



TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE

P.O. Box 730 Pelon Road
Indian Lake, Hamilton County
New York 12842

Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report December 2024

| | <u>Residential</u> | <u>Commercial</u> |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Total # if Permits Issued: | 4 | 3 |
| 2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1: | <u>\$9,642</u> | <u>\$605,000</u> |
| 3. Number of Permits in #1 which are Hunting Camps: | 0 | |
| 4. Total dollar amounts of projects in #3: | <u>\$0</u> | |
| 5. Number of single-family permits issued (Camps N/A): | <u>0</u> | |
| 6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5: | <u>\$0</u> | |
| 7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes: | <u>0</u> | |
| 8. Number of Permit renewals: | <u>2</u> | |
| 9. Number of Firework Permits issued: | <u>0</u> | |
| 10. Total dollar amount of permits in #9: | <u>\$0</u> | |
| 11. Fire inspections (Annual) to date | 21 | |

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tyler Monthony



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| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Total # of Permits Issued: | <u>134</u> | <u>123</u> |
| 2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1: | <u>\$4,538,894</u> | <u>\$8,234,624</u> |
| 3. Total dollar amount in fees collected: | <u>\$11,992.10</u> | <u>\$13,058.50</u> |

Respectfully Submitted by:

Town of Indian Lake water and wastewater report for December 2024

Testing was completed daily at all the plants.

DEC and DOH monthly samples were submitted to the lab.

We repaired two broken water mains in Blue Mt. which required a boil water order for a portion of water main that was off all night. The order was lifted within two days.

One of the UV reactors at the water plant was rebuilt.

Our yards were plowed and shoveled as needed.

The communication between the tanks and the plant in Indian Lake has been restored.

The new remote pump controls from RAFA Systems have been installed at the Blue Mt plant and tank.

We pumped out and cleaned out the backwash tank at the water plant in IL.

Thank you



Patrick Mahoney

Monthly report Building Maintenance & Operations December 2024

We started out with snow at the beginning of the month and we're busy plowing and shoveling all town buildings and properties. Repairs were made to one of our snow plows after the tank blew an O-ring and dumped all its fluid.

At the highway garage we replaced the bay entry door towards the Bus Garage after the wind ripped it off the building, we have continued working on the heat and ordered new lights to replace existing building lights, we installed after they arrived.

After talks with town historian Wayne Blanchard we started moving material and artifacts from the museum to our storage location at the Ski Hut, mostly files and papers. Wayne has directed us to what seems to be the most important, after we figure out the space we will start moving some of the smaller items.

Installed the below ground tank at the Library for the new generator, waiting on generator to arrive and J&R Eldridge to do final installation.

Lots of wind and water have us on the snowmobile trails doing maintenance, cutting trees and making repairs to bridges, a new bridge was put in on the blue Mountain Trail to replace an existing one that was no longer usable.

We have slowly continued working on the welcome center project, we are roughly 2 weeks from completion of the project but are still waiting for some last-minute details from DANK. DANK is now working in Blue Mountain Lake at the cell tower site and has asked us to keep that plowed out for them and the gates open so they can work on connections .

The snowblower has been installed on our tractor, we have flooded the rink had great ice for the first half of the vacation, and of course the weather would change and we will be starting over in January. During vacation week we were averaging 20 kids a day and night, usually four or five adults and most everybody seems to be happy with the size of the rink. The new gaming tables have been a big hit and we have been asked to keep the building open by many of the kids even though there was not ice.

We had one burial this month at the Cedar River Cemetery and we know of two more burials coming at the Benton cemetery, just waiting on details from Mike Miller.

Finished and submitted the New York State pesticide report for black fly control.

Unloaded and installed four filing cabinets for Kim and Tyler, unloaded desk for Taylor.

Thank you

Bill LaPrairie

Dept head Building Maintenance & Operations



Mechanics Report – December 2024

- # 186 - Install Head gear/plow and wing
- # 181 - Install sander and test function. Ran sander and inspected chain and determined chain needed replacement. Replaced chain and tensioned. Rewired rear sander lights into vehicles running light system. Sander lights now come on when trucks running lights are turned on.
- # 183 - Diagnose no crank no start condition. Bench tested starter no good. Replaced starter still having starting issue. Road tech from Tracey Road made a service call and found 2 of the 3 batteries shorted. Went to V.I Enterprise and got 3 new batteries replaced batteries and truck now operates as it should.
- Went to Blue Mountain and aided in recovery of a stuck plow truck.
- Clear and wash bays for overnight firetruck storage.
- Ran wing for truck #183
- #188 - Replace blow hydraulic line on front of plow.
- # 190 – Service call to Blue Mountain and diagnosed no start condition. Load tested batteries and determined they needed to be replaced.
- #188 – Hook plow up and diagnose electrical short in plow circuit. Found short in main plow power side harness. Cleaned all battery connections and grounds. Plow now operates as it should.
- # H200 Water and Sewer Department – Diagnosed noise in front end of truck. Found passenger side lower ball joint worn. Replaced ball joint and test drove vehicle.
- Moved in new filing cabinets and organized paperwork.
- #194 - Installed lights on rear of sander. And replaced the taillight bulb on truck.
- #195 – Repair main headlight harness and get lights functioning correctly. Drain hydraulic oil tank and fill with fresh oil.
- # 190 – Service call to Blue Mountain and replace batteries and verify machines charging system is functioning properly.
- # 183 – Diagnose air leak. Found chaffed air line under driver side of cab. Replaced line and fitting.
- # 188 – Diagnose spinner issue. I found 2 broken wires on the sander harness control coming from front of truck. Rewired and replaced quick connect plugs at sander. Sander now functions correctly.
- # 194 – Diagnosed no start condition. I Load tested the battery and found battery no good. Replaced battery truck now starts as it should.

- # 788 Parks and Rec department fuel truck – Brought truck in to diagnose it pulling to the right. Jacked vehicle up and removed tires. Inspected brakes and found brake caliper on drivers side of truck froze on the slide pins causing the truck to pull right when brakes were applied. Replaced caliper and test drove truck. Also found both front shocks needing replacement. Replaced shocks. Truck now operates as it should.
- Sanded school parking lots.
- # 3320 – Removed Front gear box and ordered parts.
- #185 – Sanded town roads.
- #188 – Removed Straight blade plow and installed V-Plow off from truck #180 welded top flap and topped of oil.
- #195 – Brought into shop and fabricated sander spinner hub and installed new spinner plate. Found hydraulic oil leak at rear frame bulkhead fitting removed hoses and replaced quick connect fittings. Resealed bulkhead fitting. Tested sander. Found drag chain out of spec. Determined from condition of chain to replace chain instead of removing links. Replaced chain tensioned and greased all bearings and put sander tail back together. Sander now functions as it should.
- #3320 – Received new gearbox from john deere and installed into snow blower and reinstalled onto tractor.
- #183 – Tightened sander chain. Fixed air leaks at front firewall on driver side of truck



January 13, 2025, Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting Economic Development, Marketing & Events Report

Community/Economic Development/Misc.

Fireworks in 2025 and 2026 – The cost has increased due to high demand and increases in manufacturing costs. See a special handout for discussion at the Board Meeting.

Town employment application was updated and reformatted to reflect current NYS requirements.

Banner policy was approved and placed on our website on the Municipal page.

A new Town History Page was created with content to follow provided by the ILCDC SIB Committee members Mea Kaemmerlen and Marta Evanoff.

Events

SNOCADE 2025 (Feb. 14-22, 2025) – Kylie has been working on SNOCADE since mid-September. All activities and events have been planned. The placemats (5,000 qty) have been ordered and we will be distributing them to all restaurants, stores, and activity locations before Martin Luther King Weekend (1/17/2025). We distribute these early, so visitors are encouraged to come back to Town that holiday weekend. We are bringing back dog sled rides this year; have added a cardboard sled making workshop; moved to cardboard sled races to Saturday as requested; introducing a Learn to Skate with Tim Marks; co-sponsoring a Wool & Water Workshop (*Join the Paul Smith's College Adirondack Watershed Institute for a hands-on workshop on translating watershed data into fiber art*); and introducing a new SNOCADE BINGO activity card to promote additional shopping/visiting throughout Town.

Black Fly Challenge (BFC) starts in Indian Lake this year and will be held on 6/14/25. At the last Board meeting we received approval to host the start at Town Hall with racers entering Rte. 30 via the American Legion driveway. Our next step is to execute the NYSDOT Permit that is required and contact all emergency support service providers for their assistance.

Marketing

All calendars of events continue to be updated on a regular basis as needed. We are a member of the IABA in Inlet, so they also post and share our events. In 2025, we are adding our event listings to The Chronicle and Adirondack.net. We have been posting, and will continue, on NCPR and Experience Our Adirondacks (Hamilton County Tourism Calendar).

All SNOCADE activities are on the website calendar along with all other 2025. Events. The 2025 Events brochure will also be distributed to area businesses and activity centers in early January

Flyers, maps, and town event rack cards are continually refilled throughout the community on a weekly basis and as needed. We will now be providing locations with snowmobile maps and will have the SNOCADE placemats in locations by Martin Luther King weekend (Jan. 17-22, 2025).

Social Media: I continue to encourage all to **FOLLOW** and **LIKE** the Town on social media sites.

<https://www.facebook.com/townofindianlake>

<https://twitter.com/TownofIndianLa1>

<https://www.facebook.com/Townsofindianandbluemountainlakeny>

Nextdoor

Our new Instagram account is **townof.indianlakeny**. Please **LIKE** and **FOLLOW** our new link.

Technology

Both Jacob Wells and Gene Darling, Jr. have received technology assistance from Christine and Vector One.

Grants

NYS SWIMS application was submitted on 11/8/2024 with a request for \$9,950. Award announcements are expected before April 2025. **Still pending.**

Northern Forest Adirondack Housing Pre-Development Assistance Program RFP was approved. This RFP was seeking proposals from ADK municipalities wishing to receive pre-development technical support for potential housing projects. Support would include pre-development activities and preparing potential information packets for potential developers. The Town of Indian Lake was one of the 10 projects chosen to receive desktop due diligence and feasibility assessments such as zoning review, review of easements, potential grant and tax credit funding, etc. Of the ten, five will be selected as the most suitable for development and will advance to a deeper pre-development phase. The Commons Project was approved. I anticipate conversations happening in mid-January re: the launch of their technical assistance. **Still pending.**

DASNY/SAM Grants – We received a call from Senator Walczyk on 11/1/24 saying they are working on getting \$50,000 of the \$300,000 released early in 2025. We should be receiving paperwork to process after the new year. **Still pending.**

DEC EV Charging Stations – The final contract with NYSDEC was received on Friday, January 3, 2025. I have developed the RFP and awaiting a list of approved MWBE (Minority Women's Business Enterprise) and SDVOB (Service-Disabled Veterans Business) contractors.

DEC ZEV Rebate - We are still waiting for the rebate to arrive.

Adirondack Foundation Kindling Award – We received \$1,000 to benefit SNOCADE thanks to Terry DeArmas for entering us. *In the Adirondacks, we lean on one another to hold our communities together, to meet needs and build a more positive future, to serve those who are isolated and create space to be together. After a difficult and divided election, Adirondack Foundation wants to surface a sense of optimism and social connection through our new Kindling Awards, named after the key ingredient, that starts a warm fire we gather around.*

We are looking for nominations from anyone and everyone for the best winter community events in towns throughout the Adirondack region that bring a wide variety of people together to connect and build relationships. No agendas necessary beyond fighting isolation and building community. Thirty of the best nominations will receive a \$1,000 Kindling Award and promotion on social media. We are especially looking for events hosted by non-traditional groups that are community-driven and authentic, as well as successful at bringing isolated people together. The events can be something already planned or something new but must take place before May 2025.

Blue Mountain Lake Water Project – We cancelled the contract with Cedarwood Engineering at the suggestion of NYSDOH. RFPs have been sent out and are due back by January 13, 2025.

Meetings

12/10 – Northern Forest Housing Zoom

12/11 – Took EV car to Queensbury for a recall on the HVAC

12/12 – Met with Chamber and Indian Lake Theater to discuss 2025 events

12/21 – Winter Solstice event at Library

12/22 – Santa sightings in BML

1/3/25 – Black Fly Challenge Zoom meeting

P.S. My knee replacement is happening on 1/8/2025. Kylie will be handling all publicity related activities while I am out – likely for two weeks and then I hope to be able to work from home for a bit.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch, 1/7/25.

**SPECIAL ADDENDUM TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING & EVENTS
REPORT JANUARY 2025**

Fireworks in 2025 and 2026 – The cost has increased due to high demand (time of the year) and increases in manufacturing, licensing, and travel costs.

Comparison of Cost of Fireworks

| Event | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 Projected | 7/3/2026 | 7/4/2026 | 7/5/2026 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Snocade | \$ 2,700 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,200 | \$ 3,200 | | | |
| Independence Day on Sat. 7/5/25 | \$ 6,500 | \$ 6,800 | \$ 6,800 | \$ 9,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 30,000 | \$ 20,000 |
| Drone Light Show (250 drones) | | | | \$ 35,000 | | | |
| Drone Light Show (350 drones) | | | | \$ 60,000 | | | |
| TOTALS | \$ 9,200 | \$ 9,800 | \$10,000 | | | | |

Note: 2026 is the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

As you can see, I budgeted \$6,800 in 2025 and the actual cost is \$9,000. As discussed previously, we sent out a survey via Facebook. The purpose of the survey was to learn how important fireworks are to our holiday celebration and to gain feedback on re: the additional funds needed. Here is a brief overview of the results:

- Total of 73 respondents of which 66 reported they were residents: 7 visitors.
- 51 out of 54 reported fireworks are Very Important as it promotes a sense of Community. Three reported they didn't care.
- 47% reported they always attend the fireworks, 28% said often. 6% never.
- Visual effects are the most important; safety next and location is third.
- Suggestions included 16 keep fireworks as is; 6 cancel fireworks; 3 have them in BML; and 2 requested more law enforcement.
- 30% agreed the Town should invest in more firework's support; 36% said no additional investment; and 36% reported they are not sure what to do.
- Additional comments included more law enforcement, raise money for fireworks and keep them on Lake Adirondack. One person indicated if the Town eliminates their firework display, there will likely be more illegal displays.

- When mentioning the increase in cost for 2025, 65% said, yes increase spending invest more; 20% didn't feel the cost increase was worth it; and 13% weren't sure. 52% thought we should fundraise fireworks; 31% use tax money; and 52% unsure.
- Reasons to keep fireworks included: they foster a sense of community; brings economic development to Town businesses; and we should do more fundraising.
- 45% of those who answered said they would contribute to fundraising for fireworks; 55% said No thanks.
- When asked if they knew someone who would be a sponsor, 10% said yes; 90% said no.

Other Important Information

The duration of display for Independence Day Fireworks is 16-20 minutes (\$450 per minute). For SNOCADE the duration is 12-15 minutes (\$213 per minute).

What needs to be determined:

1. Are we booking fireworks for Saturday, July 5, 2025, for \$9,000. And, if YES, may I proceed with additional fundraising? If NO, do you have ideas how we should proceed re; communication as visitors do make their decisions based on when the fireworks are.
2. If we want to participate in 2026, celebrating the Nation's 250 Anniversary of the declaration of Independence, we need to book NOW. And, if YES, how much are you – the Town Board – willing to approve as a budget item?

If I cannot attend this Board meeting in person, I may be able to attend via Zoom or phone call should there be additional questions.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch, 1/7/2025.