

**A TOWN BOARD MEETING** was held on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The location was Indian Lake Town Hall, Indian Lake, County Hamilton, State of New York.

Supervisor Wells called the meeting to order. All said the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Wells called for a roll call with the following board members present:

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson Mahoney	Here
Councilperson Eldridge	Here
Supervisor Wells	Here
Councilperson Rathbun	Here
Councilperson Howard	Absent

**Approval of Minutes:**

Supervisor Wells asked for a motion to approve the 11/12/2024 board minutes Councilperson Mahoney made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilperson Eldridge. All were in favor of the motion.

Supervisor Wells asked for a motion to approve Budget minutes from 10/2/2024- 11/14/2024. Councilperson Rathbun motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Councilperson Mahoney. All were in favor.

**Department Head Reports**

Christine Pouch addressed the board that she met with the committee for the Black Fly Challenge. They looked at several locations within the Town and they felt Town Hall would be best accommodating. They will hold registration in the large assembly room and block off the parking lot to have bicyclist line up and leave through the American Legion exit. Supervisor Wells asked Christine if she had gotten, they ok from the American Legion also. She stated she wanted to make sure with the Library and the Town Board before approaching the American Legion about it. Supervisor Wells asked the board if there was an objection, all members said that there were none. All board members approved of the usage of the Town Hall for the Black Fly Challenge. Christine Pouch mention in her report that she applied for technical assistance from the Northern Forest Adirondack Housing Predevelopment Assistance Program they announced their ten winners on Monday and the Town was named one of the ten winners. She stated that this is at no cost to us, it will help us be ready to propose the next step and have a better footing for a grant request for a housing project at the Townsends location. Christine stated that EV charging station contract is almost approved she stated that she should have the stamp of approval tomorrow morning, we have till September of 2025 to install the charging stations. Supervisor Wells asked if she has had people come into the Welcome Center and ask about charging stations. Christine said yes, a lot of people and a lot of people have contacted her about considering getting an electric car.

Eugene Darling addressed the board that he had put quotes in all the board members mailboxes for the purchase of a new tandem and he was wondering what that status was about him purchasing it. Supervisor Wells stated that with his absence he would like to be caught up to speed with the budget and see how it worked out. Supervisor Wells stated that if the board members that were here during the budget process felt confident moving forward with the purchase. All board members stated that they would rather have the Supervisor brought up to speed with the budget before deciding. Supervisor Wells told Eugene that the board would have an answer for him at the end of year meeting.

Supervisor Wells stated that the board needs to set the end of year meeting and organizational meeting. The board agreed on December 27<sup>th</sup> at 5p.m. for end of year meeting. January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, for Organizational meeting at 5 p.m. both meetings will be held at Town Hall.

Patrick Mahoney addressed the board that he had a meeting tomorrow with someone to look at new controls for Blue Mountain water plant. He is hoping that after the meeting with the person he will have solutions to the issues he is currently dealing with.

Bill Laprairie stated to the board that he put out the flyer this morning for the groomer he is trying to purchase.

**Public Comment:** \_None

**Abe Gadway with Adk Mountain Outfitters LLC:**

Abe approached the board to purchase twenty rafting slots to add to the business. He stated he gave each board member his proposed business plan to look over. He plans on offering guided hunting, fishing, hiking and canoeing trips as well as rafting. He stated that in the future he will be possibly looking for funding through the Town with the loan program to get some of the equipment. Supervisor Wells stated that the Town has rafting slots available for an Indian Lake based business, the rafting slots will go on reserve for him and new rafting contracts will come out after the beginning of the new year. All board members approved. Abe stated that he is headed out to Ohio to get certified by rafting manufacturers and that hopefully next year he'll have either one or two more full time employees.

**Supervisor Comments:**

Supervisor Wells addressed the board with the resignation from the Interim Town Clerk Claudia Cunniff. The board thanked Claudia for coming in to help when they needed her to. Supervisor Wells made a motion to appoint Taylor Miner as town clerk until the end of the year. Supervisor Wells addressed the board that he knows the board had discussed bringing someone separate in to do taxes and having spoken with Taylor he feels confident that she will be able to do the job. Supervisor Wells stated that at the Organizational meeting he will be making a motion to make Taylor Miner Tax Collector and keep the position combined as it has been in the past. Councilperson Eldridge seconded the motion. All board members approved.

Supervisor Wells stated that the Town has received their renewal letter for Workmen's Comp after speaking with our Principal Accountant Kimberley that he feels it is in the best interest of the Town to sign a three-year contract to lock in the rate they offered. Supervisor Wells made a motion to enter into a three-year contract with NYS Municipal Worker's Compensation. Councilperson Rathbun seconded the motion. All board members approved.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to enter into a contract agreement with Adk Park Local Government Review Board. Councilperson Eldridge seconded the motion. All board members were in approval.

Supervisor Wells stated that he had received a letter from Verizon that Vertical Bridge will be lease operating and managing the site.

**Bills and Abstracts**

40628 to 40664- \$53,688.85

40672 to 40813- \$313,513.46

Supervisor Wells made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilperson Mahoney. All board members were in favor.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to enter executive session for the discussion of contractual at 7:41 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. No action was taken. Councilperson Mahoney motioned to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Eldridge.

Councilperson Mahoney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Eldridge.