

**AN EMERGENCY MEETING** was held on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the purchase of a new loader for the Highway Department, the Museum, and also anything that came before the Board. The location was the Town Hall on 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:**

- o Councilwoman Howard Here
- o Councilman Rathbun Here
- o Councilwoman Eldridge Here
- o Councilman Mahoney Here
- o Supervisor Wells Here

**Women of Distinction Award:**

Christine Pouch read to the Board and attendance the nomination letter written to Assemblyman Smullen for the Women of Distinction Award by Supervisor Wells, nominating Sally Stanton. Sally had a few short words after expressing gratitude followed by a standing ovation.

**Highway Department/Purchase of Equipment:**

Supervisor Wells informs the Board after looking more into the purchase of a loader for the highway department, they're no longer able to use the CHIPS funding that was originally approved towards the purchase. Instead, it would be bought outright with a reimbursement after from CHIPS. Supervisor Wells recommends approving the purchase, check in and make sure it is still available, if not then a new purchase will be brought to the Board next meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Howard. No further discussion. All in favor.

**Water/Sewer Department:**

Councilman Mahoney has a recommendation from the hiring committee for the Water/Sewer Department position, Mr. Yates to start the following day, 7/25/2025. Seconded by Councilman Rathbun. No further discussion. All in favor.

**Supervisor Comments:**

Supervisor Wells wanted to make a quick mention regarding our power outage from the storm the previous week. A special thank you to the Fire Department, EMS, Christine Pouch and Kylie Cannan, everyone in our offices, with a special thank you to Kimberly Crandall our principal accountant. Through the power outage, Kim worked extra hard, when not asked, to make sure everyone on the payroll would still receive their pay by the end of the week. A very big thank you goes to her for all her hard work.

Supervisor Wells next talks about an individual who had a concern about overpaying their water bill. Supervisor Wells explains there was miscommunication about the property. After investigation, through receipts and documents, Supervisor Wells concluded the customer is owed money. Supervisor Wells made a motion for reimbursement. Seconded by Councilman Rathbun. No further discussion. All in favor.

Supervisor Wells mentions to the Board during the busier months thoughts on having two meetings per month. Having two meetings a month during the summer months could help spread out all that needs to be covered during that time. The Board was asked to think about that decision possibly.

Next, August 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a Blue Jean Gala at the Indian Lake Theater. They requested picnic tables from the help of the Parks and Rec department which Supervisor Wells approved.

**Indian Lake Museum:**

Supervisor Wells again mentions the condition of the museum at the time. He shared Alan Pierce has offered the Lake Store in Sabel for a new home to the museum. Supervisor Wells after looking at the property noticed it'd have to be made handicap accessible, with some other fixes to follow. His recommendation would be to move and get everything out of the museum as soon as possible due to the dampness inside. Bill Laprairie, head of Parks and Rec Department, expressed that the Lake Store building is completely redone, with the roof needing attention but states that could be budgeted over an annual period. Supervisor Wells offers the keys to the Board to the Museum and the Lake Store so members of the Board can investigate it to decide possibly at the next meeting.

**Public comments:**

Aimee Branch had questions about further information regarding the Cedar River Private Dam that was talked about at the board meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>. With knowledge Supervisor Wells has talked to DEC, her question was now who the responsibility would fall on is a potential breach. Supervisor Wells explained it now falls on NY State Dam Safety, being DEC has done their part by reaching out to the private owners in their own attempts. Aimee had a follow up question if there's knowledge of a regulation department that Supervisor Wells was aware of so she could maybe be in contact with them to make sure it's being dealt with, Supervisor Wells confirmed.

**Executive Session:**

Supervisor Wells called for an Executive Session at 7:47pm. Seconded by Councilwoman Eldridge.

Bill Laprairie, Buildings and Maintenance Supervisor was asked to stay for the Executive Session. Councilman Mahoney was asked to step out.

At 7:55, Councilman Mahoney to re-enter, Building and Maintenance Supervisor Bill to leave.

Councilwoman Eldridge made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:05pm. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney. No action taken.

Councilwoman Howard made a motion to re-enter the Executive Session at 8:07pm. Seconded by Councilman Rathbun.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:15pm. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney. No action taken.

Councilwoman Eldridge made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm. Seconded by Councilwoman Howard.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kalene Mullins", written in black ink. The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the page.

**TOWN BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE:**

DATE OF MEETING: 7/24/24

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| 2. <i>Pat Mahoney</i>        |                      | <i>Ih</i>              |
| 3. <i>Cponch</i>             |                      |                        |
| 4. <i>Sally Stanton</i>      |                      | <i>IL.</i>             |
| 5. <i>Pete Sahle</i>         |                      | <i>BML</i>             |
| 6. <i>Daisy Kelley</i>       |                      | <i>IL</i>              |
| 7. <i>Jack Hill</i>          |                      | <i>IL</i>              |
| 8. <i>Andy Coney</i>         |                      | <i>BML</i>             |
| 9. <i>Nathaniel Yates</i>    |                      | <i>IL</i>              |
| 10. <i>Kathleen Moran</i>    |                      | <i>IL</i>              |
| 11. <i>Patricia Callahan</i> |                      | <i>IL</i>              |
| 12. <i>Bonnie Eldridge</i>   |                      | <i>IL</i>              |
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