

## Building maintenance and operations monthly report for December 2023

Wind and water seem to be the theme through all of December, we would go out cut trails, make repairs, fix bridges, culverts, and beaver dams and then the next week we get a big storm and we would be starting our projects all over again or in a new location. The Rangers opened the gates for two days in Moose River only to wind up closing them after the next batch of rain. There was a lot of cleanup up in headquarters, the large canopy of trees that cover the road could not hold up to the weight of the snow and there were many many branches down, however, our side was not as bad as Inlet.

Big thank you to the Water and Sewer Dept for letting us use their backhoe up on the Deer Valley roads, it saved us so much time not having to move all the equipment back-and-forth.

We had one emergency burial this month so we had to pull the machine out of deer Valley, while we had the machine down we cleaned it all off and went through it before we took it back into the woods. O-rings were replaced on the thumb and the machine was thoroughly greased.

We shovel and salt walks as needed, plow all Town properties, including the transfer station and the bathrooms in Blue Mountain. Garbage runs are done on Monday and Fridays.

We moved our Kubota tractors and groomers to Moose River, the county moved our New Holland, so if we ever get snow, we're ready to go.

We have made ice on the rink and lost it now three different times, we will be starting again the first week in January hoping for some colder temperatures and the ground to be frozen.

We picked up the new plow from H&M Equipment, seems like it will do the job much nicer than what we've had in the past.

I had to run to Middlebury Vermont for a starter for the New Holland tractor.

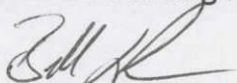
We will continue working in the woods until we get snow and can start grooming.

We are also in the process of updating some of the signage

Thank you

Bill LaPrairie

Dept head building maintenance & ooperations





## TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE

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New York 12842

### Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report December 2023

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # if Permits Issued:	4	0
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$37,500</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>0</u>	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	<u>\$0</u>	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	<u>0</u>	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	<u>0</u>	
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	21	

Respectfully Submitted by:

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**Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report**

2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	<u>134</u>	<u>159</u>
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$4,538,894</u>	<u>\$13,317,092</u>
3. Total dollar amount in fees collected:	<u>\$11,992.10</u>	<u>\$14,534</u>

Respectfully Submitted by:

# Town of Indian Lake board report for December 2023

DOH and DEC monthly samples were submitted to the lab.

All state required test were completed daily at all three plants.

New inline PH probes were installed at the IL water plant.

We repaired a watermain leak on Chain Lks. Rd.

Two of the hydronic heaters in the Blue Mt. process room need new motors and fan blades. I was able to get one motor and one fan the others are on backorder.

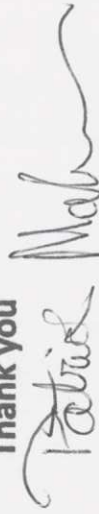
We had to have a electrician come work on the blower system at the wastewater plant. He found some very corroded wires in the blower motor.

We are still working on the lead and copper service inventory.

The East plant was cleaned weekly.

We plowed and shoveled as needed.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Mahoney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Patrick Mahoney



## January 16, 2024 Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting Economic Development, Marketing & Events Report

### Community/Economic Development

The NEXT Solar Eclipse Planning Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 2PM at The Welcome Center. All are invited to attend.

ILCDC's SIB (Sabael, Indian Lake, Blue Mountain Lake Re-Vibe) Committee – No new updates currently.

NYSERDA Clean Energy Update – At the end of 2023, NYSERDA launched Clean Energy Communities 3.0 with additional funding for participants in this program. There is extra money available to communities that are considered “disadvantaged” according to The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act). Unfortunately, Indian Lake or Hamilton County are not considered one of these communities. New programs include electric landscaping equipment.

NYS Office of Climate Change – Climate Smart Communities (CSC) is different than the above-mentioned program but has similar goals. Points can be earned in seven focused areas which municipalities pledge to use the CSC framework to guide progress toward creating attractive, healthy, and equitable places to live. A resolution to participate will be reviewed at the next Board meeting with enrollment to follow. These points are honored in several of the past grant applications we applied for in 2023. Going forward, I will be looking to see how we can gain extra points and extra grant funding for certain projects.

Chamber of Commerce – The director of the Chamber of Commerce announced his retirement in November. Their office was closed for approx. the last three weeks of December and has not reopened to date. A search for a new director was launched in the end of December. The Board did agree to participate in SNOCADE and host the Craft Fair again.



NPT (Northville-Placid Trail) turns 100 in 2024 – A new logo created for this event. No new updates currently.

### Events

2024 Events - A tentative calendar of events has been created for 2024. Locations for events which were typically at Byron Park will likely be relocated due to the dam construction on Lake Adirondack. Calendars on our website and our community sites will be updated in the next 30 days.

## Marketing

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

Social Media: I continue to encourage all to **FOLLOW and LIKE** 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)

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[Nextdoor](#)

Part-Time Employment Opportunity – Only one job application was received. Unfortunately, the qualifications required were unmet. I'll be reposting the opportunity ASAP.

## Technology

Julie's computer died just before the New Year (as anticipated) and was promptly replaced. Kinks are still being worked out. Vector One continues efforts to a install firewall in the Town Hall but ran into a phone issue. While working to understand all the different lines we pay for using Frontier, we may have found a solution to convert to a new phone system which will likely reduce our costs from \$1,500/month to \$300/month using Voice Over Internet Phone system.

A new firewall was installed at The Welcome Center. We no longer share Wi-Fi access with the Chamber. This change provides more security for the Town. Eventually, I will be able to remote print to the large copier at Town Hall from my office. In addition, the free Wi-Fi for guests was switched to Guest Wi-Fi. Once a visitor attempts to long one, they will be greeted with a message that states "Welcome to the Town of Indian Lake Guest Network. Please read the terms and conditions before use. Terms: Guest Internet access is provided at no charge as a courtesy, with no assistance or support provided." There is a button to click on to agree and then access is granted. This was also added as an additional level of protection.

## Grants

Senator Schumer Request – When he visited the Welcome Center, we pitched an ask for a generator for the building due to the school, meal site and Community Action housing frozen foods in our freezer. An official request for \$45,000 was sent on 12/7/23. Update: A follow up email was sent on 1/3/2024.

DASNYSAM Grants – Senator Walczyk appeared in Pine's Country Store on 12/22/23. The only way I knew about this was due to a post from Pine's on Facebook. On

1/3/2024 was sent to inquire about the visit and ask for an update on the \$300,000 grant.

DEC EV Charging Stations – We are still waiting for the DEC contract to be able to get started. Update: I sent an email to the contact asking for an update on 1/3/2024.

Voucher for Reimbursement/Hamlets Gateway Grant – The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report will be sent this week. We had reimbursable expenses of \$5,720.29 and match man hours of \$10,167.90 related to this project. Project end date is March 30, 2024.

DEC Byron Park – Still awaiting approved extension.

Lake Adirondack Dam – We are still waiting an announcement re: our Water Quality Infrastructure Project (WQIP) Grant for \$3,245,053. LY the awards were announced late and in March.

In January, there will be a switch over from the NYS Grants Gateway (the portal we use to submit grant applications and receive contracts) to the NYS Statewide Financial System (SFS). The transition should work well since the Town is already set up in the SFS system as this is how we receive reimbursements.

#### **Meetings**

11/28 – Zoom NPT Call  
11/29 – Labella Phone Call  
12/4 – AATV Meeting in Lake George  
12/19 - ALCA  
12/21 – ALCA

**Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch, 1/3/24.**

# Annual Audit of Account:

## Town Clerk Account

I, Brian E Wells, Supervisor of the Town of Indian Lake, due hereby attest that I have checked and Audited the Town Clerk Account, Receipt Book and Transactions for the Town Clerk Account, on 1, 2, 2024.

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





**Supervisor**  
*Brian E. Wells*

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector**  
*Julie A. Clawson*

**Principal Accountant**  
*Kimberley Crandall*

**Town Board**  
*John Rathbun*  
*Jake Mahoney*  
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*Pamela Howard*

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**RESOLUTION # 1 – 2024**

Resolution offered by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, the Town/Village/City/County of \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter “local government”) believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that Town of Indian Lake in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

- 1) **Build a climate-smart community.**
- 2) **Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.**
- 3) **Decrease energy use.**
- 4) **Shift to clean, renewable energy.**
- 5) **Use climate-smart materials management.**
- 6) **Implement climate-smart land use.**
- 7) **Enhance community resilience to climate change.**
- 8) **Support a green innovation economy.**
- 9) **Inform and inspire the public.**
- 10) **Engage in an evolving process of climate action.**

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 2024**, 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 2, 2024.

**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 Eldridge, Councilwoman Howard and Councilman John Rathbun.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Indian Lake on this day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year 2024.

Seal

**Julie A. Clawson - Town Clerk**