September 8, 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 September 8, 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- Brian Seiselmyer and Jenna Manley.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Followed by a Moment of Silence for Community Members that Passed Since the Last Town Board Meeting.
Parascandola read poem, *September Sky,* in Remembrance of September 11, 2001

Resolution #155 to Approve the Minutes of August 17, 2026.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: None
Be it resolved, that the minutes of August 17, 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:
-Chimera Integrations LLC installed new security systems in the pole barn, garage and bus garage last week. This will be managed through a cell phone, and an exterior antenna will be needed.
-Cleanup was needed at the tennis courts after paint was spilled by the driver during delivery when barrels tipped over and some of the paint spilled. Replacements were delivered and coating was applied. Lines were painted and there is a 21-day cure time before courts can be opened in early October.
- Rules and regulations will be drawn up for the tennis/pickleball courts.
-Paving of Golf Course Rd. starts on Friday September 11th.
- LaVarnway asked the town board to approve of two bulk pickups in 2027, eliminating the August bulk pickup.

Resolution #156 Town Board to Approve of Two Bulk Clean up Dates for 2027.
Offered by: McGoven

2nd by: Braunius
Whereas, dates of the two bulk pick ups will be determined by the Highway Superintendent.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

-LaVarnway reported that the hill at the transfer station has been mowed by the Town of Lake Pleasant.
-Highway crew went over to South Shore Cemetery and removed debris from the fence. Trees leaning over the fence will need to be removed by a tree removal company.
-LaVarnway has received a contract from the state for work to start in Perkins Clearing.
-The museum parking lot was prepared with fabric, gravel and a fence put up along the back. O'Connell mentioned that the parking area makes the museum more accessible. The museum will not be closed until further notice.
-The boat wash station was picked up and put away for winter storage. Upon pickup it was discovered that the mat is missing that goes with the boat wash station.

Old Business –

Junk Storage Law –
The board reviewed the proposed law and suggested changes. Parascandola asked if board members had any questions.

Resolution #157 Town Board to Move Forward with the Process of Amending the Junk Storage Law.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Frontier – Phone lines and new contract –
Parascandola explained that Frontier would like the town to move from copper to fiberoptic phone lines. The cost of these lines was discussed and moved to the buildings committee.

NYAOT Legislative Meeting-
Parascandola will be representing the town at the NYAOT Legislative Meeting on September 22-23 and asked the board for approval to vote on behalf of the town.

Resolution #158 Town Board to Delegate Parascandola as representative to vote on behalf of the Town of Lake Pleasant at the NYAOT Legislative Meeting on September 22-23, 2026.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by : Braunius
Whereas, Town Supervisor Meg Parascandola will attend the New York Association of Towns ("NYAOT") Legislative Conference and Meeting on September 22-23, 2026; and

Whereas, the Town of Lake Pleasant benefits from having a delegate vote on what to include in NYAOT's 2027 legislative priorities; and
Whereas, the Town of Lake Pleasant has the authority to designate any officer, employee, or representative of the town as a delegate for this meeting;
Therefore, be it Resolved that Meg Parascandola be designated
As a delegate for the Town of Lake Pleasant.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

New Business –

Library Card Proclamation –
Parascandola explained that the American Library Association is funding the automatic door for the town library and they have provided a sample proclamation declaring September as, Library Card Sign Up Month.

Resolution #159 Town Board to Designate September as, Library Card Sign up Month.
Offered by: McGovern
Whereas, libraries are foundational to education, imagination, and opportunity, offering everything from early literacy programs to digital tools that support lifelong learning and personal growth;
Whereas, libraries welcome all people, serving as inclusive and accessible community hubs that connect individuals across cultures, generations, and experiences;
Whereas, libraries curate collections and design programs that reflect the diversity of the populations they serve, ensuring equitable access to information, technology, and culture for all;
Whereas, libraries help individuals navigate life's challenges by providing trusted information and digital access, job search support, and connections to essential services;
Whereas, libraries contribute to thriving local economies by equipping job seekers, entrepreneurs, students, and creators with tools and training to succeed;
Whereas, in times of both crisis and calm, libraries and their staff remain steadfast in supporting and strengthening their communities;
Whereas, library resources help households save money, reduce waste, and make sustainable choices, all through the simple power of a shared public good;
Whereas, a library card offers a front row seat to everything the library offers, from books and technology to lifelong learning and imagination;
Whereas, libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month under the theme "**A Library Card Hits all the Right Notes"**;
Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Lake Pleasant, Town
Board, does hereby proclaim September 2026 as Library Card Sign-up Month in Lake Pleasant, NY, and encourage all residents to "B sharp" and sign up for a library card.

2nd by: Braunius
Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

HAMCO Soil & Water Invasive Species Lawn Application Agreement –
Parascandola explained that Hamilton County Soil and Water Department does treat invasive species. She provided the town board with their application.

Resolution #160 Town Board to Approve of Highway Superintendents List of Locations for Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation Districts 2026 Indemnity Agreement: Invasive Species Control Work Commercial Lawn Application Contract. Town Board Approves of Contract for Applications.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: Areas to be treated include Elm Lake Rd., and Fish Mountain Cemetery among other town properties. Braunius asked what invasives are being treated and giant knot weed and purple loose strife were mentioned.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Employee Handbook Updates –
Effective January 1st, 2027, Parascandola would like to propose two updates to the employee handbook.

1. Increase of shoe reimbursement from $200/year to $250/year.
2. Three hours minimum for burial work done on weekends by highway employees.

Braunius would like to see this for any situation that an employee is in on overtime. This makes it worthwhile of the employees' time.
O'Connell would like to see what other municipalities have in their policies.

Resolution #161 Town Board to Increase Employee Shoe Reimbursement from $200/Year to $250/Year Effective January 1, 2027.
Offered by: Parascandola
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Resolution #162 Town Board to Approve of a Three-Hour Minimum Pay on Weekends for Burial Work Only Performed by the Highway Employees Effective January 1, 2027.
Offered by: Parascandola
2nd by: McGovern
Discussion: Exit interviews were discussed.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Page St. Pathway –
Parascandola explained that there is a snowmobile path on Page St. and she would like to reach out to DEC to see if they would be willing to establish a walking path to keep foot traffic off the road for safety reasons. Discussion went around the table about pathways for foot, bike and dog walking. With the support of the board, Parascandola will call DEC to investigate the possibilities of a walking path.

NYSDEC Resolution for Middle Mile Project –
Parascandola reviewed a resolution sample from NYSDEC regarding electrical power lines. The state would like the town board to pass this resolution for the middle mile utility project from Indian Lake to Speculator. Said project plan is to install 342.7 miles of power in a loop. It includes twelve counties with the purpose of making broadband internet more accessible.

RESOLUTION#163
TO APPROVE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION BY THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY (AUTHORITY) FOR A PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC) AND NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYSDOT) FOR PERMISSION TO COLOCATE OR BURY A PUBLIC UTILITY LINE ON EXISTING POLES AND WITHIN THE WIDTH OF STATE HIGHWAY 30 LOCATED ON NEW YORK STATE FOREST PRESERVE LAND
Offered by: Braunius
WHEREAS, in 2016, the New York State Constitution, Article XIV was amended to allow certain public facilities, including public utility lines, to pass over or through State Forest preserve land; and
WHEREAS, in furtherance of this State Constitutional amendment, the New York State Legislature added § 92103 to the Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL"), creating a procedure by which a public utility may bury or co-locate a new public utility line. Co-location means placing new public utility lines on already existing poles utility line within or beneath the width of any state highway, county highway, or town highway located on State Forest preserve land; and
WHEREAS, prior to the passage of the State Constitutional amendment and accompanying legislation, public utilities were prohibited from laying their facilities across State Forest preserve land; and
WHEREAS, The Authority, National Grid, and Northland Communications have received a grant to expand broadband services in Upstate New York. The purpose of the project is to provide underserved and un-served communities in Upstate New York access to high-quality broadband
internet. In addition to providing service to the unserved or underserved the project will also provide the following benefits, bolster reliability and resilience for electricity service, increase reach of emergency and health services, increase electric grid cybersecurity, and improve connectivity for the United States defense assets; and
WHEREAS, The Authority currently has fiber optic installations in the Town of Indian Lake, New York in and in the Village of Speculator and is seeking to install fiber optic lines to connect these routes for this Project for a length of approximately 24 miles; and

WHEREAS, State Highway 30 is located within the Adirondack Park Boundary and significant portions of the proposed fiber route traverses over State Forest preserve land, requiring the Project to obtain a permit pursuant to ECL § 9-2103 allowing the Authority to co-locate on currently installed utility poles or bury approximately 24 miles of optical fiber along State Highway 30 that pass over New York State Forest preserve land (the "Permit"); and
WHEREAS, the application for the Permit must include a resolution from the governing body of the town where the project will be located indicating their approval for the project, attesting that only currently installed utility poles will be used for eligible purposes, and attesting the project will both minimize the removal of trees and vegetation and restore the area to a pre-project condition to the maximum extent practicable; and
WHEREAS, the Project's final design is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and
WHEREAS, the narrative section of the Authority's application for the Permit shall be substantially the same as the one attached hereto as Exhibit "B", and
WHEREAS, Exhibit "A" shows the Project will colocate the optical fiber on existing utility poles or bury along State Highway 30 in a manner consistent with the requirements provided under ECL § 9-2103; and
WHEREAS, the colocation or burial of the optical fiber on existing utility poles will minimize the number of trees and vegetation removed necessary to complete the project; and
WHEREAS, Exhibit "B" affirms the Authority's commitment to minimizing the removal of tree s and vegetation and demonstrates a plan to restore the area to pre-Project condition to the maximum extent practicable;
NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED, by this body, pursuant to all the forgoing, that the Town of Lake Pleasant hereby supports the Authority's application for a permit from the DEC and NYSDOT to co-locate on currently installed utility poles or bury approximately 13.5 miles of optical fiber within the easement width of those portions of State Highway 30 that pass over New York State Forest preserve land (the "Permit") noting that the Project will co-
locate on currentlyinstalled utility poles or will bury within the easement
of State Highway 30 for purposes permitted pursuant to ECL § 92103 and the Project minimizing the removal of trees and vegetation and plan to restore the area to pre-project condition to the maximum extent practicable; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Lands and Forests and New York State Department of Transportation.
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Moratorium on Cemetery Reservations -
Parascandola mentioned that daily the clerk's office and highway department have been receiving requests for burial reservations in the middle of policy. The board would like to put a hold on new burial reservations to give the town time to update the rules and regulations.

Resolution #164 Town Board to Place a Six-Month Moratorium on Burial Reservations with No Wait List. Reservations can be scheduled after Moratorium is Lifted.

Offered by: Braunius
Whereas, if a resident passes in the six-month moratorium time frame, the town, upon request, will work with family members to determine burial site.
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Committee Reports:

Cemetery Committee- Meeting to be scheduled tentatively for 9:00 am on Wed 9/16/26.

Recreation Committee – Rules and regulations to be drawn up for the tennis/pickleball courts. Braunius asked what the enforcing factor will be. O'Connell asked if cameras can be used and LaVarnway said that if it is publicized, cameras can be installed. Discussion about a fine of $250 for violators of the rules and regulations was discussed.

Website committee – Computers and laptops are fully installed at town hall.

Grants Committee – Parascandola is waiting to hear if grant will be awarded in December.

Budget Committee – Seifts announced that the budget committee will meet this week to gather the tentative budget.

McGovern mentioned that the committee met with Steve Sawn on the town's insurance today. That amount will be ready for the budget committee meeting this week.

Parascandola asked about a ribbon cutting for the tennis/pickleball courts after the 21-day cure timeframe is over. The 1st week of October for ribbon cutting was discussed. O'Connell will reach out to LPCS about a date that the schoolchildren can participate.

Resolution #165 Approve Audit of Abstract #33 dated August 27, 2026, Voucher #4769-4777, Amount $39,270.68. Abstract #34 dated September 4, 2026, Voucher #4778-4801 Amount $39,530.47.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: McGovern
Discussion: A Howe Caverns trip charge for $24 was questioned and will be investigated.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Parascandola, (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:
- None

Round table:

- Braunius would like the NYS DOT to know that when they redid the Whiskey Brook culvert, they did a terrible job because the falls can no longer be accessed. He also mentioned the State paving over the sidewalks when they widened Rt. 8 from Golf Course Rd. to the bridge. Side walks are a part of the state's mandate, and the town would like them back.
- Smith reported that the clerk's office is busy with training the new deputy clerk.
- O'Connell mentioned that the 2026 Cemetery tour is scheduled for October 10, 2026, at Airdville Cemetery.
- O'Connell let all know that John O'Connell's viewing and service will be at Northville Funeral Home from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. on Wednesday September 9, 2026, followed by burial at South Shore Cemetery.
- Jody Seelbach's service will be at the Inn on Saturday.
- Rick Wilt's celebration of life will be Sunday at Oak Mountain.
- Parascandola shared a thank you card to Steve Page from Lake Pleasant Park after he helped them with a project inspection.
- Parascandola went over the reimbursement from Hamilton County for solid waste and a decrease in the tipping fees. These reimbursements are for towns that provide staffing and or have their own transfer station.
- UPS Jay is a superhero and Parascandola wanted to give him a shout out. The room agreed that he is an exceptional UPS employee servicing the area.
- Parascandola mentioned the town brush pit and social media posts about transporting brush from other towns to Lake Pleasant, which is illegal. This year's grindings to date cost the Lake Pleasant taxpayers $4,800.00. Discussion went around the table on how to keep out nonresidents from dumping illegally in the town brush pit.
- Parascandola reviewed that the town short term rentals are up for renewal in October. Community conversations have happened in the Village of Speculator and the Town of Lake Pleasant. Hamilton County is working on collecting a list of rentals for Occupancy taxes. They denied having conversation on occupancy taxes in the past but are now working on one.

  McGovern wants to see the town and village in lock step on occupancy taxes. What is good for the Village is good for the town and vice versa. Possible occupancy tax percentages were discussed.

  O'Connell stated that the town's law is solid, and other communities have used it as an example to adopt similar STR laws in their towns. Discussion continued and the board decided that the town will continue in the meantime to enforce the town law on STR's.

Next Meeting: Monday September 21, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M. @ the Lake Pleasant Town Hall
*****ON A MOTION BY**: Braunius **2nd by:** O'Connell
TO ADJOURN @ 8:48 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk