

A TOWN BOARD MEEETING was held on June 9th, 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 called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. 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

Approval of Minutes:

Supervisor Wells stated there was a spelling correction "BAND" should be "BAN". Councilperson Mahoney made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction; Councilperson Eldridge seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Department Reports:

Councilperson Eldridge asked Chrstine Pouch Events Coordinator how many lifeguards we do have currently. Christine responded with 6 total. They currently must get their recertification done or get certified, so it is contingent on that as well. There are currently 2 Senior and 4 Juniors. They are all taking the certification test the last week of this month.

Evan Laprairie from Water & Sewer stated that he spoke with Della about the truck Pat Mahoney had ordered. Evan said that he is trying to get a crew cab instead of the double cab, for the same price with all the same specs as what was bided out for. Supervisor Wells said that when the truck is purchased, we will pass it by Resolution.

Christine Pouch addressed the board with the concern if we were going to take down the old Rafting sign on Chain Lakes Road or have it replaced. Christine said that it was purchased 15 years ago by the Chamber of Commerce. Councilperson Rathbun said that he feels we should either replace it or take it down, as he feels it is an eye sore. Supervisor Wells said for now we will take it down. Christine stated that we do not have to convert our website to a .gov because our population is less than 1,500. Christine also offered the board a new social media Policy. Councilperson Howard motioned to adopt the policy, Councilperson Mahoney seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Citizen of the Year(Res no.11):

Supervisor Wells announced Resolution no.11 for the 2025 Citizens of the Year were Bob and Sandy Scalon. The Town of Indian Lake thank Sandy and Bob Scalon for all dedication and selflessness they have given the town of Indian Lake for the last 23 years.

Public Comments:

Susan Rollings Director of the Indian Lake library addressed the public and the board with an invitation to the Lake Pleasant Library for a presentation regarding the recent cuts made by the federal government and how they would impact your local libraries.

Margret Griffin stated that she was sad to see the local Museum being closed for so long.

Kathy Bird addressed the board with her concerns with needing another shed for Our Mart to store furniture in so it wouldn't get damaged by the weather.

John Sleckman read a letter aloud from the Chamber. See Attached

Andy Cooney addressed the board with his request to hold his annual two races on Blue Mountain Lake one on July 20th. It is a canoeing and kayaking race and The Sizzler race on August 10th. Andy stated that he needs a letter of support sent to DOT from the Town to be able to hold the Sizzler race. Andy thanked Bill Laprairies department for being willing to set out cones for the event. Supervisor Wells asked the board if anyone had any issues continuing the support for the event, all board members stated no.

ALCA Ribbon Cutting:

Supervisor Wells stated that Adk Lake Center for the Arts will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 28th Saturday 10-4 with the ribbon cutting ceremony at noon and a concert at 7:30.

Resolution #9:

Resolution no. 9 To support the Development Authority of the North Country & National Grid Northern New York Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Project was offered by Supervisor Wells, seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. Supervisor Wells called for a roll call vote with the following.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Mahoney: Aye
Councilperson Eldridge: Aye
Councilperson Rathbun: Aye
Councilperson Howard: Aye
Supervisor Wells: Aye

Resolution #10:

Supervisor Wells offered Resolution no.10 for a Speed study for County Route 9, Lake Shore Drive and County Route 19, Durrant Road this Speed Study will be done by the County. Councilperson Rathbun seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Supervisor Comments:

Supervisor Wells states that he attended the opening ceremonies for the new community center in Newcomb, it was a beautiful building with a gorgeous view. Supervisor Wells wanted to thank Christine and Sally for putting on a wonderful farewell party for Brenda and Jack Valentine, it was wonderful. Attended the Memorial Day parade was very nicely organized hopefully in the upcoming years other supervisors will be willing to participate. Next year's Memorial Day parade will be in Long Lake. Supervisor Wells said that he attended the Local Government Review board meeting in Long Lake on the 28th resolution number 9 DANC was a major topic at the meeting. May 28th was the BEARWISE presentation at the Theater it was very informative, attendance was sparse. Supervisor Wells stated that the Cedar River Association donated \$500 to the Town for the mowing, maintenance and all the hard work Parks and Rec crew do. A meeting scheduled for June 10th with Hudson Head waters to do a walk through on the building for a building evaluation. Supervisor Wells stated that the 2024 ski hill landfill report was filled with DEC and it was accepted. Supervisor Wells stated that he has been following the EMS legislation, unfortunately the governor dropped it out of her budget to make EMS a essential services. Supervisor Wells addressed Justice Helen Glass' request for a screen door. Supervisor Wells felt with it being a court and not having someone there during the day that an Air conditioner might be a better than a screen door. Helen agreed that it would be better and thanked the board for hearing her request. Supervisor Wells said that he was asked to write a letter of support for the Spylake communication tower on Route 8 in the town of Arrieta. Supervisor Wells stated that he was asked to present a One Work Source flyer to our town clerk. Supervisor Wells said this morning he received a email from Indian Lake garden club they would like to be involved with the new landscaping at Byron Park when the Dam is completed.

Supervisor Wells motioned to amend Licinio Marques ending term date to 12/31/2026, seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All were in favor.

Councilperson Mahoney asked Highway Superintendent Eugene Darling how the paving project was coming on John Rust Road and Sawmill Road. Eugene said that in July they will reprofile John Rust Road and then around the third week of August we will pave both roads.

Councilperson Howard wanted to thank all the departments for working together to pick up everything on trash day, it is very much appreciated. Councilperson Howard stated that if there was anyone that felt that she could be doing more or something different to reach out to her, she said there is always room for improvement for anyone.

Abstracts and Bills

42108 to 42132

42147 to 42174

42182 to 42333

Councilperson Eldridge motioned to pay the bills and abstracts, Seconded by Councilperson Howard. All were in favor.

Supervisor Wells motioned to go into executive session for the discussion of contractual at 7:53 p.m. Councilperson Eldridge seconded the motion.

Councilperson Mahoney left the executive session at 8:10 p.m.

Councilperson Eldridge motioned to exit executive session at 8:38 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Howard.

No action was taken.

Councilperson Rathbun motioned to prorate White Water Challengers rafting slot fee for the 1st quarter of 2025 and the proceeding 3 – quarter payments to be based on actual revised slot allocation of 50 slots. Councilperson Howard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Supervisor Wells motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun.