

A Town Board Meeting Held Its Organizational Meeting and any other business that comes before the Board on January 2nd, 2025, at 5 p.m. The location of this meeting was the Town Hall, Pelon Road, State of New York, County of Hamilton.

Supervisor Wells opened the meeting. All said the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Wells called for the roll call with the following Board Members present:

Roll Call:

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

Present at the meeting was Deputy Supervisor Stanton and County Highway Superintendent Tracy Eldridge.

Supervisor Wells stated to the board that there was no set agenda for tonight's meeting.

Organizational Meeting List:

Supervisor Wells stated that all board members had the Organizational Meeting List in front of them. He asked the board if anyone had questions or concerns regarding anything on the list. He reported to the board that the Moose River Plains Maintenance Agreement will be coming from New York State. The rafting agreement is still out for review with the attorney. The Shared Service Agreement with Hamilton County will be coming shortly. Tracy Eldridge stated that the Moose River Plains Agreement is still current we will have the contract around April, that is when their fiscal year starts.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to appoint Taylor Miner as Tax Collector at the stipend that was put in the budget for the tax collector. Seconded by Councilperson Howard. All were in favor.

Supervisor Wells addressed the board with his concern with the way people have been calling and speaking to the Town Clerk regarding their taxes. He stated that if there are questions regarding the taxes or budget they should be directed towards the Supervisor or the Town Board.

Garbage Bid:

Supervisor Wells instructed the Town Clerk to open the one Garbage bid that we had received. The bid was from J Moore Construction Inc. for garbage pickup for one year in the amount of \$149,021.60. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All board members were in favor.

Recycling:

Department Head of Parks and Recreation Bill Lapraire asked the board about funding for recycling. Councilperson Howard stated that he would be doing it with the same number of men so she didn't see why payroll would be set up differently. Bill Lapraire stated that yes, he would still be working with the same crew, but he would be pulling them from other jobs. He stated his concern was that he would have to set up another account to track fuel, equipment costs and repairs. Councilperson Howard stated that if Bill would be doing it with the same number of men, it would be something to talk to accounting about because all that pertains to recycling should be charged to the garbage line. Supervisor Wells stated that this year it will have to come out of Parks and Rec's budget. Bill Lapraire stated he understood that it would come out of his budget but for moving forward for next year, he would like to be able to set up tracking so he would know how much to budget for next year.

Discussion about Transfer Station:

Supervisor Wells thanked County Highway Superintendent Tracy Eldridge for attending tonight's meeting. Tracy stated that he is attending the meeting because he had read about the Garbage/Solid waste issues. He stated that as the County's solid waste coordinator, solid waste is a very difficult thing,

the transfer station was never set up to collect directly from the curb if you had decided not to do curbside pickup, it would have a great affect on the transfer station. He stated initially it was set up for trucks, municipal and contractors. Tracy stated that if anyone needs help either it be Bill Lapraire with recycling or the board with anything. Just to reach out he would be happy to help with anything the Town might need.

Deputy Supervisor Stanton addressed the board with her concern if the community could do anything to alleviate some of the problems. Supervisor Wells stated that he feels our community does a great job overall, he stated that our issues stem from DEC campsites.

Councilperson Rathbun stated to Tracy Eldridge that when he's down at the lake, all he sees is black bags, when we're only supposed to be using clear bags. Tracy stated that it's tough to police the campsites, the mini marts, and other businesses in town. By the time it makes its way to the transfer station there's not much we can do about it then.

Supervisor Wells addressed the board that we had to update our employment application due to not being in compliance in some areas.

Banner Policy:

Supervisor Wells asked the board members if they had gotten a chance to review the banner policy and if anyone had any questions. Councilperson Howard stated that she personal didn't have a problem with banners that advertise businesses if they do so as a sponsor and buy and store their own banners. Christine Pouch asked the board if the military banners that are currently up get stored in town facilities or if they go back to the group that purchased them. The board stated they feel they should go back to the group. Christine Pouch asked about the fixtures on the light posts, Supervisor Wells stated that the fixtures stay we cannot be taking them off and on. Supervisor Wells stated that we will be looking into getting a bucket truck in the future, due to the number of poles we currently have and being unable to reach some of them by truck and safety factor for our employees.

Ethics committees:

Supervisor Wells addressed the board with his proposition of committees to comply with the Ethics Board. These committees are in place to help prevent conflict of interest scenarios, where some Town employees are direct family or are related. Supervisor Wells stated that he would like to add this to the organizational meeting minutes.

Boards Meeting:

Councilperson Rathbun addressed Supervisor Wells that the Weed Board would be meeting soon, if Supervisor Wells would like to schedule a date to attend one of the board meetings. Councilperson Rathbun stated the Weed Board could meet on the 9th, 15th or 16th open that it would be a public hearing so it would have to be advertised in the paper. Supervisor Wells stated the 9th would be too early to meet as we wouldn't be able to advertise. Councilperson Howard stated she would be out of town the second week of January. Councilperson Rathbun stated we could wait till February, and he would get dates from the Weed Board, that way it gives us plenty of time to advertise and have all board members present. Supervisor Wells stated that would work best for the board. Councilperson Rathbun stated that maybe we could have the school board meet in the future as well. Supervisor Wells stated that having a liaison for any board would be ideal.

Bridge Repair:

County Highway Superintendent Tracy Eldridge took the time to notify the board that in the spring there will be Big Brook repair, the bridge on Starbuck Road will be getting replaced to make it wider to make it easily passable. Tracy stated that they most likely will not have public meetings, but they may have a pre-construction meeting once they have a contractor in place to keep the public informed.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to go into executive session at 5:36 p.m. for the discussion of litigation. Seconded by Councilperson Howard. All were in favor.

Councilperson Mahoney motioned to exit executive session at 6:07 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Eldridge.

Councilperson Mahoney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Howard.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE:

DATE OF MEETING: 1/1/2025

NAME:

TITLE:

ADDRESS:

1. *C Pouch*

2. *Kylie Cannan*

3. *Bill R*

MR

IL

4. *Sally Stanton*

IL.

5. *Tracey Eldridge*

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Supervisor
Brian E. Wells

Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Taylor Miles

Principal Accountant
Kimberley Crandall



Town Board
John Rathbun
Jake Mahoney
Kristina Eldridge
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Town of Indian Lake Committees: 2025

Buildings & Maintenance

Department Supervisor: Bill LaPrairie

Chairperson: Pam Howard

2nd Chair: Christina Eldridge

Highway & Mechanic

Highway Supervisor: Eugene Darling

Town Mechanic: Jacob Wells

Chairperson: Jake Mahoney

2nd Chair: John Rathbun

Water & Wastewater

Department Supervisor: Pat Mahoney

Chairperson: John Rathbun

2nd Chair: Pam Howard

Tourism & Grants

Department Supervisor: Christine Pouch

Chairperson: Kristina Eldridge

2nd Chair: Jake Mahoney



Town of Indian Lake Banner Policy Adopted January 2, 2025

LENGTH OF EXPOSURE: Banners can be left for up to 90-120 days (3-4 months). The application will specifically ask for how long you would like. Extensions can be requested but must be approved by the Town. First come, first served, except priority is given to the Town and/or Holidays.

BANNER SIZING:

- Vertically hanging
- 30 inches x 60 inches
- The bracket system must be equivalent to hardware the Town currently utilizes. The brackets are the property of the Town.
- Must be double-sided
- Must be in good condition (no fading and fraying from previous usage)

STORAGE: All banners will be the responsibility of the sponsoring organization. The Town will not be responsible for storing banners.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Applications must be submitted at least 60 days before the requested time frame.
- Please leave a reliable phone number and email. We may have to contact you if your requested time frame has already been reserved.
- Applications will be approved or denied within 2 weeks (14 days) of receiving the application.
- Banners must be dropped off at the Indian Lake Town Highway Department at least 3 days prior to the date that has been approved to hang them. Please plan accordingly when ordering your approved banner design to ensure it arrives on time.

ALLOWED USAGE:

- Events hosted by the Town
- Events sponsored by the Town, businesses or other organizations
- Welcome Messages
- Promote educational opportunities
- Promote non-profit organizations

PROHIBITED USAGE:

- Messages with political or religious advertising
- Messages with profane language or personal attacks
- Messages promoting illegal activity
- Messages that infringe on copyrights or trademarks
- Anything that would violate a local, state or federal law or regulation
- Banners that cause a hazard to traffic or safety



Town of Indian Lake Banner Application

Applicant / Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Optimal Going-up Date: (We will work with you, however, must honor applications that have been approved prior to yours): _____

Length to Stay Up: _____ days

Purpose of Banner: _____

Number of banners: _____

Preferred Locations (if there are not enough banners for every available pole):

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

- Banner design: colors, wording, design, images and dimensions

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Application Approved: _____ Application Denied: _____

If Denied, Reason: _____

Approved Display Dates: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____