September 21, 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 21, 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
Town Clerk- Stephanie Smith
Guests- Nancy Carr, Bob Carr, Shorty Hoffman, John Granath, Rabecca Smith, Denise Duckett, and Ed Soares
Absent - Highway Superintendent – Randy LaVarnway

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #166 to Approve the Minutes of September 8, 2026.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: None
Be it resolved, that the minutes of September 8, 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.
- Perkins Clearing culvert and road work with the state has begun. The road will remain open, but visitors should be aware that there may be some delays.
-Golf Course Road and Kaulfuss Rd. paving is complete. Road shoulders and driveways will be completed when the county does this work for their projects.
-Town Hwy crew has begun assisting other towns with their projects.

Old Business –

1. **Lake Pleasant Community Courts –**

Parascandola announced that there will be a ribbon cutting at the new town pickleball/tennis courts on October 7, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Grades 4-8 at LPCS have been invited to attend and the town would like to extend the invitation to the Lake George Lake Champlain Regional Planning Board, community tennis and pickleball players and anyone else that would like to attend. Parascandola asked if anyone had any ideas on naming the courts.

Official name of the courts was discussed. O'Connell would like to see the word town in the name. It was stated that it is confusing to have the town courts within the Village of Speculator.

Resolution #167 Town Board to name the courts Town of Lake Pleasant Community Courts.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: Braunius
Discussion: None
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Parascandola went over some of the questions and concerns that have come into town hall about the new court construction. She explained that the fencing was reused from the previous courts. Additional gates were not included due to cost. Openings to the gates was discussed and will be brought to the HWY Superintendents attention. Safety netting was discussed with the town's decision for portable netting vs. permanent netting discussed. The town went with portable over permanent due to cost differences.
Parascandola explained that two proposals were received after the bid went out all following the town's procurement policy.
A complaint was received by the town about not setting up a committee with the pickleball community. Parascandola explained that the town appoints elected officials to committees to work on various projects that the town is working on. Currently the town does not have a law that allows the town government to appoint townspeople to committees to make decisions for the town and its facilities/buildings/grounds. The public is always welcome to attend meetings and come into town hall to look at project maps/plans and give their input anytime. Surface maintenance did not come up taxpayers should be aware that the courts will need to be resurfaced every 6 yrs at about $30,000 for this resurfacing. The town will need a reserve fund of about $5,000 a year to save for this needed maintenance.
Parascandola reached out to Sunshine about the project being covered by a grant. She responded that any proposed reservation policy for the pickleball/tennis courts should be reviewed by the municipalities attorney to ensure that it doesn't pose any threat to the parkland alienation law. The land has been classified as park land so that it qualified for the grant. Legislation will be needed if a restriction of public access is proposed. Soares stated that the pickleball group is not asking to restrict players at certain times. Discussion on how pickleball group will allow the public to work into their play times was discussed.

New Business –

1. **Fire Department Update –**
   Parascandola shared the Town of Lake Pleasant 2025 Fire Department Report with the town board. In 2025 there were 37 calls. The department hosted many gatherings this year including county meetings, trainings, annual picnic and pancake breakfast, club meetings, a rabies clinic, TWIGS, voting and private events. McGovern commented that they are a great neighbor for the town and its residents.

2. **Public Hearing – Junk Storage Law –**

Resolution #168 of the Lake Pleasant Town Board Accepting Proposed Local Law #1 of 2026 to Rescind and Replace Local Law #4 of 2009 and Local Law #3 of 1983 Regarding Junk Storage and Unsafe Buildings and Structures in the Town of Lake Pleasant and Scheduling Public Hearing For Same
Offered by: McGovern
Whereas, on September 21, 2009, the Lake Pleasant Town Board duly passed Local Law #4 concerning Junk Storage, hereinafter referred to as the "Junk Storage Law"; and
Whereas, in the year 1983, pursuant to Section 130, subsection 16 of the Town Law of the State of New York, the Lake Pleasant Town Board ordained and enacted Local Law #3 of 1983 concerning Unsafe Buildings, hereinafter referred to as the "Town of Lake Pleasant Unsafe Building Ordinance"; and
Whereas, the Town Board seeks to rescind and replace Local Law #4 of 2009 (Junk Storage Law) and Local Law #3 of 1983 (Town of Lake Pleasant Unsafe Building Ordinance) in order to update and reissue restrictions and procedures concerning junk storage and unsafe buildings and structures in the Town of Lake Pleasant; and
Whereas, the Town Board has reviewed and modified the proposed Local Law to rescind and replace Local Law #4 of 2009 (Junk Storage Law) and Local Law #3 of 1983 (Town of Lake Pleasant Unsafe Building Ordinance) in order to update and reissue restrictions and procedures concerning junk storage and unsafe buildings and structures in the Town of Lake Pleasant; and
Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that the proposed law is ready for consideration by the Town Board; and
Be it, Further Resolved, that the Town Board shall hold a public hearing for consideration of the Local Law #1 of 2026 to rescind and replace Local Law #4 of 2009 (Junk Storage Law) and Local Law #3 of 1983 (Town of Lake Pleasant Unsafe Building Ordinance) in order to update and reissue restrictions and procedures concerning junk storage and unsafe buildings and structures in the Town of Lake Pleasant on October 19, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Lake Pleasant Town Hall; and
Be it, Further Resolved, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said hearing in the Hamilton County Express, and to post copies of such notice in the manner provided by law.
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

3. **Tentative Budget _**
   Parascandola announced that on October 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. the Town Board will be presented with the 2027 tentative budget. A public hearing will be scheduled in early November 2026 for the public hearing on the preliminary 2027 budget.
   McGovern explained that departments and committees have been hard at work on the 2027 budget to come under the 2% cap.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery Committee-
Braunius explained that the town cemeteries are filling at a rapid rate and the Rules and Regulations that govern the cemeteries have been revised by the committee for the board to review. The board was provided with the last revision for review.
Fees for plot reservations and burials were discussed and proposed changes reviewed.

Recreation Committee –
O'Connell reported that she pulled together tennis/pickleball court rules from other sources and she shared with the room a list of common rules to pass and others as a list of etiquette. Discussion went around the room about the list or draft rules and etiquette. No marking of the courts was on all rule lists found. No unattended children under a certain age was discussed. Pets will not be allowed on the courts. Maintenance concerns were discussed. Time frame for proper play etiquette was discussed. No garbage cans, carry in carry out, broom and squeegee provided was decided on. The local pickleball club has an app that they use to communicate but the town wants them to understand that these courts will be a public park where walk-up players will need to be welcomed in to play if they show up to play at the courts. The pickleball club understands this and welcomes anyone that wants to play. Carr asked what to do if they come to play and there are people using the courts for a non-intended purpose. Parascandola explained that they would need to reach out to town hall to report misuse of the courts. The pros and cons of permanent vs. removable netting was discussed. Granath thanked the town for their help in having this recreational park constructed.
Discussion about the pickleball club QR code going up at the courts separate from the town rules and regulations was had. O'Connell would like to look at this QR code before giving her input.
Parascandola thanked the pickleball club for their input and support in the various phases of this park construction project.

Youth Recreation Committee-
O'Connell explained that Desrocher is working on ideas for fall - winter activities and O'Connell will work on meeting with Oak Mt. about ski lessons.

Website committee –
Smith let the board know that new fall pictures from ROOST are up on the town's website and the revised STR renewal form with registration increase to $100 is updated on the site.
Parascandola went over the social media policy draft. The board discussed various points and concerns in the draft.

Grants Committee –
Parascandola would like the grant committee to do some comprehensive planning for the town.

Budget Committee – The budget committee has been meeting with department heads to work on the 2027 budget.

Resolution #169 Approve Audit of Abstract #35 dated September 18, 2026, Voucher #4802-4811, Amount $54,485.24.
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: None
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Parascandola, (Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius, and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:
- Hoffman mentioned the carry in and carry out and the Village of Speculator has allowed those using the pavilion to carry in and out or lose their deposit with the Village. Even if you reserve the pavilion, it is a government run pavilion and if folks driving through town stop to check out the pavilion they are allowed there during any event.
-Granath mentioned the trucks going 70 MPH down Route 8. Parascandola reviewed that a petition signed by residents has been sent to Hamilton County and the State of New York. The state takes about 2 years to do the survey. Discussion about the speed limits in town was had in the room.
-Ducket asked about the speed limit on Page St. and the room discussed this. Parascandola explained that Page St. is a town road that can go through the process of speed limit reduction by DOT process with the state with the town board's approval or by petition of residents.
-Parascandola mentioned that at the last meeting a multiuse pathway on a section on Page St. was discussed and a resolution of the board was passed. The town board is working on the process of turning this selected snowmobile trail into a multiuse pathway.
-Smith said that the intent of the pickleball players coming to this meeting tonight was to thank the town for the courts.
-Granath challenged the town board to a game of pickleball.

Round table:
-Smith reminded the townspeople that the last Thursday garbage pick up will be this Thursday September 24, 2026.
-Apple fest is this Saturday September 26, 2026, at the pavilion.
-O'Connell announced that LPCS will be doing Wreaths Across America again this year with pledge sheets going out soon. December 21st is wreath laying with approximately 305 veterans in the five cemeteries that the school lays wreaths in.
-Parascandola announced that the Veterans are hosting an Italian dinner on October 3rd.
-Parascandola attended the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation Field Day with over 70 students in attendance from area schools. Presenters from ADK Experience, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Loon Conservation and a local mushroom hunter were in attendance.
-Parascandola reviewed that the Chamber of Commerce Bear and Wine Festival event was this past weekend with McGovern on security. There were over 700 + in attendance at the pavilion.
-Hamilton County has received a grant and is doing workshops on recreation in rural economies. Monday October 5, 2026, in Inlet 4-6:30, Tuesday October 6, 2026, 9-4:30 in Long Lake with this focusing on the northern part of the county.
-Parascandola reviewed work on occupancy tax and what it can be used for. McGovern reiterated that the town and village need to be in tight partnership on this. Set rate should match. The Village and Town funds will be separate due to the separate forms of government.

Suggestions of public amenities and needs are welcome from the public. O'Connell mentioned a survey.

Next Meeting: Monday October 5, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M. @ the Lake Pleasant Town Hall
*****ON A MOTION BY**: McGovern **2nd by:** Braunius
TO ADJOURN @ 8:36 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk