

A Town board meeting was held on August 11th 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The location of the meeting was the Blue Mt. Fire Hall in the Town of Blue Mountain Lake State of New York, County of Hamilton.

Supervisor Wells called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All said the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a roll call with the following board members present.

Roll Call:

Councilperson Mahoney: Present

Councilperson Eldridge: Present

Councilperson Rathbun: Present

Councilperson Howard: Present

Supervisor Wells: Present

Approval of minutes:

Supervisor Wells called for a motion for the approval of 7\14\25. Councilperson Mahoney stated there were some spelling corrections to be made. Supervisor Wells accepted the motion with the corrections to be made. Councilperson Eldridge seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Blue Mt. Lake Water Project Presentation:

Attached is the presentation that was done by Suozzo and Doty Engineering.

Department Head Reports:

Councilperson Mahoney asked Eugene Darling Highway Superintendent if he had dates set for the paving projects. Eugene stated August 18th will be John Rust Road and August 19th will be Sawmill Road and Abanakee Road.

Councilperson Howard stated that she Eugene asked for a credit card and she feels he needed one, all were in favor. Councilperson Howard asked Eugene if he was still working on getting a projected cost for the shed. Eugene answered yes. Councilperson Howard asked Christine Pouch what the request for \$26,340.00 from black fly challenge. Christine answered it was for its run by the Inlet Area Business Association, the money that the raise from the black fly race is given out to the communities. Christine requested that for the last trail to be completed at the Ski Hill, there are 3 trails on the ski hill, school adjacent property. We are getting ready to put signage up to open them up to the public. We will likely not get the whole \$26,000.00. Christine Pouch wanted to share that we will be receiving a \$5,000.00 grant through the State Community Regrant fund that is administered by ALCA. We thank ALCA and the Regrant program for rewarding us with that amount. Councilperson Howard asked if they money was for the music programs. Christine stated yes.

Public Comments:

Sean Curry wanted to thank the Parks and Recreation department for keeping up everything in town and to the lifeguards for making this summer very enjoyable. Kathleen Collins from the Blue Mt. Lake Association wanted to thank Brian for coming to their meeting last week and for addressing the many concerns we had. Supervisor Wells thanked them for the invitation, it was a very good meeting, and people would be amazed at what your group does. Belinda Block wanted to thank the Town for the woodchip pile that was out on Durant Road for the gardeners to pull from. Reed Curry wanted to share her

concerns regarding George Virgil, a board member for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Reed feels his statements and actions have been demonstrated a departure from the normal standard of which the ZBA is supposed to do. Reed stated George said the ZBA's job is to give the applicant what they want. Reed stated that when her family raised actual concerns over her family's rental business. George dismissed these concerns while we may lose long-term customers, other new customers would take their place eventually. Reed also stated that at the final meeting when she requested additional time to review additional information that was submitted that same day, George took offence at her request for my additional review time, also that I was insinuating George didn't know how to read. Reed stated that these actions have raised serious concerns about our Zoning review process. Attached is a letter that the Curry family handed out at the meeting to board members. Supervisor Wells stated that the board has no authority over the Zoning board. There however is a process for membership removal. Supervisor Wells stated Taylor will get you the new complaint form.

Budget Schedule Draft:

Supervisor Wells addressed the board with the Budget Schedule draft and asked if anyone had any conflicts with any of the dates. Councilperson Rathbun stated that October 16th he wouldn't be able to make. Supervisor Wells said he would have to look into it because there are certain time frames, we must meet.

D.O.T Resolution #11:

Supervisor Wells stated that we have to pass this resolution for the relocation of the water line on Blue Mountain hill. Supervisor Wells called for a motion; Councilperson Mahoney made the motion. Councilperson Eldridge seconded the motion. All were in favor

Social Media Policy:

Supervisor Wells addressed the board with the draft of the social media policy, he asked board members to review, so we would be able to go over at the September meeting.

Supervisor Comments:

Supervisor Wells addressed the board with the need to decide on fireworks. Councilperson Rathbun stated that he feels that the cost is ridiculous and does not feel like we should be spending our tax dollars this way. Supervisor Wells said that he feels we need to budget at least \$10,000.00, Councilperson Howard agreed with Supervisor Wells. Councilperson Mahoney asked if we would be able to hire the Town of Long Lake to put on a show, since they put their own on. Supervisor Wells said he wasn't sure. Tabled for further discussion. Supervisor Wells stated that the County has a registry now for short-term rental properties. Hamilton County passed Local Law #4 for a registry for animal abusers, this will be done by our Sheriff's department. Also, at the Hamilton County Board of Supervisor's meeting they had a presentation with Lifespan representative they would like to set up a meeting with the Indian Lake Town board. Supervisor Wells stated that he would like to set it up before the budget meetings. All were in favor of this. Supervisor Wells addressed the museum, he thanked Bills crew for moving everything out of the building. Supervisor Wells stated that we are looking to apply for a DEC smart growth grant, but we must approve a resolution for Christine Pouch Economic Development Director to apply for this grant. Councilperson Howard motioned for the approval resolution. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All were in favor. Supervisor Wells stated that he wanted to thank the Lake Pleasant Supervisor Besty Bain and their Highway Superintendant and Bill Laprairie, we were running into a messy situation with our garbage contractor and within a few phone calls they were ready to come over with a truck and help us with our commercial garbage pick-up.

Bills and Abstracts:

42591 to 42615

42622 to 42622

42631 to 42668

42669 to 42842

Supervisor Wells motioned to pay the bills and abstracts, seconded by Councilperson Eldridge. All were in favor

Supervisor Wells called for executive session at 8:43 p.m. for the discussion of personnel. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun.


Councilperson Howard motioned to exit executive session at 9:16 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Rathbun.

Supervisor Wells motioned to approve transfer of water department employee Evan Laprairie to highway. To be determined by Town Supervisor of transfer date and when all conditions and requirements are met by both departments and the Town board is satisfied. Councilperson Mahoney seconded the motion. All were in favor.


Supervisor Wells motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Mahoney. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Taylor Miner", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is in black ink and is positioned to the right of the text "Respectfully submitted by:".



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PROJECT UPDATE

Town Board Meeting
August 11th 2025


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NICE TO MEET YOU!

HERE TODAY




Mark Suozzo, PE
Principal




Khar Suozzo, PE, MBA
Principal


KEY STAFF




Franklin Meade, EIT
Project Engineer



Casey Corrigan, EIT
Project Engineer



Sean M. Doty, PE, LEED AP, CPMSM
Quality Assurance



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WHO IS SDA?

FIRM / STAFF

- NYS CERTIFIED WBE FIRM
- OFFICES IN BOLTON LANDING AND LAKE PLACID
- 6 PROFESSIONALS
- LEADERSHIP HAS OVER 100 YEARS OF EXP.

ENGINEERING

- WATER SOURCE DEVELOPMENT
- WATER PLANT DESIGN
- WATER TANK DESIGN
- WATER DISTRIBUTION

FIELD / CONSTRUCTION PHASE

- CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION SERVICES
- GIS/GPS MAPPING SERVICES
- REMOTE SENSING AND FLOW MONITORING SERVICES
- HABITAT ASSESSMENTS/WETLAND DELINEATIONS

CLIENTS



- NYS OGS
- VILLAGE OF LAKE PLACID
- TOWN OF NORTH ELBA
- TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE

GRANTS / FUNDING

- NYS EFC
- NYS OPRHP
- NYS DEC
- NYS DASNY
- MANY MORE



PAST HISTORY WITH PROJECT




- COMMITTED TO THE REGION
- OPERATIONS
- RATE STUDIES

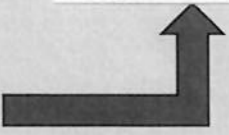



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PROJECT HISTORY

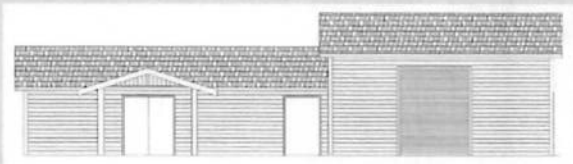
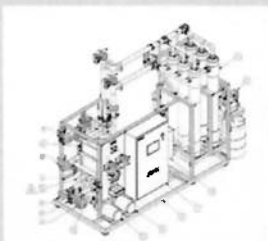
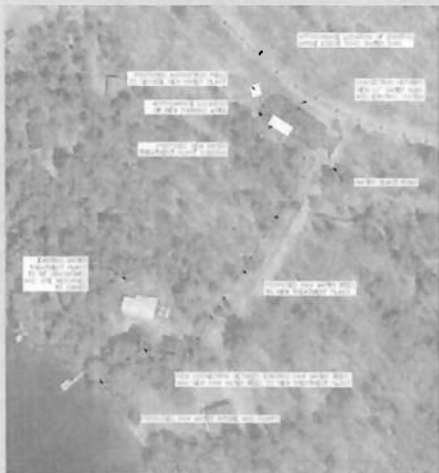






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PROJECT SCOPE



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CURRENT STATUS

EPA Order

- Submitted revised schedule

Reports/Grants

- Submitted application for additional funds
- Submitted revised report to DOH

Survey

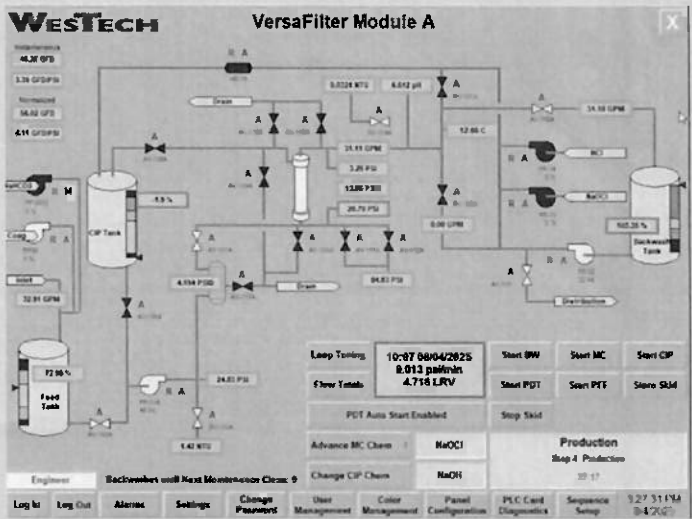
- Completed site survey

Borings

- Completed evaluations

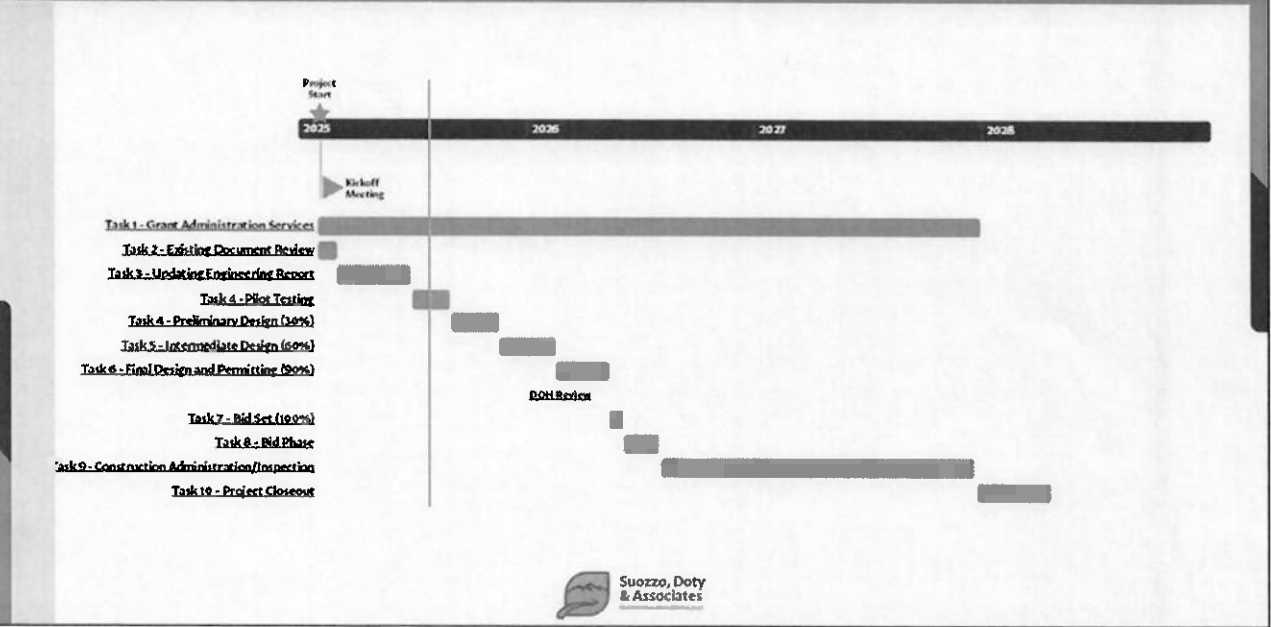
Pilot Testing

- In progress
- Results meeting expectations
- Confirmation testing required



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NEXT STEPS



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QUESTIONS?

QUESTION YOU FORGOT TO ASK?

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Taylor Miner

From: Marti Metrick Evanoff <mmesyr@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 9:14 AM
To: Brian E Wells; Taylor Miner; eldridgek16@gmail.com; jrathbun@frontiernet.net; jpm757@gmail.com; durking095@gmail.com; Sally Stanton
Subject: Town of IL public comment, post August 11 Town Meeting in BML

Brian and Board Members - This is a follow up to last nights meeting.

Two topics

- Representation of all three Hamlets on Committees
- Minutes and activities of Town Board and Town Committees

1. As a community member who has served on the Board of Assessment for 4 years, I would offer ... it was an education for me and it allowed Blue Mountain Hamlet to be represented — this is good. I believe in equal representation on ALL committees and Boards across all Hamlets - Sabael, Indian Lake and Blue Mountain. At times it takes twisting of arms and even begging to get members of the community to SERVE! **I ask for the Board to consider how to RECRUIT more equal representation for the near and far future. Glad to brainstorm and determine how best this could happen. I doubt most community members know the web site does show the tenure of all volunteers.** <https://indianlakeadk.com/about/officials/>
2. How do we educate our community on the actions being taken by the Town Board and importantly of late - the committee activities. It is always difficult to get members of the community to attend meeting and actually contribute to the voice of the community. I found out recently some community members are not aware of where the agendas, minutes and attachments are located. <https://indianlakeadk.com/about/meetings/> What is the best way to inform the citizens. In lieu of prodding community members to participate, may we invest some time in educating all members of the valuable resource available to them. FACEBOOK is not utilized by a large majority of the population - including me. I find it is truly more social than informative news. Perhaps adding an article or reference to the Indian Lake newsletter which goes out regularly to inform the community. The Town Board publishes their minutes, however, the committees do not. Can we brainstorm on how best to educate all community members.
3. Lastly, ZOOM is the way of the world - may we consider having the Town Board meetings on Zoom? This is used all the time and may get more involvement. We would be able to have more transparency and may I, suggest more involvement.

Thank you.

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Proposed Weiss "Camp" on Blue Mountain Lake:

The newest (6/13/25) plans indicate the proposed "CAMP" will include the following:

- A 3,000 SF 1st floor containing a great room facing the lake (1,000 SF +/-), a kitchen, three (3) dishwashers, four (4) kitchen and/or bar sinks, a pantry and nook, dining area, office/den (160 SF), a full bath, an elevator, a laundry and a mechanical room.
- A 3,300 SF second floor with a master bedroom, an office, three (3) additional designated bedrooms, a library (175 SF), four (4) full baths, one half bath, a second laundry, an office and nook space, a "tower" (120 SF), the elevator and an elevated porch adjacent to the main entrance and tower.
- The width and length of new residence is somewhat subjective due to the irregular footprint but reasonable estimates of 53 feet wide by 100 feet long appear appropriate. The roof plan indicates the building will cover 4,000 SF of area with additional patio spaces and walkways which are not clearly defined on the plans.
- The floor plans include rooms designated as office and library spaces which are commonly converted and used as additional bedrooms. The great room on the first floor could easily accommodate additional guests. Total occupancy could be in the range of fifteen to twenty (15-20) persons.
- The foundation plan illustrates a concrete foundation with a heated, concrete floor on the first floor. The finished floor elevation is about 1-1/2 to 2 feet above existing grade. The bottom of footing would be about 0.5' below the lake level and two feet below the groundwater table. The footing drains are shown slightly above the bottom of footing at or about the lake level.
- The architectural plans illustrate what could be described as a very large residential structure constructed in the "GREAT CAMP" style with stone facades, massive stone fire places, covered and open air elevated porches and a "tower" over the main entrance.

Site Improvements Include:

Sewage System:

The proposed sewage treatment and disposal system consists of a 2,000 gallon septic tank, a sewage pumping station and a raised absorption field with an "Elgen" type absorption trench. Design and construction of this type of system is covered by the NYS Sanitary Code. NYSDOH has confirmed this type of system requires their approval.

No final elevations have been specified for the septic tank and sewage pump station. Preliminary computations indicate the bottom of the septic tank will be three to five feet below the lake level.

Clearing Required:

The site plans indicate the following:

- of the fifty (50) trees identified on the site, twenty-nine (29) or 58% of the trees are scheduled to be cut,
- over one-half of the mature trees (10" or larger in diameter) will be cut, and
- three of the large trees shown to remain are within five (5) feet of the building; construction will lead to the premature death of the trees.

Indian Lake Town Board Meeting
Blue Mountain Lake Fire Hall
August 11, 2025
7:00 PM

Cathleen Collins, co-president of the Blue Mountain Lake Association with Nancy Forhan. We'd like to welcome you to Blue Mountain Lake and thank you for attending our annual meeting last week where we learned that the town plans to:

Address the public tennis court nets,

Paint the garage on Durant Road,

Replace the roof on the public restrooms,

And plan for motion activated lights on the new water treatment plant on Maple Lodge Road.

We appreciate the town's attention to these matters.

TOWN BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE:

DATE OF MEETING: 8/11/25

NAME:

TITLE:

ADDRESS:

1. Bill France	MR	IL
2. OPOVCE	Publicity	
3. Beueia Cummins		
4. Jayde Cummins	resident	BML
5. SHEILA HUTT		BML
6. JIM HUTT		BML
7. GARY W. TYLER	RESIDENT	BML
8. STACY HILLANBRAUN		BML/Jay.
9. JEFF LARKIN		BML
10. Sally Stanton		IL.
11. Belinda Block		BML
12. Pete Block		BML
13. Andy Coney		Blue
14. D. Sean Curry		Blue Mtn. Lake
15. Cathleen Collins		BML
16. Eugene Darling	HWS	BML
17. Pat Mahoney		I-L.
18. Evan LaPraire		BML
19. Bob Curry		BML
20. Peggy Evatt		Sabael
21. WILLA FERRER		BML
22. MICHELE CURRY		BML
23. LUCAS FERRER		BML
24. Carrie Moodie		BML
25. Gary George		-
26. Franklin Meade		SDA
27. Mark Suzzo		SDA
28. Khar Suzzo		SDA
29. Lori MacFarland		BML
30. Judy Cummings		BML
31. Kerry D. Cannon		BML
32. Marfi Evanoff		BML