

A BUDGET WORKSHOP began on October 2, 2024, at 7:03p.m. The location was the Town Hall, Pelon Road, Town of Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, State of New York.

Supervisor Wells brought the meeting to order. All said the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilperson Rathbun asked for a moment of silence for the victims of Hurricane Helene.

Roll Call:

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

Executive Session

Supervisor Wells called for an Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Personnel, Seconded by Councilperson Eldridge. Supervisor Wells asked Councilperson Rathbun to run the meeting as Supervisor Wells and Councilperson Eldridge, both would recuse themselves. It was for the position of Town Mechanic. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilperson Mahoney made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All in favor. Motion carried. No action taken during Executive Session. Resumed Budget Workshop.

Library

Susan Rollings, Library Director, spoke telling the Board an overview of what the library has accomplished and done for the community. Hand out attached herein. The Board had no questions.

Ambulance

Indian Lake Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Captain Josh Wells approached the Board with an overview of what the Ambulance Corp. has done over the year and the issues that they are facing in the future. Supervisor Wells stated that New York State has not recognized EMS as an Essential Service. The way to fix the volunteer problem, the staffing problem, is to set them up as an essential service, get them a retirement system and do it the right way. This is statewide not just Indian Lake. Councilperson Howard stated the Indian Lake being in the Adirondacks, a lot of their calls are for tourists, who get injured, and the state should be funding the ambulance for those calls.

Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce

Two Board members, Davanna Mark and John Sleckman approached the Board with their budget request. Request attached. Councilperson Rathbun asked how many hours the Chamber was hoping to be opening. John Sleckman said they were hoping to be open 35 – 40 hours per week, with coverage on the weekends and a few days during the week.

Indian Lake Theater

Mary Alice O'Connor, Theater Director, approached the Board with their Budget request. Supervisor Wells asked if the Theater was still willing to do what was in last year's contract (6 municipal uses and the advertising of Town events on the movie screen before a movie, etc.) and she answered yes.

Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts

Jean Marie Donahue, Development General Director, wanted to thank the Board for their letter of support, which helped them to receive a Smart Growth Grant for \$125,000.00 toward the purchase of Potter's Resort. She said that she owes the Board a letter for the budget.

Blue Mountain Lake Association

Michele Curry, Water Watch Committee, approached the Board with a request to receive the same amount that was received last year. Councilperson Howard asked what they were treating the milfoil with? Michele said that they were hiring divers to go in and pull the plants out by hand. Councilperson

Howard wondered if Hamilton County Soil & Water would do this also. Supervisor Wells says that they test the water but do not do removal.

Supervisor Wells took a moment to thank Kim Crandall, Christine Pouch, all the Department Heads, Claudia Cunniff, Pam Howard and Julie Clawson for work that has been put into the start of a rough Budget cycle. He appreciates all the work that has been done.

Water District #1

Patrick Mahoney, Department Head, is looking to buy a truck with a plow which is part of his budget proposal. Councilperson Howard said she looked at his budget from last year and that he was doing a very nice job.

Water District #2

Patrick Mahoney, Department Head, said that if you look at what is left in this year's budget, it looks like there will be an abundance, but with expenses that are coming up, that will be gone before the end of the year.

Town Justices

The stipend has been changed for the 2025 Budget for Senior Justice. It will need a Resolution in January to appoint Nancy Landmesser as the Senior Justice. Supervisor Wells said that he has not gotten complete confirmation on them getting a grant for a generator. DOJ may not approve the percentage for the generator for the Town Hall. He hopes to get more information on that soon. Councilperson Howard asked if there was any idea on how much a generator might cost? Bill LaPrairie said it would be between \$24,000.00 - \$30,000.00 depending on what is needed.

Land Capital & Planned Fund Balance

These were not ready at this time.

Debt Services

Supervisor Wells said that the estimate of revenues is a little bit down, which is understandable.

Cash Reserves

Supervisor Wells asked Councilperson Howard if she could refresh his memory about trying to get away from Cash Reserves and go to Planned Fund Balances. She agreed. Any questions.

Continuation of the Budget Workshop will be on October 17th.

Supervisor Wells made a motion for an Executive Session at 8:19 p.m. for Personnel. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Mahoney. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wells asked Councilperson Rathbun to run the meeting as Supervisor Wells and Councilperson Eldridge, both would recuse themselves. Councilperson Howard made a motion to offer the Town Mechanic job to Jacob Wells. Seconded by Councilperson Mahoney.

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| Councilperson Rathbun | Aye |
| Councilperson Mahoney | Aye |
| Councilperson Howard | Aye |

Motion carried.

Councilperson Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All in favor. Motion carried.

October 17, 2024 -Budget Resumed 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Wells opened the Budget meeting. Supervisor Wells called for the roll with the following Board Members answering:

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| Roll: | Councilperson Mahoney | Here |
| | Councilperson Eldridge | Here |
| | Supervisor Wells | Here |
| | Councilperson Rathbun | Absent |
| | Councilperson Howard | Here |

Supervisor Wells thanked both Principal Accountant Kimberley Crandall and Councilperson Howard for their help in getting the last of the Budget together.

Supervisor Wells made a motion for Resolution # 6 of 2024 to enter into a lease agreement with DANC (Development Authority of the North Country) to provide a computer room in our Welcome Center. DANC will be running Fiber Optic from Blue Mtn Lake to Indian Lake. We have a prime location for them as they are headed to Lake Pleasant and headed to North River. Seconded by Councilperson Mahoney. Supervisor Wells will send it to our lawyer, Leah Everhart, for review. Motion was approved.

General Fund

The Town Board began going through the General Fund portion of the budget. An ad will be going out for job applications for Justice Brown's position soon.

Set Elected Official Salaries

Elected Official Salaries were discussed. A 7% raise for the Supervisor and Justices. There will be 2 positions which will be newly elected, Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent. Councilpersons did not ask for a raise but after a discussion, they will receive a 5% raise. Supervisor Wells made a motion to accept the Salaries. Seconded by Councilperson Mahoney. The list of elected Official salaries is attached herein.

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| Roll: | Councilperson Mahoney | Aye |
| | Councilperson Eldridge | Aye |
| | Supervisor Wells | Aye |
| | Councilperson Rathbun | Absent |
| | Councilperson Howard | Nay |

Supervisor Wells closed the budget workshop at 8:56 p.m. to resume October 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

October 24th 2024 – Budget Resumed 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Wells opened the budget meeting. Supervisor Wells called for a roll call with the following Board Members answering:

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| Roll: | Councilperson Mahoney | Here |
| | Councilperson Eldridge | Here |
| | Councilperson Rathbun | Here |
| | Councilperson Howard | Here |
| | Supervisor Wells | Here |

Public Hearing for the Water and Sewer District

Supervisor Wells opened the Public Hearing for Water and Sewer District at 7:05 p.m.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to pay the Chamber of Commerce \$3750.00.
Seconded by Councilperson Eldridge. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to keep the Garbage Contract a one-year contract for this year. All were in favor.

Councilperson Rathbun approached the Board with an application for James Lockhart for the Weed District Board. James Lockhart will be finishing out John Layton's term on the board.

Weed District

Councilperson Howard asked Councilperson Rathbun as liaison to the Weed District Board if he would talk to the Board about cutting tax cap.

Sewer District

Pat Mahoney, Department Head of Water and Sewer to agree to cut \$10,000 from his budget.

Supervisor Wells addressed the Board with a proposal for a 15 percent raise for the Principal Accountant and the EDME Manager. Councilperson Howard made motion for 12.5 percent. Seconded by Councilperson Eldridge. Motion passed with the following vote

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| Roll: | Councilperson Mahoney | Aye |
| | Councilperson Eldridge | Aye |
| | Councilperson Rathbun | Naye |
| | Councilperson Howard | Aye |
| | Supervisor Wells | Aye |

Bill LaPrairie Department Head of Parks and Recreation to decrease his budget by \$48,000 by removing the Tractor and Mower from Cemeteries.

Supervisor Wells addressed the board

Supervisor Wells asked to remove one position from the general fund. All board members were in favor.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to apply for New York Swim Grants. Councilperson Mahoney seconded the motion. All in favor of motion.

Councilperson Howard asked to increase the Tax Collector to 8,700. All were in favor.

Bill LaPrairie agreed to cut paddle boards down to \$1,200 from his budget.

Councilperson Howard made a motion to remove \$300,000 for Townsends from the budget. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilperson Howard motioned to give the Theater \$3,000. Councilperson Eldridge seconded the motion. All if favor.

The Board tabled discussion of the Chamber of Commerce request. All board members were in favor.

Councilperson Mahoney motioned to cut funding to the ALCA. All board members were in favor.

Councilperson Mahoney made a motion to cut Living Adk Funding. All board members were in favor.

Supervisor Wells closed the Public Hearing at 8:50 p.m.

Supervisor Wells closed the budget workshop at 8:55 p.m. to resume on October 30, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

November 7th, 2024- Budget Meeting Resumed 7:00 pm

Supervisor Wells called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the pledge. Supervisor Wells called for roll call with the following board members present.

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| Roll: | Councilperson Mahoney | Here |
| | Councilperson Eldridge | Here |
| | Councilperson Rathbun | Absent |
| | Councilperson Howard | Here |
| | Supervisor Wells | Here |

Supervisor Wells addressed the board that we have received 1 garbage bid for the contract in the amount of \$149,021.60 for garbage \$55,157.76 for recycling. Supervisor Wells called for a motion to accept the bid. Councilperson Eldridge made a motion to accept the bid. Councilperson Mahoney seconded the motion for discussion. The board discussed the contract being increased by \$55,000. Supervisor Wells discussed the possibility of purchasing a garbage truck in the future. Motioned tabled till the next budget meeting on November 14th.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to adopt the tentative budget. Councilperson Howard seconded. All in favor.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to open the public hearing on the preliminary budget. Councilperson Mahoney seconded the motion. All in favor.

Councilperson Mahoney addressed the board that himself and Councilperson Howard held 3 interviews Monday November 4th one person stood out the most with 30 years of legal experience. Councilperson Mahoney made a motion that the town hire Helen Glass as interim town justice Councilperson Howard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Water and Sewer department head Patrick Mahoney addressed the board that he got three quotes together to for purchasing a new truck he was wondering if he would be able to put in an order now with no monetary commitment until after January. Supervisor Wells motioned to approval purchase of the truck. Councilperson Howard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Supervisor Wells motioned to close the public hearing at 7:24. Councilperson Eldridge seconded the motion. All in favor.

Supervisor Wells opened the preliminary budget meeting at 7:25.

Councilperson Howard motioned to cut \$5,000 from museum. All in favor.

Councilperson Howard proposed that the board allocate funds in general fund be \$80,000, Library \$6,000, Landfill \$10,000, Sewer \$5,000 and Water2 \$10,000 Weed district -\$2,000. Supervisor Wells discussed the Landfill having more testing from the state which is going to increase the cost for the county he suggested that we do \$5,000 for Landfill.

Councilperson Howard addressed the board with information regarding the high school diploma policy. Supervisor Wells stated that many years' relative work experience should be acceptable to a high school diploma.

Christine Pouch to ask local businesses for funding for fireworks and to put it in her E-newsletter.

Supervisor Wells motioned to adjourn the budget meeting at 7:55. Councilperson Mahoney seconded the motion. All in favor.

Supervisor Wells motioned to re-open the meeting at 7:56. Councilperson Mahoney seconded the motion.

Councilperson Howard motioned for an executive session at 7:57. No action was taken in executive session

November 14th, 2024- Budget Meeting Resumed 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge. Deputy Supervisor Stanton called for a roll call with the following board members present.

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| | Councilperson Rathbun | Here |
| | Councilperson Howard | Here |
| | Deputy Supervisor Stanton | Here |

Deputy Supervisor Stanton called for a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss contractual with Justin Moore at 7:03p.m. Councilperson Mahoney made the motion. Councilperson Rathbun seconded the motion.

Deputy Supervisor Stanton asked Bill Laprairie to join the Executive Session for discussion of contractual at 7:17 p.m.

Councilperson Rathbun made a motion to exit the Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. Councilperson Eldridge seconded the motion. All in favor.

Councilperson Mahoney motioned to open a public hearing on the final budget. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All in favor

Kimberly Crandall Principal Accountant addressed the board that we needed to increase our Barks and Rec. budget \$2,000 to cover the new retainer for the 2025 year. Councilperson Howard motioned to approve this change. Seconded by councilperson Eldridge. All in favor.

Councilperson Howard Motioned to increase Highway Budget by \$100,000 to put in reserve for next year for a Tandem. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All in favor.

Councilperson Howard motioned to increase the Chamber of Commerce \$15,000. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All in favor.

Councilperson Howard motioned to increase the Events budget by \$500 for civil war. Councilperson Eldridge seconded the motion. All in favor.

Councilperson Howard motioned to decrease the Events budget by \$300 for commentary flags, it is budgeted elsewhere in the budget. Councilperson Rathbun seconded the motion. All in favor.

Councilperson Howard made a motion to cut Events assistant from full time to part time. Councilperson Rathbun seconded the motion. Deputy Supervisor Stanton called for a roll call vote.

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| Roll: | Councilperson Mahoney | Nay |
| | Councilperson Eldridge | Nay |
| | Councilperson Rathbun | Aye |
| | Councilperson Howard | Aye |

Motion failed. Deputy Supervisor Stanton stated that Supervisor Wells had expressed that he had wished to keep it full time.

Councilperson Rathbun made a motion to accept current garbage bid at \$149,024.60 for garbage and \$55,157.76 for recycling. Seconded by councilperson Eldridge. Deputy Supervisor Stanton called for a roll call for vote.

Roll: Councilperson Mahoney Nay
 Councilperson Eldridge Aye
 Councilperson Rathbun Nay
 Councilperson Howard Nay

Councilperson Rathbun made a motion to enter into a contract agreement with Justin Moore Construction for the garbage pickup of the fiscal year of 2025 and for the town to be responsible for recycling for the year 2025. Councilperson Howard seconded the motion. Deputy Supervisor Stanton called for a roll call vote.

Roll: Councilperson Mahoney Aye
 Councilperson Eldridge Aye
 Councilperson Rathbun Nay
 Councilperson Howard Aye

Motion passed.

Councilperson Howard motioned to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilperson Mahoney. All in favor.

Deputy Supervisor Stanton called for a motion to pass Local Law No 1 to override the tax cap. Councilperson Howard made the motion. Councilperson Rathbun seconded the motion. All in favor.

Deputy Supervisor Stanton called for a motion to adopt the final budget. Councilperson Rathbun made the motion. Seconded by Councilperson Mahoney. All in favor.

Councilperson Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All in favor.

BUDGET

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DATE OF MEETING: 10/2/24

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| 1. <i>Bill R</i> | <i>MR</i> | <i>PTL IL</i> |
| 2. <i>Susan Rollings</i> | <i>Library dir.</i> | <i>I.L.</i> |
| 3. <i>Beverly S. Cannon</i> | <i>Lib.</i> | <i>I.L.</i> |
| 4. <i>Pha Wells</i> | <i>THVAC</i> | <i>Ih.</i> |
| 5. <i>Suzanne Walrath</i> | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> |
| 6. <i>MR Rathbun</i> | <i>Library board trustee</i> | <i>IL</i> |
| 7. <i>Daranna Mark</i> | <i>IL chamber</i> | <i>IL</i> |
| 8. <i>Opouch</i> | | |
| 9. <i>John Steckman</i> | | <i>IL</i> |
| 10. <i>Jean-Muri Joubert</i> | <i>Arts Center</i> | <i>BML</i> |
| 11. <i>McCannor</i> | <i>Indian Lake Theater</i> | <i>IL</i> |
| 12. <i>Pat Mahoney</i> | | <i>Ih</i> |
| 13. <i>Kimberley Crandall</i> | | <i>IL</i> |
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3. *Kimberly Crandall*
4. *Taylor Miner*
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| 2. Pat Mahoney | | IL |
| 3. Kimberly Crandall | | IL |
| 4. Courtney Baya | | IL |
| 5. John Baya | | IL |
| 6. Sally Stanton | | IL |
| 7. Christine Pouch | | IL |
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1. Kimberly Crandall

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| 2. <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>Highway</i> | <i>BAL</i> |
| 3. <i>Pat Mahoney</i> | <i>W + S</i> | <i>IL</i> |
| 4. <i>Kimberley Crandall</i> | | <i>IL</i> |
| 5. <i>Suzanne Wah</i> | | <i>IL</i> |
| 6. <i>Davanna Marks</i> | <i>Chamber.</i> | <i>IL</i> |
| 7. <i>[Signature]</i> | | |
| 8. <i>Mary [Signature]</i> | | <i>IL</i> |
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Brian E Wells

From: Abby Eichler <abby.eichler@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 9:04 PM
To: Brian Wells; Brian E Wells
Subject: Ski Program

Good evening,

I am sending this out ASAP so it doesn't get put on my back burner. First, thank you again for allowing our youth this amazing opportunity for another year!

The program as it has been for all the years is as follows:

\$392 per student K-8 and \$296 per Pre-K student. These amounts are based on the student attending all 8 weeks and needing rentals, day pass, and lessons. Therefore, if the child has a season pass, the cost goes down by \$96, and if they have their own equipment, it goes down by \$120. The cost breakdown this year is \$12 lift ticket (up \$2), \$22 lesson, and \$15 rental (up \$3).

The mountain is offering two other options.

First, a "refresher" program. This is for students who already know how to ski/snowboard and can confidently do so on the whole mountain. The student would be required to attend the first 2 weeks of ski lessons, to refresh themselves on the basics and be assessed by the instructor, and then they could "free ski" for the remaining 6 weeks. This could be a savings of \$132 per student who chooses this option.

Second, is the Junior Ski Team. This is 8 Saturdays (all day), and is \$300 total. If the student already has a pass, it is \$200 total for the season. This option would require students to have their own equipment, and be skiing at least at an intermediate level.

My proposal would be that the Town pay for one option per student. I am just wondering if we should keep things the way they were (8 weeks of Sunday lessons for everyone) or if we can offer one or both of the other options.

Please let me know as soon as you can, so that I can get the sign up forms ready to be sent home.

Thank you,
Abby