the Town Lawyer Draft a Law on Solar.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: McGovern
Discussion: Moving forward with the town attorney drafting the law is the next step.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

1. **Sacandaga Pathway Restoration Project Grant Application –**

Parascandola explained that on Friday July 31st the grant application was submitted through the consolidated funding application for a total project amount of $109,420.00, seeking $82,000 from the grant. O'Connell explained that the grant is to replace the boardwalk, signage and have gravel put down on the pathways. It may take six months to hear if the grant has been awarded to the town.

New Business –

1. **Americal Library Association Grant Resolution -**

Resolution #142 American Library Association, Libraries Transforming Communities Grant.
Offered by: Braunius
WHEREAS, the Lake Pleasant Public Library has applied for grant funding from the American Library Association (ALA), Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC), and
WHEREAS, said grant funds have been dispersed to the Lake Pleasant Public Library in the amount of $10,000.00, be it
RESOLVED, that the bookkeeper is hereby authorized to create and fund Expense account L.7410.0412 – Library, ALA LTC Grant in the amount of $10,000.00 to be totally offset by creating and funding Revenue account L.2760.0200 – Library System Grant, ALA LTC Grant in the amount of $10,000.00.
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

2. **Safety Netting for Pickleball Courts –**
   Parascandola reported that four Divider net quotes have been collected. Sections of six nets with nothing getting drilled into the court. Parascandola reviewed the four courts with the board and asked for a resolution to purchase safety netting for the tennis/pickleball courts for $600.

Resolution #143 Town Board Approves Expense of $630.00 for Safety Netting for the Tennis/Pickleball Courts from Pickleball Supply Company.

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

3. **RO Systems –**
   Parascandola explained that a resident will need their current RO system switched out with the spare at Town Hall.

4. **IT Needs –**

Parascandola explained that the town's IT is out due to illness and the new computers are being set up. The town may need to hire a new IT to fill the current vacancy.

5. **Friends of Sacandaga Pathways –**

Parascandola explained that a group of folks have worked on forming a 501c3 and a plan for the pathways. The town will need to come up with a memorandum of understanding.

Resolution #144 Town Board Approves of Town Supervisor Parascandola, Drafting an MOU between the Town of Lake Pleasant and the Friends of the Sacandaga Pathways.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: Parascandola explained that the pathways have been deteriorating and a group has formed to work on restorations.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

The previous record that says that James Reis retired was false. James Reis is still practicing as an engineer, and looking forward to retirement in the future.

6. **Open Seat on the Town Council –**

Parascandola would like to run an ad in the newspaper and on social media about obtaining a councilperson for the board.

Resolution #145 Town Board to Approve of Publishing an Ad in the Local Paper for a Councilperson to fill Vacany.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: It was agreed that this may notify someone that was not aware that may want to serve the town.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Committee Reports:

Highway Committee -Plans will be made to meet about the Golf Course Rd. drainage.
Cemetery Committee- Scheduled a meeting for Wednesday August 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. meeting.
Recreation Committee -O'Connell and Braunius to set up a meeting to go over the rules and regulations for the tennis/pickleball courts.
Buildings Committee – To meet to discuss two bids for electrical doors at the library.
O'Connell would like to have the fence go from the state right of way to the… gravel from fence post to the telephone pole.
Youth Recreation Committee – O'Connell reported that Howe caverns trip went well. Trip to Water Safari is this Wednesday. Farmers market events have been going well. Arietta has been invoiced for their portion of the trips and events.
Website committee – Parascandola and Smith to meet Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.
Grants Committee – Parascandola announced that on July 31st an open house was held at the museum and the historical society presented a $5,000 check to the town for improvements. ADK Heritage says that the check for reimbursement is in the mail.
Budget Committee – Seifts will be going away in September and would like to get the budget sheets out the end of August. Smith by October 1st.

Resolution #146 Approve Audit of Abstract #29 dated July 28, 2026, Voucher #4712-4716, Amount $29,913.38, Abstract #30 dated July 28, 2026, Voucher #4717-4717, Amount $10,450.00, Abstract #31 dated July 30, 2026, Voucher #4718-4742, Amount $21,678.31.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: O'Connell mentioned that there was a missing receipt. LaVarnway will get it included in the bills.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Parascandola, (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:
- Reis asked to discuss the impact of noise levels of jet skis on the lake. Discussion about regulating jet skis went around the table. He asked the town to consider enacting an ordinance that would limit jet ski use from 9a.m.-6 p.m. Parascandola explained that she can reach out to the sheriff's office about the formal complaint. She suggests a community discussion and a petition on the topic, before enacting any restrictions. Paperwork on the 1992 law/ordinance was brought out and McGovern explained that it was in the works in 1992 for safety reasons, but was never passed.

Round table:
-McGovern mentioned the losses in the community.
-Braunius mentioned the funeral service in town on Saturday with all the service personnel from several different areas and it was an excellent job.
-Smith announced that the Planning Board has a meeting Tuesday August 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. for a subdivision request.

- Smith informed the room that NYS DEC hunting and trapping licenses go on sale starting today for the 26/27 season.
-Smith reported that the Game of Chance annual report to NYS was sent in with no applications in 2025.
-AOT got back to the town to inform that e-mail FOIL requests must be considered and treated as any other FOIL request the town receives.
-Smith asked the board if she could hire a part-time deputy to fill the vacancy that will occur when the current one goes back to college. The town board approved of Smith hiring within her budget.
-LaVarnway would like an ad to go in the paper for a new senior mechanic.
-O'Connell mentioned the Village of Speculator Comprehensive Plan on Wednesday August 5, 2026, 5:00 p.m., at Oak Mountain. McGovern mentioned the comprehensive plan that the town had made in 2006. Parascandola mentioned that the town officials should show their support to the Village of Speculator.
-Parascandola explained that frontier made contact through an e-mail, and they have been asked why the town is paying taxes.
-Parascandola received an invitation from the Adirondack Council to attend their Lake Association roundtable at the assembly with NYS Senator, Pete Harcolm on August 10, 2026 in Albany.
-Carla is retiring from the Speculator Primary Care Center before the end of August. Those that want to stop by and wish her a happy retirement please do so.
-Occupancy tax meeting on community interest will be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 17th at the town hall prior to the 7:00 board meeting.
-Parascandola will not be able to attend the Forward Together Conference due to a committee day at Hamilton County.

Next Meeting: Monday August 17, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M. @ the Lake Pleasant Town Hall
*****ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2nd by:** O'Connell
TO ADJOURN @ 8:16 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk