

AGENDA

July 14th, 2025

Agenda for this Month's meeting at the time of posting. This agenda is subject to change.

Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Lake Town Hall

***WELCOME**

***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

***ROLL CALL**

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 6/9/2025**

***DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

***PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

***NEW COMPLAINT FORM**

***NATIONAL GRID TREE MAINTANCE**

***PRO-HOUSING LETTER**

***SNOWMOBILE AGREEMENT**

***SUPERVISOR COMMENTS**

***OTHER TOWN BUSINESS**

***PAY BILLS/ABSTRACTS**

***EXECUTIVE SESSION**

THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 11TH, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall, in Blue Mt. Lake NY. Please check the Town Web site at: indianlakeadk.com

Mechanics Report – June 2025

- H20- Replace plugs and wires
- 188- Bring truck in and diagnose engine oil leak. Found it was leaking oil from the CCV filter housing. Replaced CCV filter sealed housing, and test drove to verify fix.
- Codes and Zoning Jeep- Replace front lower control arms and front brake pads and rotors and test drove.
- 181- Service call to John Rust Road to fix a blown rear tire.
- H20- Diagnose check engine light for misfire. Tested all components of the electrical system and verified everything was ok. Swapped injector #7 with #1 to see if the misfire followed cylinders with the injectors. Misfire stayed on cylinder #1. Diagnosed cylinder 1 low on compression causing the misfire.
- 192- United John Deere came and repaired the hydraulic control valve under warranty.
- 195- Diagnosed transmission oil leak. Found rotten transmission lines and trans cooler. Mangino's Chevrolet had the lines in stock, but the trans cooler is on national backorder. I'm still waiting to hear about the estimated arrival date.
- 188- Full engine service.
- Clean and organize parts room.
- 181- Full engine service.
- Tc45D- Install brush hog. Brought it into the shop and sharpened the blades and checked oil in gear box. Greased all fittings.
- 195 Wing- Brought wing into the shop and removed lift rams to be rebuilt by Marcy Hydraulics.
- 185 Wing- Brought into shop and welded cracks and repainted.
- 185- Install box oiler and new mudflaps before paving.
- York Rake- Service call to Parkerville Road to replace broken lift pins.
- 183- Install box oiler and rewire pump before paving.
- 188- Diagnose no trailer brakes. Replaced trailer plug and associated wiring on back of truck. Tested with flatbed trailer.
- 183- Remove side toolbox and replace with new.
- Codes and Zoning Jeep- Diagnose brake fluid leak. Found passenger side rear brake caliper piston seal blown out. Replaced caliper and test drove.
- 3320- Remove all hardware for the broom and sweeper and install front end loader.

Town of Indian Lake Highway Department

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Monthly Report – June 2025

June 3rd & 4th were town-wide trash pickup days. Due to the volume of trash, we needed an extra half day to complete the pickup.

Additional security has been added to the garage (camera software installation is complete; office door locks have been changed).

We finished installing the new military banners for the American Legion.

The work continues on John Rust Road. It is scheduled for reprofiling on July 16th. Corscadden Road improvements have been completed with the exception of hydroseeding.

We assisted the County with paving on Griffin Road and work by Chimney Mountain.

On 6/30 I met with Daniel Westman from the DEC to review Pit #6 violations. Mining pit permit renewals are in process.

One of the storage sheds behind the garage is falling apart. I am seeking approval to tear down the shed and start the process of obtaining a replacement for it.

I would like to request a Town of Indian Lake credit card for making miscellaneous purchases.



Submitted by Eugene Darling, Jr.
Highway Superintendent
July 10, 2025

Town of Indian Lake water and wastewater report for June 2025

The plants were tested daily.

DOH and DEC samples were submitted to the lab.

Backwash controls at Indian Lake water plant failed, causing the settling tank to overflow. Arvid (control engineer) helped repair backwash controls and tower communication.

Aqualogic recalibrate flow meter at Indian Lake Sewer plant.

Weed whacked Indian lake water tower, sewer plant, and hydrants.

Cleaned up downed tree and brush at Proposed new water plant site.

Repaired water leaks at John Rust Rd, The Indian Lake Restaurant, and Indian Lake water plant.

Installed a new water service line in Blue Mountain Lake.

Restored water service Blue Mountain Lake Town garage.

Repaired butterfly valve and maintenance blower #3 at Indian Lake Sewer Plant.

Carried out all meter reading in Blue Mountain Lake and Indian Lake for the 2025 billing cycle.

Respectfully

Evan LaPrairie





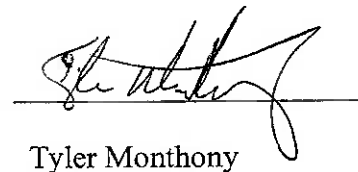
TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE

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

Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report June 2025

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	6	2
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$205,684</u>	<u>\$11,000</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):	2	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	<u>\$165,400</u>	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	0	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	<u>0</u>	
9. Number of Firework Permits issued:	<u>1</u>	
10. Total dollar amount of permits in #9:	<u>\$7500</u>	
11. Fire inspections (Annual) to date	8	

Respectfully Submitted by:


Tyler Monthony

Monthly report June 2025 Maintenance and Operations department

We started off June the full day of recycling, I have been using two guys on business days and sometimes four on full pick up. The businesses seem to be doing their part and seem to have accepted us and our schedule so far. Some homeowners are still getting familiar with our times and route changes, anyone who has not properly separated their recycling is left a reminder of how it is done and what to expect, July will be our first real test with a full volume at all businesses and homes.

Town trash day cleanup was up this year from previous years, 26,080 C&D 33,220 metal.

All Town properties have been mowed in between rain storms, including cemeteries and shooting range.

This month saw the black fly challenge start in Indian lake ending in inlet, it seemed like everything on our end went very smoothly, barricades and cones were put out banners were put up, and everything was cleaned up after the event was over. The starting point is always the easiest, next year the event will end in Indian Lake which presents a few more challenges.

Concrete bases were poured at both Cedar River and Benton Cemeteries for headstones, we had one burial at Cedar River cemetery this month, we moved a bunch of topsoil at both cemeteries to fill in some of the graves that were sinking or needed attention.

Installed air conditioner in court office.

Took delivery of the tires for the Massey Ferguson snow groomer, loaded the old tires for the unit we got rid of and worked on some warranty issues on the tractor.

Christine's Monarch Fest went very well the guys set up and took down all the tents for the event.

Thank you
Bill LaPrairie



Building Maintenance & Operations



July 14, 2025, Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting Economic Development, Marketing & Events Report

Community/Economic Development/Lifeguards

NYSDEC Eastern Black Bear Workshops There have been a few bear sightings. The most recent at Minnowbrook Conference Center. They have now installed an electric fence. We continue to share various posts from Bearwise.org and have a display table at the Welcome Center with lots of handouts.

Lifeguards & Beaches All lifeguards passed their American Red Cross tests and CPR recertifications. We did two days of in-house training. Lifeguards started at both beaches on Friday, July 4. We have a total of six with three at each beach on busier days. The Chain Lakes Beach bathrooms and changing areas were power washed, scraped, and repainted thanks to teamwork with Parks & Rec and Kylie. They look 100% better.

Beaches are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm. Closed on Sunday and Monday.

NYSDOH has already sent us a violation for having people on the beach, in the water swimming, and on the floating dock when the beach was closed before we even officially opened on 7/2/25. We clearly have posted signs that say, "SWIMMING PROHIBITED WHEN NO LIFEGUARDS ARE ON DUTY." The beachgoers just ignore the signs. When we were doing onsite training, I had to tell folks the beach is closed to swimming. NYSDOH considers this violation a public health hazard.

On 7/8, NYSDOH came back to the BML Beach and we had NO violations.

Staffing: All lifeguards are very conscientious and want to work five days a week and/or up to 40 hours per week. Our current budget is unable to support this as we only have access to the budget approved last year. All guards have received a complimentary logo ball cap and will be getting a logo sweatshirt.

Professional Development Kylie took her Notary Public test on June 26 in Albany. We are hoping to hear the results any day now. Once we learn she has passed, she has to submit an application to become a notary (which could take another 4 to 6 weeks) then she will be able to order her notary stamp.

Events

Black Fly Challenge Everything ran smoothly even though we had a significant location change from Byron Park to an outdoor tent at Town Hall. Having registration under a tent worked out great. We had great volunteers which were treated to a Thank you party at Axes & Irons which the Black Fly organization picked up the tab. There was some discussion in the wrap up meeting re: whether to continue alternating the start and end locations.

Monarch & Milkweed Challenge The 2nd Annual Monarch Fest, was held on Saturday, June 21 from Noon to 2PM. We had several DIY related projects related to butterflies and pollinators for all ages. The Native North American Travelling College Dance Troupe from Akwesasne, Ontario, provided entertainment this year. We had 130 participants.

Independence Day will be celebrated on Saturday, July 6. The Washington County Line Bluegrass Band started playing at 6PM, with parade at 7PM, and fireworks at 9PM. We had 25 parade entries. First place went to Hayley Puterko's Duck, Duck, Jeep. Second place went to the Chisman family on their pontoon boat entry. Third place went to Pine's Country Store.

Music in the Park The first concert is on Saturday, July 19 with the Fenimore Blues, followed by Tame the Rooster (country) on August 2, the North Allen Duo (classic rock, country and alternative cover band) on August 16 and Rocky & The Moosemen on September 27.

Northern Forest Canoe Trail's 90 Miler will land on the Blue Mountain Lake Beach on Friday, September 25. We support this event by providing tents, tables, garbage cans, signage, cones and staff to assist.

Antiques and Rustic Shows Postcards have been sent to several vendors to pass out while they are at other shows as well as at businesses in our community. Banners will be going up mid-July.

Marketing/General Admin

Town Complaint Form Supervisor Wells asked Kylie to develop a Town Complaint Form due to the numerous complaints we have been getting because the garbage is not being picked up in a timely manner. See attached.

Website Privacy Policy This policy was approved at the last board meeting and a link has been uploaded to the website on the Municipal Tab under Public Safety.

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. We have been posting, and will continue, on NCPR and Experience Our Adirondacks (Hamilton County Tourism Calendar). Note: We re-submitted our events to The Chronicle again, but they have yet to respond to our request.

Flyers, maps, and town event rack cards are continually refilled throughout the community on a weekly basis and as needed.

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. [townofindianlakeny \(@townofindianlakeny\) | TikTok](#)

Technology/Miscellaneous

No updates at this time.

Grants

2025 NYS Budget Appropriation Grant Award for 5 Towns On June 5 we received notification that each of the five towns would be receiving a \$300,000 appropriation via the state budget.

NYS SWIMS First voucher request for reimbursement will be sent in before 7/31.

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 eight 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 eight, five will be selected as the most suitable for development and will advance to a deeper pre-development phase. The Commons Project was approved. Update: This project continues to move forward slowly.

DASNY/SAM Grants – Final paperwork for reimbursement on June 9 with disbursement expected within 4 to 6 weeks which should be before the end of July.

DEC EV Charging Stations Project started on 7/9 with construction and civil work (trenching, concrete, equipment bases) to be completed by 7/10; electrical work follows and is expected to be completed by 7/12. Then it typically takes 45 days to have National Grid come in and complete their part.

DEC Byron Park extension has been approved through July 2026. Waiting for the final contract to come back through the Statewide Financial System.

DEC EV Car Rebate's On 7/9/25 I sent another follow up and got an *Out of the Office* message through the end of this week. On 5/29 I asked for an update and received this reply. *"I'm waiting for some internal forms to be signed and the funds to be encumbered in SFS. There has been a little bit of backlog since the agency transitioned its financial management system to SFS at the beginning of the fiscal year. Also, Admin staff are still getting trained hence, the delay."*

Meetings

6/10 – ADK Community reception at the Adirondack Experience, The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake

6/11 – Black Fly Challenge site visit

6/11 – ADKAction site visit

6/16 – ProHousing webinar

6/18 – North Country Alliance Annual Meeting in Lake Placid

6/25 – Indian Lake Theater Advisory Board Meeting

6/26 – Regional Economic Development Council grant workshop in BML

6/28 – ALCA Ribbon Cutting

7/9 – ADKAction site visit

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch and Kylie Cannan, 7/9/25.

TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE COMPLAINT FORM

PO BOX 730

INDIAN LAKE, NY 12842



NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

DATE(S) OF INCIDENT: _____

TIME(S) IF RELEVANT: _____

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: _____

COMPLAINT TYPE:

- ☐ ANIMAL
- ☐ GARBAGE
- ☐ RECYCLING
- ☐ NOISE
- ☐ ROADS/ PARKING LOTS
- ☐ WATER
- ☐ OTHER

COMPLAINT & DETAILS:

*IF YOU HAVE ANY PICTURES OR DOCUMENTS, PLEASE PROVIDE THEM.

Notification of Routine Tree Maintenance

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TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE
TOWN HALL
PO BOX 730
INDIAN LAKE NY 12842

Start: 7/1/2025
Duration: 12/1/2025
Circuit: 31076
Crews: LEWIS TREE
Account: 0033198006



For Service Address:

W MAIN ST
INDIAN LAKE NY 12842

Dear Customer:

As a recognized National Arbor Day Foundation Tree Line USA Utility award winner since 2000, National Grid strives to provide safe, reliable energy to our more than 1.5 million customers throughout our New York service territory. In order to maintain safe and reliable energy services to our customers, we will be in your area on or about the **START** date noted above and will continue for the **DURATION** noted with our cyclic tree/vegetation management program.

Our programs provide that diseased and/or weakened trees, together with those that have been planted or allowed to grow in hazardous locations and that have the potential to contribute to power outages, will be pruned; or in some cases, may include their removal if they pose a severe threat to our facilities to provide you with continual reliable service. We share your concerns and appreciation for trees, as well respecting the environment in which we serve.

The work will be performed by our qualified contractors noted as **CREWS** and they will make every attempt to notify you in person at the time work is completed. There is no charge for this work, and you do not have to be at home when the work is being performed.

To help keep you informed, we have enclosed an insert explaining our tree/vegetation management programs in detail and helpful tips on how to avoid planting trees near electric lines.

If your electric service is provided by underground connections rather than overhead, this notice is as a courtesy so you'll be aware of the intentions and actions of tree service personnel and equipment you'll see in your neighborhood in the near future.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this process. If you have questions or concerns, please visit our website at www.nationalgridus.com and scroll to the **Important Information About Trees And Your Electric Service** section at the bottom of the page about the work that is scheduled or you may contact our **Customer Service Contact Center** at 1-800-642-4272.

Sincerely,
National Grid
Distribution Forestry

For National Grid's residential customers in New York

Trees and Your Electric Service

Managing Vegetation to Ensure Electric Service Reliability

Trees and Electric Reliability

National Grid serves over 1.6 million customers along 36,000 miles of electric distribution lines in New York that deliver the power you need and rely upon. Trees are an integral part of our life. We estimate that our lines are exposed to over 12 million trees, and inevitably, the conflicts between trees and overhead electric lines that develop must be addressed to assure your safety and service reliability. Trees can help you save energy when properly located, but are also a leading cause of electric service interruptions by contacting and damaging our overhead electric facilities.

National Grid's Tree Pruning Program

National Grid shares your concern and appreciation for trees. We recognize their value to you and your community. Diseased or damaged trees, those with structural defects, poor performing species and those growing in the wrong place frequently cause power outages when they contact our overhead electric lines. Our vegetation management program addresses trees along selected distribution feeder circuits typically on a five- to seven-year cycle. Our professional utility arborists periodically review these feeders and adjust our schedules to keep trees a safe distance away. Since 2000, National Grid is proud to have repeatedly earned national recognition for its

tree pruning programs. The National Arbor Day Foundation has recognized National Grid as a "Tree Line USA" utility, through its demonstration of excellence in tree care, annual worker training and a commitment to public education and community tree planting. We are among a select few utilities to earn this prestigious national honor.

Utility Pruning

The technique of "directional pruning" is most commonly used to attempt to naturally direct trees growth away from the wires. This science based pruning practice was developed in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service and is endorsed by the International Society of Arboriculture, the National Arbor Day Foundation and other tree care professionals around the world.

Our specifications are to maintain at least 10 feet of clearances from the primary lines next to, above and below the primary conductors in residential, urban and maintained areas and at least 15 feet of clearance next to, above and below the primaries in rural and unmaintained areas, while secondary electric lines require at least 18 inches of clearance on all sides. In order to properly conform to industry ANSI A300 pruning standards, it may be necessary to cut limbs beyond the distance specified to the correct points of limb attachment within the crown of the tree. Trees may initially

look different following directional pruning, but this line clearance pruning practice allows trees to remain healthy. Additionally, in rural and unmaintained urban areas under or immediately adjacent to our lines, we will cut small, volunteer or intrusive trees and tall growing brush to prevent future vegetation encroachment. Damaged, poorly structured trees or weak tree species may require additional pruning or even removal. Stump treatments with State and federally approved herbicides may be applied (when and where appropriate) to prevent the regeneration of undesirable species, thus helping to reduce costs and repetitive work in the future.

The Benefits of Directional Pruning

Directional pruning considers the natural structure of the tree to reduce the number of cuts required. While the size of the cuts in the work area may seem larger than was common in the past, fewer cuts mean better wound isolation and 'healing' for the tree.

The guiding principle of directional pruning is the "90-3-90" rule. Typically, 90 percent of the interfering branches can be removed by making three larger cuts within the tree crown 90 percent

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Questa è un'informazione importante, si prega di tradurla.

Это очень важное сообщение.
Пожалуйста, попросите чтобы
вам его перевели.



Homes and Community Renewal

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

RUTHANNE VISNAUSKAS
Commissioner/CEO

June 2, 2025

Town of Indian Lake
Attention: Mr. Brian E. Wells
117 Pelon Road
Indian Lake, New York 12842

Dear Brian E. Wells,

Thank you for submitting the Town of Indian Lake's application to New York's Pro-Housing Communities Program. We are delighted to inform you that we have completed the review of your application and the Town of Indian Lake has been certified as a Pro-Housing Community.

The housing shortage that New Yorkers face affects residents of all ages and income levels, and the urgent need to take action to address the issue is only growing. In New York State, rents have risen 40 to 60 percent since 2015 and home prices have risen 50 to 80 percent. More than half of New York renters are rent-burdened, meaning that they pay more than 30 percent of their income on rent – the second-highest rate in the nation. Here at HCR, we understand the nexus between supply and affordability. In order to achieve true equity of opportunity and to erase the gaps in access to health, education, and wealth-building, we must guarantee that people have a choice as to where they live and raise their families. So much of the housing progress we have made and want to make is dependent on the support of municipalities like yours who are on the front lines helping families fight for housing that meets their needs.

As a certified Pro-Housing Community, the Town of Indian Lake will now be eligible to apply for various discretionary funding programs with up to \$650 million in funding available.

We are excited that the Town of Indian Lake has chosen to join the Pro-Housing Communities Program and we look forward to continuing to work with the Town of Indian Lake to ensure that all New Yorkers have access to a safe, affordable, equitable place to live.

Sincerely,

RuthAnne Visnauskas
Commissioner/CEO