



TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE

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

Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report July 2025

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	17	2
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$472,000</u>	<u>\$66,970</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	8	

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tyler Monthony

Monthly report July 2025 building Maintenance Dept

July started off with a lot of mowing, all Town properties, cemeteries, the shooting range and transfer station in Blue, we knocked down the big banks at the Catholic cemetery and the Ski Hut and put the brush hog on the Kubota tractor to get ready for doing the hill.

Big tent has been set up at the old Townsend property, picnic tables are there and the stage is set up for the summer concert series. 50 amp subpanel has been added to the service at Townsends for bands that require extra power.

Recycling is done every Monday and Friday, from last month to this month volume has more than doubled, two guys are working between eight and eleven hours. We are still handing out flyers to certain individuals and businesses trying to get them to recycle correctly, 95% of the people are doing a fantastic job.

Sump pump at the health center gave up after a heavy rain, a temporary pump was installed on a Saturday evening late and Monday morning the new pump arrived and was back in service before the building opened.

Four sections of concrete sidewalk have been repaired this month, different locations around town required repair due to heaves and cracking, also a new concrete apron was installed at the health center, a continuation of repairs that we started last year.

Beaches are in and open, so far going fairly smoothly on my end with maintenance and repairs, Kylie and Christine have been handling personnel and day-to-day scheduling. Beach inspections were done and only small things had to be handled, everyone seems to work well together.

Moved all the books from the library and the book shed to Byron Park for a book sale and will clean them all up after the event is over .

We have had three burials at the Cedar River cemetery this month and one at the Catholic cemetery, top soiled and put grass seed down on the graves that we have done this year and plan on doing more maintenance in the cemeteries in the coming weeks.

Other projects we have done include working at the Library installing a kitchenette, moving picnic tables for church picnic, moving tables for nights of Columbus, patching the large cracks in the Blue Mountain tennis court, repairing phone lines and Internet at Town Hall, cleaning up after fireworks at Byron Park, fixing broken door at welcome center.

A few trips from me to TC MURPHY, but most of the time we have them deliver to us depending upon the project and the scope of what we are doing.

Thank you
Bill LaPrairie



Dept head Building Maintenance and Operations

Town of Indian Lake Highway Department

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Monthly Report – July 2025

This month we purchased a new sickle bar and started mowing the growth along the sides of roads. Unfortunately the tractor used for mowing is in the shop for repairs. We are renting a grader for as long as needed to complete our various roadwork projects.

The crew continued working on improvements to John Rust Rd and Extension. Suit-Kote did the reprofiling on 7/16 and spread magnesium chloride on 7/17. The road will be paved in August. We are in the process of submitting the work-to-date to PAVE-NY for reimbursement. The remaining work and invoices will be submitted in the 4th quarter.

Stony Step Rd ditching and shoulder work is in progress.

Heavy rains mid-month caused runoff damage on several roads requiring cleanup and repairs to roads, ditches and driveways.

Mining pit permit renewal update: Brian Wells is having the town engineer draw new maps, as we need to submit a fresh application to the APA.

The highway dept. supplied stone to the company installing charging stations at the Welcome Center. The cost of the materials will be included in the grant application for reimbursement.

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



Submitted by Eugene Darling, Jr.
Highway Superintendent
August 7, 2025



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

Community/Economic Development/Lifeguards

Bear Issues We continue to learn about bear and dumpster issues. Hemlock Hall and the One Stop recently reported issues with bears. It seems the dumpsters are not being completely dumped. Each was referred to the DEC contacts we have and provided with information about electric fencing for dumpsters. Informational handouts about bear deterrence are available at the Welcome Center and Town Hall. So far, Theater, One Stop, Hemlock Hall, Minnowbrook, and Chef Darrell's.

Lifeguards & Beaches Lifeguards were approved to work 35 hours per week at the last board meeting, and schedules were increased. Lifeguards were provided with "uniforms", so they are easily identified on the beach. We have had to exchange a few for size issues. We have three guards leaving early for college: Jackson leaves on 8/13; Tyler on 8/15; and Natalie on 8/20. August 20 will be the last day the Blue Mountain Lake Beach is open. Jayde will report to Chain Lakes Beach the remainder of the month. Morgan is away for a family vacation from 8/23 to 8/31. This leaves us with two guards for the remainder of August at Chain Lakes. Total beach goers in July were 781 for Chain Lakes and 379 for Blue Mountain Lake. Report attached.

Professional Development Kylie has received her notary stamp and is available for notary services by appointment.

Events

Black Fly Challenge Kira DeLong received a \$500 scholarship from the Black Fly Challenge group. I requested funding for the last multiuse trail from them as well. The amount needed for last trail is \$26,340. We hope to get the trail markers and signs up during the month of August with Parks & Rec's assistance.

Monarch & Milkweed Challenge This activity continues. The school, library and Welcome Center received painted lady caterpillars from an enthusiast from Northville. Ours have hatched and have been released. Town Hall has five Monarch caterpillars they are raising.

Music in the Park The first and second concerts have attracted a large audience with Tame the Rooster being the largest thus far – 200 +/- . North Allen Duo (classic rock, country and alternative cover band) is up next on August 16; then Rocky & The Moosemen on September 27 at the Moose Fest. We are already planning the concert schedule for 2026. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

Indian Lake Paint Out! has only one spot left (out of 10). This year the two-day plein air painting event on August 16-17 will be held at King's Flow thanks to Cabins at Chimney Mountain. The event costs \$60pp which includes all supplies.

Northern Forest Canoe Trail's 90 Miler will land on the Blue Mountain Lake Beach on Friday, September 5. We support this event by providing tents, tables, garbage cans, signage, cones and staff to assist.

Antiques and Rustic Shows Kylie and Christine visited the Washington County Antiques Show, Saranac Lake Show and Brimfield North Sale at Frontier Town to hand out postcards about our shows to attract new vendors and customers. Specialized signage will be hung soon in Indian Lake and Blue Mountain Lake in mid-August.

Independence Day 2026 As this year will be the 250th anniversary of signing the declaration of Independence, we are suggesting a larger celebration than other years. More music, hot dog cookout, outdoor games, bounce house/climbing wall, etc. at the lakefront of Adirondack Lake, followed by fireworks launched by ILVFD or another professional licensed company. July 4, 2026, is on a Saturday.

Marketing/General Admin

Social Media Policy was shared with the Town Board on 7/29/25 for their review and feedback.

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). We finally received information back from The Chronicle re: adding our calendar of events to their publication as well as advertising rates.

Logo Copyright Christine has submitted the application to copyright our logo, and we are waiting for approval on this. We want to do this to prevent others from using our logo, especially in inappropriate ways such as making and selling merchandise with our logo and/or using the logo as part of someone's Facebook profile.

New Merchandise Starting in small quantities, we are trying out 4Imprint, as opposed to our previous seller. We are getting low on branded apparel and received some new products to sell for the remainder of the summer season. Our previous seller was unable to meet requests, and 4Imprint ships very quickly. We have only ordered a couple of products to test quality including hats, tan & red crewnecks, and sub-branded t-shirts.

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](#)

Our Facebook page was launched on May 17, 2021 and started with only 18 followers. We currently have 8,800 followers. We currently have 6,300 likes.

Technology/Miscellaneous

All our laptops/desktops will be updated to Microsoft 11 before Microsoft 10 expires in mid-October by Vector One.

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. We need to assign a project so the workplan can be submitted to NYSDEC.

NYS SWIMS First report was submitted by 7/31 for period ending 6/30/25. The next submission will include reimbursement for lifeguard expenses.

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 \$300,000 was direct deposited into our bank account on July 31 for the reimbursement for the purchase of the Townsend property.

DEC EV Charging Stations We are waiting for National Grid to power up the charging stations which are planned for September.

DEC Byron Park extension has been approved through July 2026. Waiting for the final contract to come back through the Statewide Financial System. Update: Emailed DEC on 8/1/25.

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

7/9 – ADK Action at pollinator site
7/14 – New coalition for Northern Hamilton County for Drug Free Communities Grant
7/16 – ADK Action Intern meeting
7/18 – Saranac Lake Antiques Show
7/23 – Smart Growth webinar
7/30 – Cabins at Chimney Mountain site visit
8/6 – Northern Forest webinar on Outdoor Recreation

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch and Kylie Cannan on 8/6/25.

Number of Daily Swimmers – July 2025

	Chain Lake Beach	Blue Mountain Lake Beach
1		
2		
3		
4	66	2
5	96	34
6		
7		
8	8	18
9	40	16
10	34	17
11	30	19
12	57	22
13		
14		
15	45	24
16	22	33
17	27	2
18	14	1
19	34	21
20		16
21		
22	39	12
23	38	19
24	40	35
25	14	3
26	90	47
27		2
28		
29	56	4
30	26	25
31	5	7
TOTAL	781	379

Town of Indian Lake water and wastewater report for July 2025

The plants were tested daily.

DOH and DEC samples were submitted to the lab.

Met with DOT on Blue Mountain Lake hill about asphalt patching. The road has since shown signs of undermining and requires more inspection.

Sewer Plant boiler inspection was carried out and passed for another three years.

Weed whacked and mowed Blue Mountain Lake water tower, water plant, and hydrants.

Evan and Ben helped the Highway Department replace culverts near water lines on John Rust Rd and King Rd in Indian Lake. They also, helped with ditching after washout.

Repaired water main and replaced valve on King Rd. Pipes separated due to washout.

Apon inspecting sewer plant blower #1 out of order, #2 works well independently, and #3 assists blower #2 but will not run independently. We have begun looking at replacements.

The main lift pump for Blue Mountain Lake water plant wore out and we are currently using our back up pump. A new pump was ordered in April and we are awaiting a reply from the manufacturers as to when the pump will be complete.

The Pilot project for the new Blue Mountain Lake Water Plant has begun. The equipment was delivered July 21st and was operational by the 28th.

Respectfully

Evan LaPrairie

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Evan LaPrairie", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Town of Indian Lake Social Media Policy
Adopted on _____

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish general standards and responsibilities for the acceptable use of social media platforms for the Town of Indian Lake (Town) and its constituents' departments. The Town recognizes social media platforms, such as Facebook, NextDoor, Twitter (X), Instagram, and TikTok, provide a pathway for delivering information to residents, visitors, and community partners about activities, programs, goals and initiatives, news, and other information and material intended to increase public awareness, social capital (shared values and resources) and civic engagement. The immediacy of social media is a natural fit for communicating important messages to the public on short notice, promoting Town and community events and activities, and supporting Town businesses services and promotions.

The purpose of the Town social media posting policy is to outline the terms of use, prohibited content, and disclaimers as they apply to all Town communication. The policy also applies to all users of the Town's social media accounts, regardless of their employment status or job functions. The policy also applies to members of the public who comment or otherwise interact with the Town through its social media.

TERMS OF USE

The Town invites organizations and businesses to share updates on events on the Town's social media pages to reach a localized audience. Social media sites administered by the Town are subject to the terms and conditions established by the Town and include the following:

- The term "Authorized User" refers to any Town employee responsible for the use, administration, management, monitoring of social media on behalf of the Town. Currently authorized users as of 7/2025 are Christine Pouch, Kylie Cannan and Jake Mahoney.
- A "User" is a citizen who signs up for and engages with social media accounts which have been created and are managed by the Town. They must review and adhere to the terms of the Town's policy. All postings and comments made by a user are voluntary and made at the user's own risk.

- By posting or commenting on any Town social media account, a user is acknowledging acceptance of all applicable terms of use of the Town as a social media host.
- Users should be aware the Town does not monitor activity on social media accounts 24 hours per day/7 days per week. Posts and comments are periodically monitored by Town designated staff.
- Posts made by Town staff maybe generated in advance and scheduled for release on certain days/times automatically. New postings do not always indicate an administrator is active on the site.
- Town social media accounts are not intended for conducting official business and cannot accommodate a user's attempt to report concerns or make official inquiries. Users needing assistance should contact the proper Town department directly during normal business hours by calling 518.648.5885.
- Comments posted by the public on the Town's social media sites do not necessarily reflect the opinion(s) of the Town. The Town and its individual departments, neither endorse nor oppose, by its actions or interactions related to restriction, removal or deletion of a submission/postings, the comments/content submitted/posted by others. Users alone are responsible for their comments, usernames, and/or any information or content they place or attempt to place on Town sites.

BENEFITS OF SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLS

When used appropriately social media tools provide municipal agencies with exceptional opportunities to:

- Enhance the speed, reach and targeting of communication.
- Solicit community input on Town programs and services.
- Improve information exchange between Town residents, visitors and its employees.
- Increase the Town's ability to broadcast messages to the widest possible audience.
- Provides a platform for strategic branding-building efforts.

PERSONAL SOCIAL MEDIA USAGE

Use of personal social media accounts for personal purposes (outside the workplace and using non-Town information systems), postings and user profiles on personal social media accounts must not state or imply that the views, conclusions, statements or other content are an official statement, position or communication of the Town, or that they represent the views of the Town or any Town employee or appointed/elected Town officers. Town authorized users should not use the Town's social media platforms for personal gain.

PROHIBITED CONTENT

The following section pertains to both Town employees and its designees, as well as public generated content. The Town and its designees, repost, restrict, remove, and delete content and/or block any person, group, or entity submitting and/or repeatedly submitting comments/postings that are contrary to or inconsistent with the purpose of the page, not topically related to particular postings authorized by the Town and its designees, violates applicable law and/or violate the applicable terms and conditions of use.

Only posts and/or comments consistent with the social media's host terms of use are welcome. Any information, posts or comments containing the following content will be removed from the social media site:

- Abusive, profane, threatening, insulting, false, defamatory, slanderous, libelous, hateful, harassing or stalking, racist, sexist, bigoted, homophobic, vulgar, obscene, violent, pornographic or sexual, inappropriate or offensive, and/or criminal or unlawful language or content.
- Content not topically related to a particular posting generated by the Town.
- Confidential information or information that compromises the security of the Town network or information systems.
- Content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination based on race, religion, gender, marital or familial status, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, source of income, or other protected status under applicable law.
- Content that may tend to compromise the safety and security of the public or public systems.
- Content that constitutes or includes copyrighted or trademarked material and/or content that violates the legal ownership interest of another party, submitted or posted without prior authorization.
- Comments in support of or opposition to political campaigns or ballot measures.
- Photographs, videos, audio recordings and/or similar media or links to other pages or websites is, except when posted/approved by the Town, is strictly prohibited.

DISCLAIMER

The Town of Indian Lake disclaims all responsibility and liability for any materials or content that the Town staff deems inappropriate for posting. The Town shall make efforts to remove said materials in an expeditious or otherwise timely manner, but disclaims liability if circumstances exist that prevent or hinder efforts to remove said materials.

“Friending,” “liking,” and/or similar exchanges/actions between individual Town employees and a social media site user does not indicate endorsement of that user’s actions or comments.

Postings on the Town’s social media site may reference copies of public records of the Town. The original public records may be subject to disclosure under NYS Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

POSTING

Official social media sites need to be clear and follow industry standards best practices. All content should be (1) relevant; (2) timely; (3) professional; and (4) apply to the public at large.

COMMENTING

The Town has the discretion to turn on/off comments based on the content when applicable.

BLOCKING

The Town reserves the right to delete comments that are irrelevant to the post, share misinformation, contain obscenity, incite or promote violence/illegal activities or harass Town employees or others.

INTERNAL POLICY EXTERNAL POLICY PURPOSE

To build communication and trust with our residents and visitors, and to provide information.

MODERATION OF THIRD-PARTY CONTENT

Third party comments, messages posts, opinions, advertisements, videos, promoted content, external hyperlinks, linked websites, statements, commercial products, processes, or services posted on any social media platforms and such communications are those of the authors and do not reflect the views of the Town.

Supervisor
Brian E. Wells

Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Taylor Miner

Principal Accountant
Kimberley Crandall



Town Board
John Rathbun
Jake Mahoney
Kristina Eldridge
Pamela Howard

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**Legal Notice
Budget Workshop's**

The Indian Lake Town Board will be holding the **2025 Budget Workshops** for the **2026 Budget** as well as anything the comes before the Board on the following dates:

October 2nd (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Town Hall – BUDGET BEGINS:
Library, Ambulance, Chamber, Theater, Justices, Art Center
Fire Districts 1 & 2, Water Districts 1 & 2, Debt Services,
Cash Reserves, Land Capital, and Planned Fund Balances

October 14th (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m. Town Hall – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 16th (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Town Hall – GENERAL BUDGET

**October 23rd (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Town Hall – CONTINUATION of the
GENERAL BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING for the WEED and SEWER DISTRICTS
WEED and SEWER DISTRICT BUDGET**

October 30th (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Byron Park – HIGHWAY BUDGET

**November 6th (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Town Hall – FINAL REVIEW
PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

November 10th (Monday) 7:00 p.m. Town Hall – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**November 13th (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Town Hall -
PUBLIC HEARING on LOCAL LAW – TAX CAP OVERRIDE LAW**



**Department of
Transportation**

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

MARIE THERESE DOMINGUEZ
Commissioner

LINDA A. LUBEY, P.E.
Regional Director

July 31, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Honorable Brian Wells
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Town Supervisor, Town of Indian Lake
P.O. Box 730
Indian Lake, NY 12842

**RE: P.I.N. 2806.62 UR#1A
Town of Indian Lake Rustic
Rail Project**

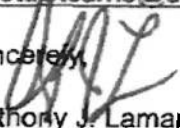
Dear Mr. Wells:

Enclosed please find the necessary documents to the above-mentioned project. Please complete as follows:

- **Five (5) Resolutions Authorizing the Municipal Official to Enter Into Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation. Please execute and return all five (5) certified copies to my office.**
- **Five (5) Municipal Agreements to provide compensation to utility (with appendices), along with Three (3) estimates. Please sign and return them to my office.**
- **Five (5) HC 140 forms (Utility Work Agreements). Please complete section VI. 5 (reference to resolution), and date and sign VI. 6 (certification), both found on page 4 of these documents, and return all five (5) to my office.**
- **One (1) Pre-letting Notice and Special Note for your files.**
- **Please Note: After work is completed, Please fill out attached F.I.N Forms and return them to my office as soon as possible.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at (315) 793-2432, Scott Stearns at (315) 793-2637, or at one of the following email addresses: Anthony.Lamanna@dot.ny.gov or Scott.Stearns@dot.ny.gov.

Sincerely,


Anthony J. Lamanna
Regional Utility Engineer
Enclosure

cc: S. Stearns, Assistant Regional Utilities Engineer, NYSDOT, R-2 (via email)

AJL/mac

Resolution Authorizing the Municipal Official to Enter Into Agreement with the New York State
Department of Transportation

RESOLUTION

Resolution # _____

On motion by _____, seconded by _____,
unanimously authorized **Honorable Brian Wells**, to execute any and all agreements with the
New York State Department of Transportation regarding the State's construction project **PIN**
2806.62 Town of Indian Lake Rustic Rail Project, Town of Indian Lake, Hamilton County.

I, **Honorable Brian Wells**, duly appointed and qualified **Supervisor, Town of Indian Lake**, do hereby CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting duly called and held in the office of, **Indian Lake**, a quorum being present on the _____ day of _____ **2025**, and that said copy is a true, correct and compared copy of the original resolution so adopted and that the same has not been revoked or rescinded.

WITNESSETH, my hand and seal this _____ day of _____.

Honorable Brian Wells, Supervisor, Town of Indian Lake