

A TOWN BOARD MEETING was held on January 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The location was the Town Hall, Pelon Road, Town of Indian Lake, State of New York, County of Hamilton.

Supervisor Wells brought the meeting to order. All said the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Wells called for the Roll with the following Board Members answering:

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney	Here
Councilwoman Eldridge	Here
Councilman Curry	Absent
Councilman Rathbun	Here
Supervisor Wells	Here

Minutes

Councilwoman Eldridge made a motion to accept the minutes of 12/12/2022, 12/27/2022 and 01/03/2023 as presented. Seconded by, Councilman Mahoney.

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

Public Comments/Concerns

Pam Howard questioned the Board on the absence of Councilman Curry. Supervisor Wells stated that he had resigned due to health reasons, but then, was re-appointed by the Board, as Councilman Curry had stated that he was able to preform his duties, however, his health has not allowed him to be here.

Department Head Reports/Additions

There were none.

FYI – NYS Broadband Map

Supervisor Wells reported to all that he has the NYS Broadband Map, however the Supervisor is the only one who can look at it. Flyer attached herein. He stated that if anyone is not served or underserved to contact him.

Resolution # 1 - Resolution Authorizing a Senior Justice

Supervisor Wells explained to all that there had been a procedural misunderstanding during the budget process. A Board Member had pointed out that there could be no difference in pay between Justices. However, after changing salaries to match Supervisor Wells discovered that there can indeed be a pay difference. However, since the salaries have already been posted, the Board will now have to do a stipend for the Senior Justice. He stated that \$500.00 was budgeted for this stipend and needed to be done in the form of a resolution.

Supervisor Wells offered, Resolution # 1, authorizing a stipend of \$500.00 for the Senior Justice. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun.

Discussion held. Councilman Mahoney stated he thought it should be bumped up to \$1950.00. Justice Brown approached the Board explaining his duties and the heavy workload in the Justice Office. Supervisor Wells told Councilman Mahoney he could re-write the resolution with the amount he is suggesting! However, the motion on the table needs to be voted on first.

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney	Nay
Councilwoman Eldridge	Nay
Councilman Rathbun	Nay
Supervisor Well	Aye

Motion failed.

Councilman Mahoney made a motion to offer Resolution # 1 2023 with the change in the amount from \$500.00 Stipend to \$1,950.00 stipend per year. Seconded by, Councilwoman Eldridge.

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney	Aye	Councilman Rathbun	Aye
Councilwoman Eldridge	Aye	Supervisor Wells	Nay

Supervisor Wells reiterated that his Nay vote had nothing to do with the current Justice, but with how the procedure was done.

Adirondack Park Resolution – Support Resolution for Snowmobile Trail Development

Supervisor Wells made a motion to support the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board's Resolution # 3, resolution in support of the snowmobile trail development and maintenance fund. Resolution attached herein. Also attached herein is the NYS Snowmobile Letter to Gov. Hochul.

Resolution # 2 – 2023 – Appointing Connor Burgess to the Ham. Co. Advisory Board

Supervisor Wells offered Resolution # 2 in 2023, resolution to appoint Connor Burgess to the Hamilton County Advisory Board. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun.

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

Weed District Appointment – Letter

Supervisor Wells read a letter from the Weed District Board recommending Lenor Reber remain on the Board until a replacement is found and appoint Vincent Reilly as the new member replacing Brad Fisher. Councilman Rathbun made a motion to re-appoint Lenor Reber until a replacement is found and to appoint Vincent Reilly as the new Weed District Member for a 3 - year term. Seconded by, Supervisor Wells.

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

Treatment Plant Culvert Award

Supervisor Wells made a motion to award the Treatment Plant Culvert Bid to Luck Brothers in the amount of \$550,000.00 per the recommendation of our Engineers, Bell Engineering. Seconded by, Councilman Mahoney.

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

Annual Audit of Town Clerk Account

Supervisor Wells reported to all he had finished the Audit of the Town Clerk's Account and found everything to be in order.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Wells reported to all that he had received the NYS Building Codes Report Card and Tyler is doing an outstanding job and has passed all the courses he has attended. Supervisor Wells stated this position is one that is never ending in training, and he thanked Tyler for a job well done. Supervisor Wells reported to all that from January 12 – January 22 the FISU Winter World University Games will begin. He told all the information is on the Town's website: indianlakeadk.com. Supervisor Wells reported that a new cell tower project is beginning on private property near Rock Lake. Supervisor Wells reported to all that Vincent Heating will no longer be supplying us with pellets as they sold their truck Discussion held on the cost of pellets and only having a couple places that you can get them and the cost associated with this, the Board needs to shut the Pellet Boiler down and move back to fuel oil. Bill Laprairie, Department Head of Building and Grounds stated that even with the rise of fuel oil it is much cheaper that using pellets. Supervisor Wells reported to the Board and FYI, concerning Short Term Rentals. He told all that there had been an article in the Times Union stating that the State was looking into a state registry concerning short term rentals. Newspaper article attached herein.

Building maintenance and operations monthly report December 2022

December started out on a good note with a very good amount of snow and the potential for an early start to our grooming season, at one point we had close to 20 inches of snow, and we had moved our groomers up to Moose River Plains, we made three groomed passes in and out of Moose River before the weather changed and became rain and warm temperatures. On the woods trails we found many mud holes open and we're unable to get any equipment on either trails to Blue Mountain or trail to moose river, after we spent a few weeks of cleaning up mud holes, we had some high winds that had us back out on the trails cutting trees for most of the month until the big thaw hit Christmas week. All of our equipment sits up at headquarters ready to go, now it's just a waiting game on the weather.

While we had the colder temperatures we were able to get the rink in shape and we were open through Thursday of winter vacation before we lost everything, including the sliding on the second slope. Turn out at the skating rink was actually very good during the Christmas break, we had between 75 and 80 skaters here and numerous sliders while we were open. There were a lot of new faces and first time skaters, and everyone was very understanding when we told them about the weather, and what happens to the rink.

During our downtime, we were able to do maintenance on our vehicles, oil changes, and repairs that needed to be done. We cleaned the shop after many projects and made numerous dump runs.

The pellet boiler is once again on my list, we were notified by Vincent, that they will no longer be providing us with pellets as they sold their truck. We decided to see just how long a pallet full of pellets would last us, and the answer was not very good, five days and a ton of pellets at 25°. We have turned off the pellet boiler and are now going strictly with fuel.

We have put in two charging ports at our garage for the electric car so that it can be fast charged, we were unable to put one at the welcome center due to the fact it is three phase power and the car recognizes that it's not correct and will not charge, it will still slow charge off a standard outlet but the charge time from empty to full is almost 24 hours. Christine knows the situation and she knows she can get power up here whenever she needs it.

Thank you
Bill LaPrairie
Department, head building, maintenance and operations



Town of Indian Lake water and wastewater report for December 2022

Testing was completed at all plants daily.

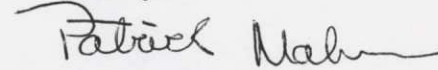
Samples for DEC and DOH were submitted to the lab.

Hydrants in both districts were shoveled.

Yards at the plants were plowed and shoveled as needed.

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and has a happy and healthy new year.

Thank you



Patrick Mahoney

Bill Wells
Mechanics Monthly

Dec 2022

- ① Fixed Plow lights on 181
- ② Rebuilt Sander Spreader 188
- ③ Adjusted Clutch 183
- ④ Drain Hyd + trans filters + fluid on 5085 tractor
- ⑤ New covers 186 hubs
- ⑥ Put new antifreeze in fuel truck
- ⑦ New Cutting edges (center) on 180
- ⑧ Put new wipers on 187 pick up
- ⑨ Fixed broken wires on plow lights 181
- ⑩ Adjusted clutch on 185
- ⑪ Rebuilt sander screen + support for 188
- ⑫ Replaced front hydram on wing tower

Highway Report

December was a month of changing weather conditions. Snow, Freezing Rain, and warm and cold temperatures.

Roads were maintained accordingly. Ice was peeled off the roads after the largest storm we had which was wet heavy snow. Sidewalks were cleared and salted.

The next storm was snow/rain then a quick freeze. Roads were cleared, sanded and salted.

Maintenance work continues at the shop from breakdowns. Parts availability continues to be a real problem.

Our new truck that has been at the shop to get the plow equipment installed, is still not done. They also are having problems getting some of the hydraulic components.

Another one of our plow trucks is in Glen Falls to get a steering problem repaired is also still not ready.

Jamie Roblee



January 9, 2023, Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting Economic Development, Marketing & Events Report

Community/Economic Development

Main Street America (MSA) Committee – I completed and submitted the ILCDC final report for their Main Street Grant. The next meeting will be on January 25, 2023, via ZOOM to start formulating the four working groups and establishing a name for the project.

NYSERDA Clean Energy Update – We have completed three of the four High Impact Actions required and now have 700 points. The next one I'm trying to get completed is the national Grid LED Street Lamps in Indian Lake (BML is completed with 55 upgraded; at last check we needed 183 to be completed in Indian Lake). Once we complete one more project, we qualify for a \$5,000 grant award.

Events – 2023

Lake Placid 2023 FSU World University Games will take place January 12-22 in the lake Placid area as well as in North Creek at Gore Mountain (11 events pertaining to snowboarding and skiing). I have distributed information specific to the events at Gore to our businesses to ensure they are aware of the activities and to alert them to a possible influx of traffic. We will be receiving two banners and have a photo opportunity cutout at the Welcome Center. A handout detailing event dates and times will be placed in board and staff mailboxes.

Snocade is currently being planned. 3,000 placemats will be ordered detailing event information and distributed to restaurants and bars by Martin Luther king Weekend. As events and activities are finalized, they'll be added to the events calendar on our website, as well as other regional community calendars.

Marketing

There are continuous posts on all four of our social media sites. The e-newsletter is delivered to inboxes weekly.

Social Media: I continue to encourage all to follow the Town on social media sites.

- https://www.facebook.com/townofindianlake
https://twitter.com/TownofIndianLa1
https://www.instagram.com/townofindianlakew/
www.facebook.com/Townsofindianandbluemountainlakeny
https://www.facebook.com/Townsofindianandbluemountainlakeny
Nextdoor

Community Calendars and our website are being updated to reflect 2023 events.

Grants

- RESTORE NY: We received a notification that our application was not awarded. After reviewing the list of awarded projects, it seems likely our project was not chosen as we did not have a finalized action plan established supporting new housing and jobs opportunities as many of the other projects had.
Our DOS LWRP CFA application for the Townsend Redevelopment was also not awarded. Only one project – the Village of Sackets Harbor – received an award in the North Country. I'll be working with LaBella to find out why we were not funded.
The Charging Station Grant awards will be announced in the 1st quarter of 2023.
Pending grant projects included the following:
o ESD Market NY is being closed out. Funds anticipated by March 2023.
o DEC Hamlets Gateway grant needs to have a timeline and budget modification processed by DEC.
o DEC Cunningham Land Acquisition will be heading into the close-out process. Distribution of funds TBD.
o We are still waiting for two DASNY Member Item grants to be processed. One for \$2.5M for Lake Adirondack Dam and the other for \$300,000 Townsend Garage purchase. DASNY is slow in providing any details re: when we can expect to receive these payments.
o The grant for DEC Byron Park Improvements also needs modifications and is pending as it is tied directly to the Lake Adirondack Dam project.
Grants we can apply for in 2023 included:
o Adirondack Foundation – due 2/1/2023. Awards range from \$5K to \$7,500 with some awards at the \$10K level. Project areas Environment (trails and ski hut upgrades); Arts & Culture (mural on Welcome Center building); and Economic Vitality (generator for Welcome Center).
o Adirondack Community Recreation Alliance – due 2/25/2023. Projects sought are to create and/or enhance local efforts to increase the community benefit of outdoor recreation. The maximum award is \$5,000. Project ideas (ski hut upgrades and trails).
o DEC High Hazard Rehabilitation Grants – due 2/10/2023. Minimum award is \$25,000 and Maximum is \$100,000. (Proposed project is the Adirondack Lake Dam)

Meetings

- 12/12 Zoom meeting for the Main Street project at 5:30PM
12/20 Deed restriction presentation via Zoom with ANCA and Living ADK
12/28 Road trip to Lake Placid

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch, 1/4/2023



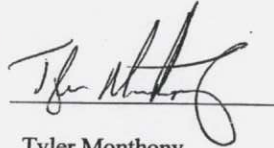
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 Indian Lake, Hamilton County
 New York 12842

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Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report
December 2022

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	6	0
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$327,623</u>	<u>\$0</u>
3. Number of Permits in #1 which are Hunting Camps:	0	
4. Total dollar amounts of projects in #3:	<u>\$0</u>	
5. Number of single-family permits issued (Camps N/A):	<u>2</u>	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	<u>\$293,273</u>	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	1	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	0	
9. Number of Firework Permits issued:	<u>0</u>	
10. Total dollar amount of permits in #9:	<u>\$0</u>	
11. Fire inspections (Annual) to date	36	

Respectfully Submitted by:


 Tyler Monthony



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Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report
2022

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	<u>165</u>	<u>159</u>
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$5,460,579</u>	<u>\$13,317,092</u>
3. Total dollar amount in fees collected:	<u>\$10,330.75</u>	<u>\$14,534</u>

Respectfully Submitted by:



NEW YORK STATE – ARE YOU CONNECTED?



Are you on the federal broadband map? We need every New Yorker to participate in the national broadband census to confirm the accuracy of their broadband service—millions of dollars in federal funding are at stake. New York needs to ensure YOU have the most affordable and accessible internet.

It's easy! All it takes is checking for your home or business address on the **Federal Communications Commission (FCC) national broadband map**.

Your location, and internet services offered at that location, will be displayed. If the information shown on the map is incorrect, we need to let the FCC know by submitting a challenge in order to update the map.

An accurate map will help New York State get its fair share of federal funding for broadband internet and it will mean better access to broadband for all New Yorkers.

Thank you for helping to keep ALL New Yorkers connected!

HOW TO CHECK FOR YOUR ADDRESS ON THE FCC NATIONAL BROADBAND MAP:

- **DEADLINE:** January 13, 2023
- Visit broadbandmap.fcc.gov – from your home, phone, or local library
- Enter your address
- Need more help? Check out this step-by-step video: <https://youtu.be/fiFoxZKywv4>



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Resolution # 1

INDIAN LAKE TOWN BOARD - TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE, HAMILTON COUNTY, NEW YORK

Resolution of January 9, 2023

Authorizing Designation of Town Justice Stanley "Ed" Brown as Senior Town Justice

WHEREAS, under Town Law Section 27.1, in all towns the salaries of all town justices shall be equal except that the town board may determine by a majority vote to pay salaries in different amounts;

WHEREAS, after consideration of the matter for the past year the Town Board has concluded that Justice Brown has been undertaking the responsibility of being the primary administrator for the 2 justice Town of Indian Lake system for several years; and,

WHEREAS Justice Brown sets the hours for the court clerk and performs various other administrative duties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Indian Lake Town Board hereby establishes the designation of Senior Town Justice and appoints Justice Brown to that office for the remainder of his existing term of office ending on December 31, 2025; and be it

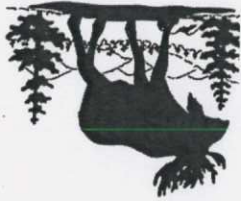
FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, that the additional stipend of five hundred dollars (\$ 500.00) shall be paid as salary in compensation for such office; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this compensation shall commence effective for the year 2023 upon the acceptance of the designation in writing by Justice Brown.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt this Resolution

VOTING			
Supervisor	Aye	No	Absent
Councilman	Aye	No	Absent
Councilman	Aye	No	Absent
Councilman	Aye	No	Absent
Councilman	Aye	No	Absent
Adopted /Not Adopted			

Town Clerk Certification



Town of Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce

Representing Blue Mountain Lake, Indian Lake and Sabael

P.O. Box 724 Indian Lake, New York 12842

Phone and Fax (518) 648-5112 website: indian-lake.com

Email indianlakechamber@frontier.net

Executive Director – Robert Marriot

Date: January 6, 2023

Monthly Indian Lake Chamber Report – December 2022

- Taking snowmobile club memberships – Snowwarriors.
- Issuing Hunting & Fishing licenses.
- Visiting Chamber businesses and getting input from business owners.
- Planning upcoming Chamber breakfast meetings.
- Planning with Snowwarriors for upcoming scavenger hunt that Chamber will be promoting.
- Chamber co-hosting and on planning committee for upcoming North Country Chamber Mixer at Tannery Pond in North Creek.
- Continue to be a positive face of the community with providing information to visitors.
- Marketing possible vendors for upcoming Craft Show at the Indian Lake School during Snocade 2/25/23. This includes planning for this event.

2:54 PM
01/06/23
Accrual Basis

Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2022

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings	1,204.37	
1010 - Community Bank Checking Acct		
1030 - Community Bank Savings Acct	7,093.46	
1040 - DEC License Acct	933.59	
1050 - Petty Cash	16.83	
Total Checking/Savings	<u>9,248.25</u>	
Total Current Assets	9,248.25	
Fixed Assets		
1500 - Furniture and Equipment	7,887.99	
Total Fixed Assets	<u>7,887.99</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>17,136.24</u>	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
2010 - Payroll Liabilities	332.35	
2200 - NYS DEC License liability	-1,247.69	
2250 - Due to ACA	335.00	
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-580.34</u>	
Total Current Liabilities	-580.34	
Total Liabilities	-580.34	
Equity		
3200 - Unrestricted Net Assets	23,204.18	
Net Income	-5,487.60	
Total Equity	<u>17,716.58</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>17,136.24</u>	

State of New York
County of Hamilton
Town of Indian Lake

I, **Julie A. Clawson**, Town Clerk of the Town of Indian Lake do hereby certify that **Resolution # 1** in the year 2023, was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake, Hamilton County, New York State at the Town Board meeting held in Indian Lake on January 9, 2023.

Resolution # 1 will be on file in the Resolution Book as well as the Official Minutes in the Town Clerks office at the Town Hall, located on Pelon Road, Town of Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, and State of New York.

The following Board Members of the Indian Lake Town Board had due notice of the meeting and was present at said meeting: **Supervisor Brian Wells, Councilman Jake Mahoney, Councilwoman Kristina Eldridge, Councilman John Rathbun, and Councilman D. Sean Curry** was absent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Indian Lake on this day of January 9, in the year 2023.

Seal

Julie A. Clawson - Town Clerk



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RESOLUTION NO. 3
SUPPORT OF THE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND
MAINTENANCE FUND

WHEREAS, snowmobiling is a key contributor to Adirondack Towns and Counties winter tourism industry, bringing significant spending by snowmobiling supporting our restaurants and small businesses, and contributes up to \$868 million annually to the Upstate New York economy; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of the snowmobile trails in Adirondack Towns and Counties is completed almost entirely by volunteers who are members of snowmobile clubs; and

WHEREAS, we must ensure that Adirondack Towns and Counties snowmobile trail infrastructure is in a condition to welcome snowmobilers and that the trails are as safe and well maintained as they can be; and

WHEREAS, since 1987, the New York State Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund has been utilized by municipalities and their snowmobile club partners to properly groom and maintain their local snowmobile trails, including through the purchase of necessary equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund is fully funded through the registration of snowmobilers participating in the sport, and has no general assessment on taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the snowmobile community, including the New York State Snowmobile Association, have requested an increase in the snowmobile registration fees to support trail maintenance; and

WHEREAS, there has not been a registration fee increase for snowmobiles since 2005, while there have been registration fee increases in surrounding states; and

WHEREAS, there is significant inflation throughout the country, including on critical machinery needed to maintain the trails; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board supports the snowmobiling community and the economic impact that snowmobiling has on our businesses and people;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board respectfully requests that the Governor and Legislature support increases to snowmobile registration fees that will in turn create more financial support for the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund, the utilization of which supports critical winter tourism in Lewis County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Matt Simpson, and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk



New York State Snowmobile Association

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November 21, 2022

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

On behalf of the New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA) and its 220 snowmobile clubs, representing over 50,000 members and serving as the voice for over 120,000 snowmobilers who use New York's 10,000 miles of snowmobile trails, I respectfully ask you to consider raising all snowmobile fees in the FY 2023- 2024 Executive Budget proposal. Last session, the NYS Assembly expressed its support of NYSSA on this issue by overwhelmingly passing legislation that would increase snowmobile registration fees (A7747B – Magnarelli). We believe there will be the same level of support in the Senate in the upcoming Session.

We are requesting an increase to snowmobile registrations fees to support the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund, which is a dedicated source of funding that helps municipalities, and their snowmobile club partners to properly maintain and groom the state's snowmobile trails which is a critical component of helping to ensure driver safety on snowmobile trails. Nearly all the revenues for this fund are generated through a portion of snowmobile registration fees.

While we understand that proposing a fee increase can be challenging, this is a unique association member driven request, as almost all snowmobile trail funding is generated by the registered snowmobiles of those who participate in the sport. As the voice of the snowmobiling industry, we are requesting an increase of registration fees to improve the state's trail system in your FY 24 Executive Budget proposal. This increase will drive winter tourism in New York and help to keep the New York snowmobile trail system competitive with other states in the region.

The last time there was a registration fee increase was in 2004, two years prior to the Snowmobiler Rights and Responsibility Act took effect (Ch.609, L.2005). Snowmobile club members, whether from New York or another state, have been paying \$45 per

registration for 18 years. This is the longest-tenured registration fee schedule since the trail fund was first established in 1987; it has not been adjusted for cost-of-living expenses or inflation. In consideration of cost of living and inflation indicators, the club member fee of \$45 in 2005 would be worth a little under \$65 today (\$69), and the non-club member fee of \$100 would be worth \$153 today.

Eighteen years is a significant length of time for fee stagnation, especially when considering that almost all the items the clubs use have had significant price increases. Further, over the past several years, neighboring states New Hampshire and Vermont have raised their fees substantially, while Maine is also considering a fee increase. These states have recognized cost increases in the industry, such as with a large groomer (Class A) which cost \$160,000 in 2006, but now costs \$260,000 or more in 2021.

NYS Snowmobile Club members are trail maintenance entities, and therefore shoulder the burden of purchasing and operating the groomers that are required to properly maintain the State trail system. Comprised almost entirely of volunteers, these members of the state's association of 220 snowmobile clubs groom 10,000 miles or more of Interconnected Trail System. These club volunteers are dedicated to keeping the trail system well-maintained and well-marked to ensure the safety of snowmobilers. The clubs take on the responsibility and the financial obligation to maintain the trails throughout the year.

Clubs have been struggling to find additional funding resources to keep the trails in decent shape, and they just cannot maintain current levels of support to the trails with existing funding. This past year, clubs reported over \$7 million in expenses, of which they received about \$4.2 million from the Trail Fund. It is time to raise the snowmobile registrations and distribute that additional revenue to the clubs that need it the most to keep up with the traffic on their trails. The proposed increase could generate another \$2,000,000 for the Trail Development and Maintenance Fund.

Snowmobiling is an important component of New York State tourism, creating much-needed jobs and generating vital revenue to many Upstate and Western New York businesses and communities. In fact, many out-of-state snowmobilers make it a priority to visit New York for its vast network of scenic snowmobile trails, generating much needed tourism dollars to the Upstate economy.

In January 2012, NYSSA undertook a survey performed by the Potsdam Institute for Applied Research to examine the economic impact of snowmobiling in the state during the 2010-2011 season. Analysis of the survey established that snowmobilers contributed \$868 million to the NY economy and that much of that was in Upstate NY. The proposed snowmobile registration fee increases are critical for the long-term fiscal capability of the snowmobile clubs that sustain the trail system that contributes to New York's economy.

NYSSA and its members strongly believe that this fee increase if adopted as part of the Executive Budget will have a meaningful and positive impact on the quality of the snowmobiling experience in New York State and grow the sport that continues to make a substantial contribution to the economic health of snowmobiling communities.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Senf
Executive Director

Cc: Robert Mujica, Director of the Budget
Sandra Beattie, First Deputy Budget Director
Erik Kulleseid, Commissioner, Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
John O'Leary, Secretary for Energy & Environment
Ashley Dougherty, Assistant Secretary for the Environment
Jessica Patel, Assistant Counsel to the Governor

RESOLUTION 2 – 2023

Resolution Appointing Connor Burgess to the Hamilton County Advisory Board.

WHEREAS, the Indian Lake Town Board does hereby appoint Connor Burgess as a member of the Hamilton County Advisory Board, **THERE FORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, that this appointment will take effect immediately.

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney *Aye*
Councilwoman Eldridge *Aye*
Councilman Rathbun *Aye*
Supervisor Wells *Aye*

January 9, 2023

Brian E. Wells, Supervisor
Town of Indian Lake
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RE: BID AWARD – Treatment Plant Road Culvert Replacement – Blue Mt. Lake
BE# 220-044

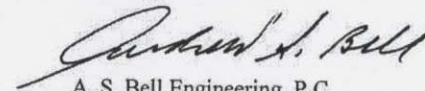
Dear Supervisor Wells:

This is to certify that we have reviewed the three (3) bids received for the above referenced project, and recommend that you make award of the bid in the amount of **Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$550,000.00)** to the low bidder:

Luck Brothers, Inc,
73 Trade Road
Plattsburg, NY 12907

Please contact us if you have any questions with this recommendation.

Sincerely yours:



A. S. Bell Engineering, P.C.
Andrew S. Bell, P.E.,
President

State of New York
County of Hamilton
Town of Indian Lake

I, Julie A. Clawson, Town Clerk of the Town of Indian Lake do hereby certify that Resolution # 2 in the year 2023, was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake, Hamilton County, New York State at the Town Board meeting held in Indian Lake on January 9, 2023.

Resolution # 2 will be on file in the Resolution Book as well as the Official Minutes in the Town Clerks office at the Town Hall, located on Pelon Road, Town of Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, and State of New York.

The following Board Members of the Indian Lake Town Board had due notice of the meeting and was present at said meeting: Supervisor Brian Wells, Councilman Jake Mahoney, Councilwoman Kristina Eldridge, Councilman John Rathbun, and Councilman D. Sean Curry was absent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Indian Lake on this day of January 9, in the year 2023.

Seal

Julie A. Clawson - Town Clerk



Annual Audit of Account:

Town Clerk's Office

I, Brian E Wells Supervisor of the Town of Indian Lake, due hereby attest that I have checked and Audited the Town Clerk's Account, Receipt Book and Transactions for the Town Clerk Account, on January 9, 2023.

I attest to the fact that all documents, transactions, receipts and deposits are up to date, well maintained and accounted for.

Signature: Brian E Wells
Town of Indian Lake Supervisor

TOWN BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE:

DATE OF MEETING:

January 9, 2023

TITLE:

MHA

ADDRESS:

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| 1. <u>Ed Miller</u> | | |
| 2. <u>Spencer</u> | <u>MHA</u> | |
| 3. <u>Pam Howard</u> | | |
| 4. <u>Pat Mann</u> | | |
| 5. <u>Anthony Conroy</u> | | <u>IL</u> |
| 6. <u>Jamie Robbee</u> | | <u>BWL</u> |
| 7. <u>Russell Martin</u> | | <u>MAZZOTTI</u> |
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 Brian Wells

Town Clerk
 Julie Clawson

Town Board
 John Rathbun
 Sally Stanton
 Patricia Ryan-Curry
 Richard Clawson Sr.

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Nominations for Adirondack Lake Weed Advisory Board

(Self-nominations are allowed)

Primary Candidate:

Name: Vincent E. Reilly
 Address: 17 Cynthia Drive
Succasunna, N.J. 07876
 Contact information:
 Home Phone #: (973)927-7123
 Cell Phone #: (973)668-1680
 Email Address: verbcrc@gmail.com

Brief reason for wanting this person on the Board: Have second residence
at 216 Pelon Road, purchased property in 2003 and obtained CO in 2006.
Would like to see Adirondack lake remain healthy for all users
and fish/wild life. My understanding is the Weed District was

Secondary Candidate: formed in 1982 by Town to address aquatic weed
control and logs. I attended in person the April
2022 meeting at Byron Park and reviewed as many minutes
and reports I could gather from

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Contact information:
 Home Phone #: _____
 Cell Phone #: _____
 Email Address: _____

Brief reason for wanting this person on the Board: _____

Brian E. Wells

From: Lenore and Jack Reber <myquats@gmail.com>
 Sent: Saturday, January 7, 2023 9:19 AM
 To: Brian E. Wells
 Subject: Weed Board

Hi, Brian. Brad Fisher is going off and I have volunteered to stay until a replacement can be found. I am waiting to hear confirmation from the other members and will send Julie an email before the TB meeting, as she and I discussed on Friday. Lenore

Dear Mr. Wells:

Excuse is my self-nomination.
 If the town already has two volunteers
 you need not consider my self-nomination.

I appreciate your time and
 again my apology for a lack of technology
 skills. Thank you.

Best,
 Vin Reilly

Bill to track and tax rentals

Registry will help municipalities, regulate Airbnbs, short-term units

By Phillip Pantuso

ALBANY — In recent years, as short-term rentals like Airbnbs have proliferated in high-tourism regions, some localities have sought to regulate their impact on housing prices and also capture their tax revenue potential. But many have run into problems, namely a lack of resources to enforce regulations and pushback from residents and landlord groups who have profited hand-



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somely. The inconsistent local efforts have created a statewide patchwork of regulations with different rules (or none at all) depending on the locality, sowing confusion among property owners and vacation renters alike.

A new bill aims to create a state-level lens over the burgeoning sector of the hospitality industry. The Short-Term Rental Registry Act, introduced Friday by state Sen. Michelle Hinchey, D-Saunderstown, is intended to help municipalities track, regulate and collect taxes on vacation rentals.

"Instead of putting the onus on every community and small town to figure this out on their own — there just isn't the time, expertise and availability to do that," Hinchey said. "So this is a moment for the state to step in."

The legislation is the first attempt to develop statewide guidance on short-term rentals, which it defines as any rental unit "offered for tourist or transient use" for less than 30 consecutive days. Its primary outcome would be to create a statewide registry, managed by the Department of State, in which property owners would be required to register their units every two years. Failure to do so could result in a \$200 fine per day.

Property owners in municipalities that already have vacation-rental registries do not have to file separately with the state, though the bill would require those municipalities to provide registration information to the state department.

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Bill looks to develop statewide guidance

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ment so it can maintain a comprehensive database. That registry data will be shared with booking platforms, such as Airbnb and VRBO, so they can verify that properties listed on their platforms are properly registered.

The data will also feed a monthly report provided to municipalities with the number of rentals, where they are located and the number of nights they were occupied. The report, Hinchey said, would allow municipalities to make informed decisions about whether and how to further regulate vacation rentals on the local level, such as instituting caps or banning non-owner-occupied rentals,

neither of which the bill addresses.

"As much as we can step in from the state and provide information, it then allows municipalities to make decisions for what's best for them," Hinchey said.

The bill would amend the tax code to define short-term rentals as hotels for taxation purposes, and add provisions allowing the state and municipalities to collect sales and occupancy taxes for short-term rentals.

Hinchey stressed that her bill is "in no way a negative reflection on short-term rentals or the companies and people who operate them," adding that "they're an important part of our economy, especially over the pandemic, when they were huge drivers in keeping our main

streets alive and providing local people with additional income."

Hinchey's Senate district, the 41st, includes large swaths of the Mid-Hudson Valley and Catskills, a region that ranked among the top 10 most profitable areas for new Airbnb hosts in 2021, according to a company report. An independent analysis of the short-term rental market found that spending on Airbnbs and VRBOs in the Capital Region and Hudson Valley jumped 99 percent from 2020 to 2021.

"We know that hosting on Airbnb is an important source of supplemental income for many families across the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region, to support themselves and build economic independence," Airbnb spokesman Haven Thorn said. "We have worked closely with dozens of communities

across the state, and as people continue to navigate the rising cost of living, we are committed to promoting responsible hosting which contributes to the local economy."

The Many, a progressive activist group that last summer launched a campaign to get Hudson Valley towns to adopt template short-term rental laws, expressed support for the Short-Term Rental Registry Act while also calling on the state Legislature to pass "good cause eviction."

"Senator Hinchey's bill takes an important step in the right direction," Brahvan Ranga, the organization's political director, said. "We hope that this legislation, once passed, will help municipalities enact stronger regulations, such as banning short-term rentals where the

host doesn't live there, to free up our housing stock for long-term residents."

The bill — which so far has just a single co-sponsor, state Sen. Liz Krueger, D-Manhattan — comes just days before Gov. Kathy Hochul is expected to outline a policy vision for housing in Tuesday's State of the State address. Hinchey said her staff has had conversations with the governor's office over the past year about the importance of short-term rental regulation but did not know if her bill would be included in the governor's policy outline.

"I'm excited to hear what the State of the State for housing issue across the state right now," Hinchey said. "I'm hopeful this is included."

BILLS AND ABSTRACTS

Supervisor Wells made a motion to pay the Bills and Abstracts as presented. Seconded by, Councilwoman Eldridge.

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

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Executive Session

Supervisor Wells made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Contractual obligations. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Mahoney made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun. All in favor. Motion carried.

No action taken during Executive Session.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:01 p.m. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted: Julie A. Clawson
Town Clerk