

A Town Board Meeting was held on February 10th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The location of the meeting was the Town Hall building located on Pelon Road, Town of Indian Lake, State of New York, County of Hamilton.

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
Councilperson Rathbun: Here
Councilperson Howard: Here
Supervisor Wells: Here

Supervisor Wells told the board members that they had the minutes from 1/13/2025 in their packets. Councilperson Rathbun motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Councilperson Mahoney. All were in favor.

Department Head Reports:

Councilperson Howard asked Jacob Wells Mechanic how come truck 188 was serviced four times last month. Jacob said that the plow gear on it is getting old and as well as the sander, the truck itself is still in good shape. Councilperson Howard asked Bill Laprairie Department head of Parks & Recreation if they were doing something different this year while grooming that they hadn't in previous years. Bill stated that the only thing that was different was the new groomer and having good snow amounts this season. Councilperson Howard stated that she had gotten a lot of compliments on the trails this year.

Patrick Mahoney Department Head of Water & Sewer addressed the board regarding purchasing a well pump for Blue Mt. water plant. Pat stated that it is in worse shape than before. Patrick said that he had gotten one quote for a new pump, it was \$36,000. Supervisor Wells asked Patrick if this pump was able to be used in the new water plant. Pat said that he was going to call the engineers and talk with them regarding it. Pat stated that when we have an answer and are ready to order the pump it's 8 weeks out to receive it. Supervisor Wells said that we would wait for an answer from the engineers and go from there.

Eugene Darling Highway Superintendent stated that he had put a new hire ad in the paper for a CDL licensed/laborer. Eugene said that they went out and looked at the Grader that the Town was going to get and it's too small for what we need it for. Eugene addressed the board with a quote he got to lease to own a Grader, and he was waiting on a few more.

Public Comments:

Davanna Marks from the Chamber of Commerce gave a brief update on the Chamber. Attached is the chamber report that outlines the new services. Davanna also stated that the ILCDC Organization has closed, and the Chamber has now taken over the Country Christmas Tour. Davanna stated that they are starting to plan the Annual Poker Paddle and are looking for volunteers. Volunteers should contact the Chamber. Councilperson Howard stated that when she was at the last Chamber meeting, there was discussion about wanting to change the times that the Chamber got their funding from the Town. Supervisor Wells said that he has not received a signed contract back from the Chamber yet, and once we receive a signed contract, we can start discussing changing the payment schedule.

Supervisor Wells addressed the board that they have received Section 284 Form. Supervisor Wells thanked Eugene for having it for the board and he would pass it along to the board members for their signatures. Supervisor Wells told Eugene that if there was any changes that needed to be made, the form would have to be redone.

Supervisor Wells stated that Petition packets are now available to be picked up at the Hamilton County building. We have a Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, 2 Board members, and a Justice position that are available for candidates.

Supervisor Wells addressed the Board that the Governor signed into Law the Short-Term Rental Law. There's an amendment that has already been agreed upon. The effective date is September 22nd, Counties have the option to opt in or opt out by December 31 2025. This law has to do with sales tax and be registered on a platform for renters.

Truck Bid Opening for Parks & Rec:

Supervisor Wells read aloud a truck bid from Chevy Mangino for a 2025 Chevy Silverado crew cab for \$50,209.43. Supervisor Wells read aloud a truck bid from Romeo for a 2025 Chevy Silverado for \$56,149.10. Supervisor Wells made a motion to accept the bid. Councilperson Howard seconded. Supervisor Wells stated that Bill will look them over and his recommendation is if Mangino meets all the specifications that we go with them. All in favor.

Electric Car:

Christine Pouch stated that when the Town purchased the EV car that we had received a \$2,000 dollar rebate at the dealership. DEC offered a rebate for \$7,500 dollars in Christine's report the rebate was pending and as of this morning (night of the board meeting) it had cleared and was in the bank account.

Charging Station Bid Opening:

Supervisor Wells read aloud the first Charging Station bid from Intergrade LED National Grid for the amount of \$185,584.30. Supervisor Wells read aloud the second Charging Station bid from Lynkwell for the amount of \$236,686.50. Supervisor Wells made a motion to accept both bids for review and recommendation by Christine Pouch. Councilperson Mahoney seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Supervisor Comments:

Supervisor Wells addressed the board with a Thank You letter from Glens Falls Hospital for the letter of support for securing a grant to revamp the Emergency Department.

Supervisor Wells stated that Patrick, Nate and himself met with the new Engineers and gave them all the files we had regarding the Blue Mt. Lake water project. Supervisor Wells stated that the Engineers will be reviewing the files, tomorrow there is a zoom meeting at 11:30 with the engineers.

Supervisor Wells stated that he is working on getting the FEMA money, there is multiple people looking for documentation. Steve Cannan stated that we did not do the bridge work, it was contracted out. Supervisor Wells stated that we will have to do some more looking for documentation.

Supervisor Wells stated that he had the board of Supervisors meeting, there was a lot of discussion regarding the short-term rental law.

Supervisor Wells said that we received notification from the vertical bridge will be taking over for Verizon on the lease.

Supervisor Wells stated that the Indian Lake Theater was awarded a \$27,000 grant for improvements.

Supervisor Wells read a thank you letter from Warren Hamilton Community Action for all the help the town employees give and for the warm hat and gloves program the Town does.

Abstracts and Bills

41116 to 41143

41160 to 41187

4188 to 41362

Supervisor Wells made a motion to pay bills and abstracts. Councilperson Rathbun seconded the motion. All board members were in favor.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to go into executive session for the discussion of contractual and litigation at 7:55 Councilperson Howard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilperson Rathbun motioned to exit executive session at 8:21. Seconded by Councilperson Howard. All were in favor.

Councilperson Howard motioned to accept Town of Indian Lake Budget Transfers. Seconded by Councilperson Eldridge. All were in favor.

Councilperson Mahoney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:27. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All were in favor.