

A TOWN BOARD MEETING was held on September 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The location was the Indian Lake Town Hall, Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, State of New York.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Rathbun made motion to accept the minutes from August. Second by Councilman Mahoney. Motion was approved.

Department Head Reports/Additions:

Bill Laprarie – Parks and Rec

Patrick Mahoney – Water and Sewer was absent due to sickness

Tom Atwell – Highway

Christine Pouch – Economic Development/Marketing/Events

Bill LaPrairie had a meeting with Mr. Marks on how to improve the ice-skating rink. He talked about dividing the rink into 3 parts. Bill was wondering if the Board was willing to try the suggestion that was made. Supervisor Wells thought it would be good to try.

Public Comments/Concerns:

The Chamber of Commerce is trying to implement some changes. Davanna Marks is a new Chamber board member, the number one goal was to exit the previous director, which has been completed. They are going to be a working board, meaning the board members will be volunteering their time as much as possible at the Chamber building. They are going to try and hire a person to be at the Chamber, but they do not have the money right now. Upgrading the web site, they have started a hotline phone, so anyone can get hold of the Chamber 24-7, they are working on the Moose Festival and are planning an annual meeting in October to get feedback from the businesses, the members and the community on how to help the businesses in town. Supervisor Wells asked if the Chamber could check with the businesses to see how their summer went because it would be good for the Town Board to know.

Budget Workshop's:

The budget workshop's will be held at 7:00 PM

October 2nd at Town Hall

October 15th at Town Hall

October 17th at Town Hall

October 24th at Town Hall

October 30th at Bryon Park

November 7th at Town Hall

November 14th at Town Hall

Councilman Rathbun will be unable to attend the October 17th workshop.

Department of Environmental Conservation:

A complaint was made about the docks being stored in Norman's Cove on Indian Lake to both the DEC and the Adirondack Explorer. The paper reached out to Supervisor Wells who responded with a 'no comment'. DEC has their hands tied now that they have been made aware of the problem, so they have sent a letter to the Town, which will be posted online.

Supervisor Comments:

As Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors he received a Resolution from Essex County Board of Supervisors. The Hamilton County Board of Supervisors passed a Resolution of support which is for supporting licensed dealers of firearms subject to the New York State term of business law. Some of the regulations and some of the requirements to be in business anymore are getting so difficult that some of the businesses have dropped out. Supervisor Wells made a motion to support Essex County Resolution # 287 Seconded by Councilman Rathbun. Motion was approved.

There is a joint State, County and Town project working on some of the sidewalk issues that we have had, the State puts in the sidewalks and the Town gets to maintain them forever. This will make the sidewalks safer for the community.

The garage on Durant Rd has been an issue for a while. An Engineering firm did an assessment and a phase cost analysis. The testing phase cost is between \$1,500.00 - \$2,500.00, the abatement plan is between \$15,000.00 - \$25,000.00 and the demolition is \$60,000.00 - \$120,000.00 and there are a lot of hoops to get through and there are certain companies who have been approved by the State to do this project.

There was a request to have rafting on Columbus Day and working off the old contract, Columbus Day is part of the contract so there is no issue. We do a 3-day release of Saturday, Sunday and Monday on Columbus Day weekend.

Supervisor Wells Ok'd the use of the Town parking area in Blue Mountain Lake by the tennis courts from the Adirondack Museum for the Rustic Furniture weekend. They have done it before, so he OK'd it.

Supervisor Wells received a postcard from Senator Walczyk who is in Kuwait. He didn't say much but it was 120 degrees. Not sure when his tour of duty will be done but it was nice to hear from him.

Supervisor Wells said he spoke about problems with Frontier at the meeting in Blue Mountain Lake, but it is now a complaint that people are hearing from Frontier that they will no longer service their copper lines and that the customers would have to go to the fiber. He reached out to Frontier and has not gotten a reply. Please contact Brian to let him know if you have been contacted and he will reach out to them again.

There is going to be a NYSDOT project on the Rock River 2025-2026. There will be staged construction, which means there will always be one-way open.

Supervisor Wells received a letter from the Department of Agriculture & Market on the animal shelter we use out of Queensbury, and they passed.

Our Blue Mountain Lake beach final inspection passed, the beach was closed at the time the inspector was there. They have not gotten to Chain Lakes beach yet.

C D Perry had a BBQ picnic at Bryon Park for employees and people who have been helping out with the project. Supervisor Wells was out of town and hoped others had gotten word about it. It was a thank you to the town and town employees. Supervisor Wells told them he was sorry he was unable to attend and thanked them.

Supervisor Comments con't

The Town has a retirement coming up. Bill Wells will be retiring from being the Town Mechanic on September 17th. Hopefully he will be coming to the next meeting so we can congratulate him. We are placing an advertisement for his replacement.

Other Town Business

Christine Pouch said that she has heard from different people concerning the North Creek Walgreens. They are closing on different days due to being down one Pharmacist. She just wanted people to be aware of this. She said it might be wise to call ahead before making the trip.

Vince DiFiglia lives out on White Pine Lane, off of Jerry Savarie Rd and he was to understand that last meeting there was discussion about dumpsters and bears. They own a dumpster, and the bears have destroyed their dumpster. He is to understand that the town was discussing buying dumpsters, and he was wondering if they could get in on the order to replace theirs. Christine Pouch said that she is researching different dumpsters and where to buy them. Supervisor Wells told the gentleman to give Christine his name and number and she would be in contact with him.

Councilman Rathbun has a Weed District meeting on Wednesday. He was wondering if there was information on how the dam project is coming, where we stand on it and things of that nature to relate to them. Supervisor Wells said the project is moving right along and that they are ahead of schedule at this time. The water level remains where it has been, and they are not drawing it down any more currently. Next year they will be working on the retaining wall is why it is a 2-year project. He will check with them and let Councilman Rathbun know what was said.

Councilman Rathbun was wondering if the Transfer station was taking black bags. He said that DEC is taking black bags down. Supervisor Wells said that they should be splitting them open and showing the contents are. We are not to take garbage in black bags. Supervisor Wells will make note of that.

Bills and Abstracts

General, Highway, Water 1&2, Sewer, Library and Landfill

39940 to 39966	\$ 20,582.88
39985 to 39988	\$ 168.84
39989 to 40145	\$127,365.10

Supervisor Wells made a motion to pay the bills Seconded by Councilwoman Eldridge. Motion was approved.

Executive Session:

Supervisor Wells made a motion to enter the Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual at 8:00. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney. Motion was approved.

Councilman Mahoney made motion to exit Executive Session at 8:17. Seconded by Councilwoman Eldridge. Motion was approved.

Councilman Rathbun made a motion to accepted Highway Superintendent Atwells proposal to hire Barry Hall Jr. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney. Motion was approved.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to accept Kalene Mullarney resignation date of September 20th and to approve Claudia Cunniff as Interim Town Clerk through December 31, 2024. Seconded by Councilman Rathbun. Motion was approved.

Councilwoman Eldridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney. Motion was approved

Respectfully submitted by,

Claudia Cunniff
Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE:

DATE OF MEETING: 9/9/24

NAME:

TITLE:

ADDRESS:

1. *Blair*

PR

IL

2. *Sally Stanton*

IL.

3. *Vince DiFilippo*

IL.

4. *Robert McKenzie*

IL

5. *Katie McKenzie*

I.L.

6. *Dawanna Marks*

IL.

7. *Andy Coney*

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8. *C. Bond*

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9. *John Steckman*

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Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting Agenda

September 9, 2024

Agenda for this month's meeting at the time of posting. This agenda is subject to change.

Meeting begins at 7:00p.m. at the Indian Lake Town Hall – 117 Pelon Road.

- *WELCOME
- *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- *ROLL CALL
- *APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 12, 2024
- *DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS / ADDITIONS
- *PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS
 - *SCHEDULE FOR TOWN BUDGET WORKSHOPS
 - *LETTER TO NYS DEC RE: NORMAN'S COVE & DOCKS
 - *ESSEX COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 287 – SUPPORTING MOTION
 - *JOINT STATE, COUNTY, TOWN PROJECT – SEPTEMBER 24-25
 - *BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE GARAGE REPORT
 - *REQUEST FOR RAFTING ON COLUMBUS DAY
 - *OKAYED REQUEST FOR ADKX MUSUEM FOR RUSTIC FURNITURE FAIR
 - *POSTCARD SENATOR MARK WALCZYK
 - *FRONTIER
 - *ROCK RIVER/NYS DOT PROJECT – 2025-2026
- *SUPERVISOR COMMENTS
- *OTHER TOWN BUSINESS
- *PAY BILLS / ABSTRACTS
- *EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Tuesday, October 15 , 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 14 in observance of Columbus Day. Please check the town website at: www.indianlakeadk.com FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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Indian Lake, NY Town,

In the past month, the Town of Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce has undergone significant changes, including the official vote on Davanna Marks to the board and the complete exit of the previous director from the systems and operations of the Chamber. The board has transitioned to a working board model, with members volunteering their time to manage weekend office hours and the phone hotline, while also focusing on understanding & optimizing Chamber systems, updating the website and social media, and planning the upcoming Moose Festival.

Key highlights:

- **Website Upgrade:** The Chamber is collaborating with Michelle Clement from Roost to redesign and enhance the website to better serve the community.
- **Communication Efforts:** A total of 52 emails have been sent and responded to, facilitating improved communication with stakeholders.
- **Moose Festival Planning:** Sponsorship for the Moose Festival has increased, with 33 vendors secured. Press releases have been finalized, and promotional fliers have been distributed to generate interest in the event.
- **Visitor Engagement:** The Chamber welcomed 53 walk-in visitors over the past month during weekends and received 42 phone calls, all of which were addressed. The new hotline provides 24/7 access for community inquiries.
- **Public Inquiries:** The most common questions from the public included inquiries about local accommodations, the Ok Slip Falls hike challenge, hiking maps, the reopening of the museum, the status of the ski hill and ice rink, and information regarding the Moose Festival and the antique show.
- Build and **improve relationships** with the town and other local groups to work more collaboratively vs. competitively. Christine & Bill have been great with supporting Brenda and I with logistical preparation for the Great Adirondack Moose Festival.
- Two **new members** joined and 5 additional have expressed interest in joining. 2 others have expressed an interest in joining the board.
- Planning the **annual meeting** in October to refresh/restart the chamber focus based on community business needs.

To enhance business support, the Chamber board has committed to having staff available in the office on Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM through Labor Day. Following Labor Day, the board is exploring options for part-time staff to cover weekends when the welcome center is not manned by the town. However, this initiative will require funding that is currently unavailable as our priority is to fund Moose Festival planning.

The Chamber remains dedicated to serving the businesses and looks forward to the successful execution of the Moose Festival and other initiatives in the coming months.

Thank You,

Chamber Board Members: Todd Friebe, Mary Frasier, Davanna Marks, Joanna Pine, John Sleckman

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Brian E. Wells

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Interim - Kalene Mullarney

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PUBLIC HEARING for the WEED and SEWER DISTRICTS
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PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY BUDGET

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