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 17, 2026, at Lake Pleasant Town Hall, 2679 State Route 8, Lake Pleasant, NY 12108. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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
Guests- Charlie Carnes, Pat Sorbello and Shorty Hoffman.
Absent - Highway Superintendent – Randy LaVarnway

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #147 to Approve the Minutes of August 3, 2026.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: McGovern
Discussion: None
Be it resolved, that the minutes of August 3, 2026, be approved.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Highway and Buildings –
Parascandola gave the highway report in Lavarnway's absence:
-The final FEMA payment for the Fish Mountain Culvert Project came to town hall in the amount of $48,276.19. The formal appeal was sent to FEMA on August 10, 2026, for reimbursement for the BAN and legal fees, totaling approximately $26,000.00. This is the first appeal.
-Highway crew has continued to work on the Golf Course Rd. culvert project to improve drainage.
-A retaining wall at the tennis/pickleball courts and community gardens on Elm Lake Rd. is complete.
-Additional parking spaces were put in at the courts. Town is waiting for the contractor to finish surfacing the courts.
- Dry hydrants on Oxbow and Fawn Lake were repaired.
- Town highway crew is working on town property in Perkins Clearing.

Old Business –

Junk Storage Law –

The Town's attorney got back to Supervisor Parascandola with recommendations on the junk storage law. She suggests combining the towns current junk storage law and Unsafe Building Ordinance into one law. It has been some time since this law was reviewed, and she said that the town would benefit from doing so at this time.

Resolution #148 Town Board to Move Forward with the Legal Recommendation to Seek a Draft Junk Storage Law.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

New Business –

1. **Frontier New Rates –**
   Parascandola explained that frontier had called and the new rate renewal for phone lines fees were reviewed and sales taxes discussed.

Resolution #149 Town Board to Approve of the New Rate/Plan with Frontier Communications.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: McGovern
Discussion: Rates were discussed and questions about rates changing in the future were had.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

2. **Occupancy Tax –**

Parascandola explained that there was a nice community conversation, attended by eleven people, prior to this board meeting that was mostly positive with moving forward on steps towards an occupancy tax in Lake Pleasant. She asked the board if there was enough input to move forward or is more conversation needed.

Resolution #150 Town Board to Move Forward with Pursuing the Occupancy Tax and Working on Legislation.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: McGovern
Discussion: The town board will talk to other municipalities about participating in the Occupancy Tax.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

3. **Gas Reimbursement Rate .76 –**

Parascandola mentioned that NYS increased the tax mileage rate for reimbursement to .76.

Resolution #151 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Set Mileage Rate for Reimbursement at .76 Cents Per Mile.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Committee Reports:

Cemetery Committee-
Rules and regulations that govern the cemetery have been revised by the committee for the board to review. O'Connell asked what the current rate for burial is and Smith explained that there is no current rate for burial for residents but there is for non-primary residents. The committee has suggested changes to fees for burial plots including nontransferable and nonrefundable once burial plots are purchased. Parascandola suggested having one reservation form for each person instead of spouses and children on one form. The committee is to revise the form and rules and regulations further and table for approval.

Recreation Committee – Rules and regulations to be drawn up for the tennis/pickleball courts.

Youth Recreation Committee- O'Connell informed the board that the final summer program is this coming week. The Old Forge trip to Water Safari was a success. Fall and winter recreation programs will be planned for next.

Website committee –
Parascandola and Smith met last week to get Microsoft installed on two computers unsuccessfully. The town is in need of IT support and Parascandola has been reaching out for this support. Today Parascandola and Smith met to go over a sample social media policy. A draft policy will go out to the board for review at the next meeting.

Grants Committee –
Parascandola announced that the Museum Grant is completed and closed out with the final reimbursement in at town hall last week. A second payment for the Elm Lake Rd. reimbursement grant has been received by the town.

Budget Committee –
Seifts plans to download and print the budget sheets on Wednesday and get out to department heads. Parascandola would like to have a pre-finance committee meeting to launch the budget season. She will be asking department heads to review budgets with their committees prior to submitting their preliminary budgets.

Resolution #152 Approve Audit of Abstract #32 dated August 13, 2026, Voucher #4743-4768, Amount $58,011.17.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: Certified payroll for the Steven Miller Contracting Co. will be collected before final payment will go out.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Parascandola, (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:
- Hoffman mentioned the boat launch and option of Gene Tunney Park as a location. The Village of Speculator said no to using Tunney Park as boat launch due to accessible land and location. Parascandola explained that DEC has a location that could house a boat launch, but it is up to the state to utilize the land for this purpose not the town.
-Carne stated that it is his first time attending a town board meeting and he is pleased with the board.

Round table:
-Braunius mentioned that the annual Lions Club Fly in Breakfast is August 29th at the Piseco airport.
-The Town of Lake Pleasant is still looking for a town council member. There is an ad in the Hamilton County Express for a council member.
-Smith informed the board that her current deputy clerk will be returning to college and her last day working for the town is tomorrow. Smith has interviewed and would like to hire a new deputy clerk for M-W at $20/hr.

Resolution #153 Town Board to Approve of Town Clerk Hiring Jenna Manley as Part Time Deputy Clerk Starting at $20 Hourly Rate.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Parascandola, (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution #154 Town Board to Approve of Justices Hiring Jenna Manley as Part Time Deputy Court Clerk Starting at $20 Hourly Rate.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Parascandola, (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

-Parascandola noted that deputy clerk hours were determined by consulting with Hamilton County Treasurers office on the remaining budget. The clerk will need to determine the deputy's

hours for the 2027 budget year based on the allowable budget for deputy clerk town and court lines.
-Smith also reported to the board that the highway employee leaving is all set to terminate from the health insurance as specified in the town handbook.
-Clerk program, BAS has been updated to include donations to James A Brennan Memorial Humane Society line per the new state mandate. The program is now set up with two clerk log ins. Smith also asked for a quote for billing in the program and she received one from BAS for next year's budget.
-The library board received a letter of resignation from its current president who will be moving out of the area.
-Parascandola let the board know that the town received a $500 donation for the pathways in memory of Mary Finkle. Parascandola will send a thank you card out tomorrow.
- On Monday August 10, 2026, Parascandola attended a roundtable discussion about lake associations at the NYS capital with Senator Harckham, ADK Lake Association, ADK Council and several local lake associations. The well replacement fund was advocated for and - Parascandola gathered information on the roundtable to bring back to the town board. She shared with the board that 110 applicants came in, with 300 inquiries about well replacements. Senator Harckham was the senator that passed the well replacement funding. Capacity of volunteers, wake boats and harmful algae blooms were topics at the roundtable.
-Parascandola reviewed that the community resources page on the town's website has links to community pages for residents to seek ways to get involved and help the community.
- Based on feedback from the community conversation on occupancy tax, Parascandola asked the board if there should be an anonymous link on the website to report unregistered short-term rentals. Community support is needed in spreading the word that the town has a local law and rentals must be registered.
-O'Connell reminded all that the 4th annual Quack-A-Palooza is this Wednesday August 19, 2026, at the pavilion with BBQ from 4-7 p.m. and duck race starting at 6:00 p.m.
-Braunius mentioned that last Wednesday inside the ski lodge there was a survey on what people would like to see for housing in the community. Public survey showed that many were opposed to work force housing. Affordable housing vs. work force housing was discussed.
A discussion on comprehensive planning went around the table.

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 8, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M. @ the Lake Pleasant Town Hall
*****ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2nd by:** O'Connell
TO ADJOURN @ 8:09 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk