

A COMBINED MEETING of the Indian Lake Town Board and the Indian Lake Central School Board was held on March 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a proposal from the school to begin a Summer Youth Program. The location was the Town Hall, Pelon Road, Town of Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, State of New York.

Supervisor Wells called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Rathbun. All in favor.

Town Board Members present: Councilman Mahoney, Councilwoman Eldridge, Councilman Rathbun and Supervisor Wells. Councilman Curry was absent.

Superintendent David Snide, Indian Lake School Board Members; Jodi Seymour, Melissa Mulvi, David Harrington and Cory Hutchins. Deputy Supervisor Sally Stanton was also present.

Superintendent David Snide told all present that the school had been bequeathed around \$529,000.00 with a stipulation that the money be used in part for water safety. He told all that they also received funds from the Federal Government in the amount of \$380,000.00 to be used for educational purposes.

Superintendent David Snide gave a proposal to the Board for consideration. He stated that the program would run from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the school for academics and lunch, they then would be transported to either Chain Lakes Beach or the Blue Mt. Lake Beach for swimming lessons.

He stated that the school would be willing to pay for the Town's Lifeguards and trainings, in return, the Town would allow the Town's swim instructor to teach the Youth Program participants swimming lessons. He stated that at that time the instructor would only be allowed to teach those participating in the program and would not be able to teach any other kids during that time. Superintendent David Snide also reported to the Board that this Youth Program could only be offered to Indian Lake Students due to the Federal Money stipulations.

He stated that the Federal funds would be used for transportation to and from all aspects of the program. The bequeathed funds would pay for the water safety portion of the program.

He stated that if the school paid for the lifeguards and trainings the monies the Town Board budgeted for this cost could be put aside every year and eventually used for improvements needed at the Chain Lakes Beach. Discussion was held on putting in a new pavilion or building a new bath house. Discussion was also held on the possibility of reopening the Byron Park Beach.

Superintendent Snide stated that they will be pulling from two separate funds both of which have stipulations. He told all that the program will cost around \$57,000.00 a year and could run for two years with the funds the school has now after that the school would need to budget the cost for the program from then on out. Jodi Seymour, Mellissa Mulvey, David Harrington and Corey Hutchins all spoke on the benefits it would allow Indian Lake students educationally and socially.

Supervisor Wells stated he was hesitant to add to another Boards budget in the future and whether this could be sustainable. He also stated that Councilman Curry, who was unable to attend the meeting, had questions concerning some of the logistics and would like to speak to him about his concerns.

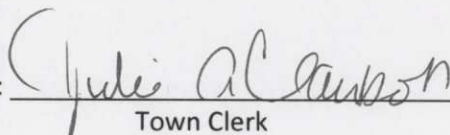
Councilman Mahoney questioned the perception of the constituents on adding more money to both the School and Town budgets in the future for this program. He also questioned if putting up a new pavilion at the Chain Lakes Beach is the best way to utilize the monies. Councilwoman Eldridge felt the same way concerning building a new pavilion, she stated the bath house is in the most need of a rebuild.

Discussion held on what future upgrades that could be done at the Chain Lakes Beach.

Supervisor Wells told all that this would be discussed at the next Town Board meeting on March 10th and he hoped he could have a commitment by then. He also told all he would research why the Bryon Park Beach was closed. He stated part of the reason was lack of lifeguards, but he felt there could be more to it. He also stated he would speak with the Town's Lawyer as well to make sure this is feasible.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to close the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Town Clerk