

**A Town Board Meeting Was Held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** The location was the Town Hall Building, on Pelon Road, Town of Indian Lake, State of New York, County of Hamilton.

Supervisor Wells brought 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: Absent  
Councilperson Rathbun: Here  
Councilperson Howard: Here  
Supervisor Wells: Here

Supervisor Wells told the board that they have the minutes in their meeting packet from 3/10/2025 board meeting. Councilperson Mahoney motioned to approve the minutes, Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All were in favor.

**Department Head Reports:**

Pat Mahoney, department head of Water and Sewer stated that he would like to purchase a new pump, as discussed in last month's boarding meeting and was wondering if he could go ahead and order it with only retaining two quotes. Supervisor Wells said that he felt Pat did the work on getting the quotes and felt that it would be ok to purchase a new pump for the Blue Mt. Water plant. All board members were in favor.

Christine Pouch asked the board if it would be ok if the Town held a Bear Wise class at the Theater on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to give the residents more education on bears and how to keep them away. The Board was in favor of this idea.

Davanna Marks from the Chamber read aloud her report from the previous month. She stated that they are currently working on a Spring networking event and the Great ADK Garage Sale. Davanna addressed the board with the idea of using the Town Beach pavilion again this year for poker paddle. The board was in favor of the use of the pavilion.

**Public Hearing:**

Supervisor Wells motioned to open the meeting to a Public Hearing at 7:15 for the discussion of Senior Tax Exemption Rate Change. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All were in favor

Supervisor Wells introduced Local Law #1 of 2025 to change the Rate of Senior citizen Tax Exemption. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All were in favor.

**ADK Dam Permit:**

Supervisor Wells stated that the splash board the was allowed to be put on the dam was a 4-year permit for weed control. Supervisor Wells stated that in the minutes we found out that it was a forever permit, the APA has very little information that they have found regarding it. Supervisor Wells said that the Town board will get together with the advisory board once we have gathered more information.

**Ski Program:**

Supervisor Wells thanked Abby Eldridge for the ski report from the ski program; he stated that it is a wonderful program for the kids.

Councilperson Rathbun stated that he will be doing a pilot program it will be a one day ski lesson at Gore Mountain. \$10 ticket, \$10 rental, \$10 ski lift. He stated that the schools are interested in doing it, it will be a Monday.

### **EAF Part 2 & 3:**

Supervisor Wells read aloud and answered questions for the EAF part 2 & 3 for the Blue Mt. Water project.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5 SEQRA Negative Declaration. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All were in favor.

Supervisor Wells motioned to adopt Resolution No. 4 Authorizing a public hearing regarding the Water district 1 water system. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All were in favor

Councilperson Howard motioned to close the public hearing at 7:48. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 6 Local Law No. 1 was introduced by Councilperson Rathbun seconded by Councilperson Mahoney. All were in favor.

### **C & D Rates:**

Supervisor Wells stated we have a recommendation from our account clerk to increase the C&D rates. Councilperson Howard stated the would like to increase it to \$80.00 for the remainder of the year. Seconded by Councilperson Mahoney. All were in favor.

### **Supervisor Comments:**

Supervisor Wells stated that Hamilton County would like to change the speed limits for Lake Durant Road and Lake Shore Drive from 30 to 25 mph.

Supervisor Wells said that he will be sending information regarding Local Law to the attorney regarding batteries, once we receive it back from the attorney he would like to file it. Councilperson Howard motioned. Seconded by Supervisor Wells. All were in favor.

Supervisor Wells stated that the Department heads are gathering a list of who needs to attend Chainsaw school and they will be attending the upcoming class.

Supervisor Wells stated that DEC is stocking fish April 30<sup>th</sup> for anyone who would like to volunteer.

Supervisor Wells said the rafting contract is out for final review with the attorney.

Supervisor Wells addressed the board that he is trying to get a Bargaining unit meeting scheduled.

Supervisor Wells stated that May16th is Education Day John Rathbun will be holding a reenactment event. Christine to get add in the paper.

Councilperson Howard requested an itemized breakdown of every department head budget.

### **Abstracts & Bills**

41687 to 41884

41634 to 41672

41619 to 41626

Supervisor Wells made a motion to pay the bills and abstracts with the corrections from the account clerk. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All were in favor.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to go into executive session at 8:10 for the discussion of personnel with Pat Mahoney. Seconded by Councilperson Mahoney. All were in favor.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Howard. No action was taken.

Councilperson Howard motioned to allow Supervisor to draft resolution after consultation with Bond Counsel concerning financing of ADK Lake Dam Project. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All board members were in favor.

Councilperson Mahoney motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45. Seconded by Supervisor Wells.