

A TOWN BOARD MEETING was held over Zoom, User Id # 817 4673 0772, password # 994173, on September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The location was in the comfort of everyone's home.

Supervisor Wells opened the meeting. Everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Wells called for the Roll with the following Board Members answering:

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney	Here
Councilwoman Stanton	Here
Councilman Rathbun	Here
Supervisor Wells	Here

Minutes

Councilman Rathbun made a motion to accept the minute of 8/10/2020 as presented. Seconded by, Councilwoman Stanton.

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney	Aye
Councilwoman Stanton	Aye
Councilman Rathbun	Aye
Supervisor Wells	Aye

Department Head Reports

Councilwoman Stanton questioned Bill Laprairie, Department Head of Buildings and Grounds, concerning the vandalism that has been happening all summer at the Chain Lakes beach. He stated himself, the State Police and the Sheriff's Department have been patrolling, however it happens extremely late a night and they haven't been able to catch them. He did state that since the beach closed there have been no further incidents.

Councilman Rathbun thanked all the departments for their work on Trash Day. He stated this is a good service to the Town and appreciates the crews doing such a good job.

Set Budget Meeting Dates

Supervisor Wells asked the Boards preference on holding the Budget Workshops in person. He stated his preference would be to hold them in person but with scheduled appointments for each person, therefore limiting the amount of people in the room. He stated he is working on that schedule. He also stated that the individual participants could either come in in person or give a written request. Department Heads will have a set time to present their budget. The Board agreed with this. Supervisor Wells reported to the Board that the Sewer/water truck has been ordered.

Open Cleaner Contract Bids

Supervisor Wells reported that only one (1) bid was received for the Cleaning Contract. The bid was from John C. Hall in the amount of \$90,000.00. Councilwoman Stanton made a motion to accept the bid from John C. Hall in the amount of \$90,000.00. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun. Discussion held.

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney	Aye
Councilwoman Stanton	Aye
Councilman Rathbun	Aye
Supervisor Wells	Aye

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Wells reported to the Board that the Garbage/Recyclable Bid request is in the paper. These bids need to be in by October 9th.

Supervisor Wells told all that the Board had received a thank you letter from Ellen Collins, thanking the Board for their donation to the Invasive Species program. Letter attached herein.

Supervisor Wells reported to the Board that himself and Deputy Supervisor Meade Hutchins had meet with the Chazen Company regarding the Adirondack Dam. He stated that the questionable specs were agreed upon and he is hoping to go out to bid on the project in the Spring. He stated that there are some things the Board will need to discuss during the Budget Workshops.

Supervisor Wells reported to the Board that he had the new TRP for the Weed District. He also stated that we had the barge that has been in storage for some time. He, Bill Laprairie and the Weed District

Board of Directors will be checking the barge to see if it can be used. He stated that the Board will need to budget some time for the Town to begin relocating the bogs. Supervisor Wells thanked Brenda Valentine and the CDC for their help with getting the information out on the Census.

Appoint Board Member?

Supervisor Wells held a discussion concerning appointing a new Board Member. He stated that he has had many inquiries from people who are interested in the position. He stated he feels that, if the Board appoints one of the interested parties the Board would be giving them an advantage over the others who are equally interested. He stated he would like to keep it status Quo with the four (4) members for now and let the interested parties put in their petitions. The full Board was in full agreement.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Wells reported to the Board that he has a meeting on September 16th with Cedarwood and Hydro Source concerning the Blue Mt. Lake project. He told all that Adirondack Experience has offered a different piece of property if this one does not work out. He stated this new source is on the right side of the road and one that he and Kevin had looked at previously, but Adirondack Experience had not offered that piece until now.

Supervisor Wells told all that 22,760 lbs. of trash was picked up on trash day.

Supervisor Wells reported that no Bids were received for the emergency generator or the bog relocation. He stated that we will have to try something else. He said we may need to write up a proposal and put it out to bid.

Supervisor Wells reported that the "5 Towns" (consisting of, Indian Lake, Newcomb, Minerva, North Hudson and Long Lake) which also makes up the Upper Hudson Recreation Club, passed a Resolution of support to DEC for making changes in to the Essex Chain Unit Management Complex, now allowing for camp fires along the shore and adding additional parking to increase the equestrian opportunities in hopes to increase tourism.

Supervisor Wells stated that the rafting numbers are down around 50% due to the pandemic, however Supervisor Wells feels like it has been very busy this year. Councilman Mahoney stated that there have been a lot of people around looking for things to do. Supervisor Wells reported to the Board that he and the rafting association have modified the rafting contract and this will be finalized by the next season. Supervisor Wells thanked all for their support during his surgery.

Public Comments and Concerns

Andy Coney reported to the Board there had been an invasive species found on Marion River. He stated that Divers have been working on this and it would take about five (5) days to complete.

Other Town Business

Councilman Rathbun questioned how we were doing with our Grants. Supervisor Wells stated that we were doing okay. He told all that we had been moving ahead and were under contract for some of them already, so hopefully they will still go through. Supervisor Wells also stated that the Website Grant was done, and we are now just waiting for the money.

Supervisor Wells also reported to the Board that the newly hired Account Clerk, Suzanne Walrath, has begun her training with Pam Howard, Senior Account Clerk, and as soon as she gets acclimated he will be working with her to review all the Grants.

Councilman Mahoney, who has been working with Trampoline on the Town's new website, stated that all was going well. He is hoping to have something to present to the Board by the next meeting. Councilwoman Stanton reported to all that the Comprehensive Committee are working diligently on the Commons Area.

BILLS AND ABSTRACTS

General:

27467 - 27476	\$982.26	
27610 - 27745	\$263,338.65	
27574 - 27584	\$16,718.43	
27595 - 27609	\$3,732.85	
27492 - 27563	\$7,205.23	
27751 - 27771	\$24,873.93	27772 - 27781
		\$1,429.97

Building maintenance and operations monthly report August 2020

During the month of August we were very busy mowing all Town properties including the shooting range and transfer site, while mowing the Blue Mountain ballfield we took our landscape rake and finished fixing the ruts that were made by the vandals, we then put down seed and hay on the field to help reestablish grass. We cut brush along the edge of the cemetery road and around the town signs in Blue Mountain Lake. We used the highway New Holland tractor to mow the ski slopes and around the water towers and Verizon tower. Repairs were made to the carburetor on the Ferris lawnmower and the belt was changed on the deck, new blades were put on both machines.

Garbage runs were made from Blue Mountain beach and chain Lakes beach, dam checks were done every Tuesday and Friday. Repairs are made to the roof of the chain Lakes building from rocks that vandals had thrown through the panels, the parking lot was back dragged to get rid of the ruts with transfer site loader.

The town Court needed to have a plexiglass shield built across the front and down the side, we ordered all materials and built an elevated panel, we stained, poly and installed.

We have been working on the library project every time we get a chance, numerous other things mowing, weather and other projects have kept us from staying at it every day. Getting some of the materials has been a challenge for us, hardware has been on back order and so has siding.

We have dug up the septic tank at the ski hut to be replaced, we found the pipe to be crushed and a half of the tank had split, we have ordered a new tank and it should be here first week in September, this should solve the problem of everything freezing in the winter.

August 11th, 12th, 13th this year were the town trash days, our department and the Highway department worked all 3 days collecting over 20,000 pounds of garbage, the totals were up from last year and supervisor Wells has the weight and measurement slips.

We have started some of our snowmobile trail preparations, and have started work on a few trails, we should be moving the equipment into the woods first week in September.

We would like to thank Councilman Rathbun for the Defensive driving course he gave to Town employees to help with the towns insurance.

Thank you
Bill LaPrairie
Building Maintenance and Operations



Town of Indian Lake Water and Wastewater Report for August 2020

Testing was completed at all plants daily.

Samples required by DEC and DOH were submitted to the lab.

The U.V. Lights at the sewer plant have been cleaned weekly or more as needed to keep the intensity of the light above the required amount.

Ben Straders house on Merwin Rd. in Blue Mt. Lake had very low pressure. We dug up the curb stop to see if there was good pressure there. There was still very low pressure, so we tapped the water main and put in a new water service. We then went back after it settled to spread topsoil, seed, and hay.

We had to tap the 12-inch water main in Indian Lake for the new Stewarts. The new 12-inch main is out in the State Road on the other side of the old 8-inch water main. We were able to dig between the two and get the new service in and the road and sidewalk patched.

At the Indian Lake Water Plant there was an actuator for one of the filters that stopped working. We had to operate it manually until we got it replaced. The new one is now in and working correctly.

One of the U.V. units at the Indian Lake Water plant was not working. The outlet valve was not opening. We discovered a broken keyway that needed to be replaced, and loose wire to one of the sensors. We replaced the keyway and fixed the loose wire and got it working again.

Hydrants were flushed in both Indian Lake and Blue Mt. Lake.

Hydrants were weed whacked in both Indian Lake and Blue Mt. Lake.

We tapped a two-inch water line, and put in a new water service in Blue Mt for a new house that is being built next to Joe Wittman. There is a water line that feeds off of Cedar Lane going towards Jamie Roblee's pit.

Thank-You



Kevin King/Water and Sewer superintendent



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Mechanics Monthly Report
 August 2020
 B. J. Wells

Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report
August 2020

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	12	2
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$314,200</u>	<u>\$22,000</u>
3. Number of Permits in #1 which are Hunting Camps:	<u>3</u>	
4. Total dollar amounts of projects in #3:	<u>\$25,500</u>	
5. Number of single-family permits issued (Camps N/A):	<u>1</u>	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	<u>\$100,000</u>	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	0	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	<u>3</u>	
9. Number of Firework Permits issued:	0	
10. Total dollar amount of permits in #9:	<u>\$0</u>	
11. Fire inspections (Annual) to date	21	

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tyler Monthony

- ①. Put new air tank on #186 dump
- ②. Drilled new bolt holes on lift ram for grader blade and reinstalled ram.
- ③. Fixed dump box on 188 and order new hinges
- ④. Changed brake light on 181
- ⑤. New throttle pedal on 193 loader
- ⑥. Took brush hog off of tractor
- ⑦. Put box blade on 3320 tractor
- ⑧. Put leaf blower on TC 45 tractor
- ⑨. Remove tree on Parkville road
- ⑩. Put new bristles on 3320 brush
- ⑪. Helped Sa Felite with window on #181
- ⑫. Worked on 5085 tractor charging problem and regen problem:

Highway Report Sept. 2020

All roads have been mowed except Blue Mt. which was left to assist with Japanese Knotweed abatement.

Shoulders ~~to~~ were repaired on all of our roads which were the old state road going to North River

Some of the chip seal on Cleveland road was ripped up due to it breaking up so bad. Then was coated with item #4.

Mowing of brush and limbs continues where needed. Chain hakes in Parkerville and Storey Step road are finished

Materials continue to be hauled to replace what was used in the Halloween Storm 2019.

Chips seals which were done this summer are being swept when the temperature is cool so not to damage the road.

Some culvert repair is being done to the headwalks on the Biggest culvert on Parkerville Road. Ice has damaged some of the concrete to the headwalks.

Town of Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce Minutes - Board of Directors Meeting

August 13, 2020

Attending:

- Board Members: Sue Corey, Sheraldine Williams, Carolyn DeVito, Brenda Valentine, David Oestreicher, Kathleen Peartree.
- Staff: Darrin Harr

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm.

Approval of July 9, 2020 Minutes:

Motion to approve Carolyn D., 2nd Dave O., Vote - unanimous to accept.

Financial Reports, sent by Darrin H.

Motion to approve Carolyn D., 2nd Sue C., Vote - unanimous to accept.

Director's Report, Darrin H.- (July 2020 report emailed to Chamber Board)

Agenda items:

- Insurance Update - Darrin H. has booked Rebekah Crewell from Broome Insurance Agency for September monthly Chamber Board meeting to answer insurance questions from Board
- Agreement with Town of Indian Lake for use of Stewart's building - Sue C. has reviewed the agreement and conveyed to Town Supervisor Brian Wells that having the Chamber fully responsible for paying ALL utility bills for the first year of occupancy would not be feasible, since heating and electrical usage is unknown at this time. Sue C. to continue researching commercial space rental rates. Sue C. and Darrin H. to visit Stewarts building to examine premises and take pictures to help the Chamber Board determine how much space we wish to occupy in the building - probably early autumn after customer activity quiets down.
- Resolution by the Town of Indian Lake Supporting Equality and Inclusion for All - Dave O. suggested the Resolution should have condemned specific acts of documented racism and/or inequality that have occurred in the North Country. Brenda V. is helping to assemble a task force to develop activities and actions to support equality in accordance to the Resolution - and to recruit organizations for the same. It was noted that a resolution without action behind it would become a paper that just sits in a drawer.

New Business/Comments

- Sue C. advised that Indian Lake Theater may be able to gift the Chamber a membership with New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON). Included in the membership would be 30 minutes of legal technical assistance. The Board agreed this would be good for the Chamber and encouraged Sue C. to proceed.
- Darrin H. has been approached several times in town over the past weeks by Chamber members who complemented the Chamber for its extra diligent work this year. The Chamber Board has been proactive in helping our Chamber Members, beginning with arranging a ZOOM meeting with our members in which Adirondack Experience Executive Director David Kahn and Great Camp Sagamore Executive Director Emily Martz joined the call to address the difficult decision to close their respective organizations to the public for 2020.

The Chamber has also forwarded timely COVID-19 related information from our partnership with North Country Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber Board held weekly meetings from April into June to navigate the unfolding COVID-19 crisis. Darrin H. stated that we have the right Chamber Board at the right time.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Next meeting – Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 5pm. Probably on ZOOM.



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Brian Wells

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Sally Stanton
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Patricia Ryan-Correy

Legal Notice
Budget Workshop's

The Indian Lake Town Board will be holding the 2020 Budget Workshops for the 2021 Budget on the following dates:
The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

OCTOBER 8TH (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. BUDGET BEGINS:
Landfill, Weed District, Water 1 & 2, Sewer District, Library,
Ambulance, Fire Districts 1 & 2, Debt Services, Cash Reserves

OCTOBER 13TH – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 15th (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. GENERAL BUDGET
A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WEED AND SEWER DISTRICTS

OCTOBER 22nd (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. HIGHWAY BUDGET

OCTOBER 29th (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. FINAL REVIEW

NOVEMBER 5TH – (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW-override tax cap
1. Pass Local Law if needed
2. Adopt 2020 Budget

8-14-20

Dear members of the Town Board,

Thank you so much for your generous tax-deductible donation to the Regional Inlet Invasive Plant Program. ^{of the Nature Conservancy} It will enable the program to continue with the battle against terrestrial invasive plants in our ^{Orlando} communities. We have made great progress in Blue Mountain Lake, ^{Fla} thanks to this program and your support.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Again, thank you.

Ellen Collins

Dear Town Board Members,

As per Supervisor Wells' request, I am passing along the Letter of Interest I sent to him last week (please see below) regarding the open position since Councilwoman Curry's resignation. My understanding is that the September meeting will be the next time the Board considers appointing a new, interim member. I hope you'll consider my letter during the time leading up and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions that may presently be unanswered.

Supervisor Wells,

I am writing to you today to demonstrate my interest in seeing out the remainder of Patricia Curry's term on the Town Board as an Interim Member. I understand such a position is typically one that is filled by an election, so this unique vacancy should not be taken lightly or appointed in haste. Should interests align, I would greatly appreciate your, or the Board's, consideration.

I believe one negative to my application is my short time as a resident in Indian Lake. Normally, I would also hold that against myself, but given this appointment would be temporary with an election coming around next year, I feel this is a perfect opportunity to give a fresh perspective a chance and see what we can accomplish together.

In short, as they apply to the position based on my understanding from Ms. Curry, my qualifications include an extensive educational background in business accounting, economics, and finance - I hold a Masters in Finance degree from Villanova University, a top ranked institution in the nation - as well as my tenure as a campaign treasurer during last year's Hamilton County Judge race.

I see this as an opportunity to further grow as a contributing member of this wonderful and welcoming community. In order to facilitate this process, I am more than willing to answer any questions you or the Board may have as well as submit a formal application, should it be required. Please do not hesitate to contact me via

Issues for 9/14 Board Meeting

Jen S <jen.slane@hotmail.com>

Mon 9/14/2020 9:39 AM

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Hello IL Town Board -

Let me start by thanking you for guiding the town through these trying times in our State and country. My name is Jennifer Slane. My husband and I have owned a small cabin on Adirondack Lake Road for 9 years now. We, along with our three daughters love the lake and the town and have especially appreciated the solace we have found there over this past summer with the ongoing public health crisis. We have two issues we would like you to consider for discussion tonight. The first I know is a long-standing issue that is being worked on and we appreciate it.

I appreciate all of your efforts and know that you have been working with the Adirondack Lake Weed Committee on the issue of bogs and mud flats. I have spoken to both Patricia and Brian about the large bog on our shore line that showed up this past spring. Despite our best efforts this spring it was too big for us to move even with the help of others on the lake who were kind enough to help. Patricia insisted that we not try again to move it as that is the purpose of the taxes collected from lake owners that has built up to roughly \$90 thousand dollars. I know the town has been working to have them removed and appreciate your efforts. Unfortunately, it is interfering with our dock and has become a real problem. We will be pulling our dock into the shore in a few weeks and hope that the bog will be removed before winter. If not, I fear it may shift and cause more problems than it already has for our dock.

The second issue is in regards to the speed limit and lack of a posted speed limit on Adirondack Lake Road. I am not sure what the speed limit is and am concerned about race car drivers on the road. Our neighbor was nearly hit on Saturday while walking her dogs. Our kids ride bikes, walk our dog and I jog on the road. I have been pelted with stones while jogging as cars speed by and my girls have also noticed fast driving that scares them. Is it possible to add a posted speed limit to the pole that has the dead-end sign on it?

Thank you for your ongoing service and efforts. I look forward to joining you this evening.

Jennifer Slane

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The world we depend on depends on you.

August 25, 2020

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*Thank you!
Peg*

Dear Friends,

With all that is happening around the world, I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well. During this difficult time, I am especially grateful for your recent and generous gift of \$450.00 to the Knotweed 202 AAIPP-RIIP Fund.

As a science-driven organization, we are again reminded of how connected we are to the natural world. The need for a healthy, resilient environment is urgent, and your support helps conserve the lands and waters that sustain us all.

Together, we are working toward large-scale change: for cleaner waters, protected forests, and healthy and productive lands—ensuring a world where nature and people will thrive—now and for generations to come.

The world we depend on depends on us—and we depend on you. Thanks to you, we are achieving great conservation success including:

- Creating migratory corridors for birds and wildlife as climate change pushes them to explore new habitats;
- Leading efforts to keep people out of harm's way by reducing flood risks during extreme storms;
- Collaborating with communities to achieve lasting conservation goals while boosting local economies.

Please know how much we value your friendship in these circumstances, and that we will continue to deliver on the promise you have so generously supported.

Thank you, as always, for making this work possible.

Peg
Peg R. Olsen
Chapter Director



TOWN BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE:

DATE OF MEETING: September 14, 2020

NAME:

TITLE:

ADDRESS:

1. Bill Lapraric

2. Leah Lewis (Lela)

3. Kevin King

4. Meade Hutchins

5. Michael Lamphorn

6. Andy Conroy

7. Jamie Rublee

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Councilman Rathbun made a motion to pay the Bills and Abstracts as presented. Seconded by, Councilwoman Stanton.

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney Aye
 Councilwoman Stanton Aye
 Councilman Rathbun Aye
 Supervisor Wells Aye

Executive Session

Supervisor Wells made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personal and contractual. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to exit Executive Session and resume the Regular Board Meeting at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun. All in favor. Motion carried.

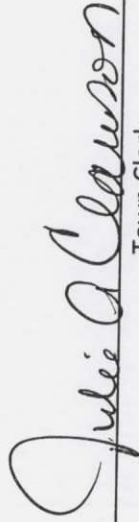
No action taken during Executive Session.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to approve payment of longevity to Wesley Arsenault. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to add high school diploma or equivalency diploma to the Town of Indian Lake hiring requirements for full or part time positions, excluding Lifeguard positions. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:21 p.m. Seconded by, Councilwoman Stanton. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by



Town Clerk