

**A Town Board Meeting was held on October 14", 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The location of the meeting was the Town Hall Building located at 117 Pelon Road in the Town of Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, State of New York.**

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: Absent  
Councilperson Rathbun: Present  
Councilperson Howard: Present  
Supervisor Wells: Present

Supervisor Wells addressed the board with the minutes from 9/8/25. Councilperson Mahoney called for the motion for discussion, seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. Supervisor Wells stated that during the budget meeting on October 2" there was a resolution that came out of the executive session, and he would like to correct the way it was transcribed. The resolution was to pay a former Town employee in payroll his accruals. All were in favor

Councilperson Mahoney motioned to approve minutes from 9/8/2025 seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. All were in favor.

**Deputy Mayor Buck:**

Mary Alice from the Theater gave a brief description of the Strutt you Mutt program that happens during Moose Festival weekend. Buck was the winner for the Deputy Mayor category. Supervisor Wells swore Buck in as Deputy Mayor for the Town of Indian Lake.

**Department Head Reports:**

Supervisor Wells wanted to thank Nate and Evan from the Water Department for dealing with issues with Blue Mountain Lake water plant and Christine Pouch for getting out the one call message. Supervisor Wells also wanted to thank Eugene for taking over the mining pit permits and Marty as well. Councilperson Howard asked Evan from Water and Sewer if the Hedges were going to get billed for the new water/sewer service that was installed. Evan responded with yes, they will be. Councilperson Howard asked Bill Lapairie if the garbage issues were costing the town money. Bill responded with there is a grey area regarding that, discussion was held. Bill stated there is a need for new dumpsters. Councilperson Howard stated that she feels that we should not copy right the Town logo, it should be shared Town wide with local businesses. Councilperson Rathbun asked Evan if they were flushing hydrants, Evan stated no they weren't. Bill Lapairie asked the board for their approval to purchase two conax boxes (shipping containers) for storage, board was in consensus. Eugene Darling addressed the board with a quote for a new storage shed, the board will look further into it. Davanna Marks from the Chamber gave the board an updated report regarding the Chamber, attached is the report. Mary Alice read aloud a letter of support for the Theater for funding. Councilperson Howard asked Mary Alice for their 990 form. Mary Alice stated there is a meet the candidate's night at the theater October 21st at 6:30. Sally Wheeler from ALCA spoke about the things they contribute to the Town of Indian Lake and their businesses.

**Public Comments:**

Dave Curoso spoke on behalf of the Adirondack Lake residents and their concerns with the lake appearing to be lower than it was before the dam was replaced. Dave gave the board a petition with 40 plus signatures from Adk Lake residents. Dave asked the board about the possibility of using the weed district money to do an engineer study to see if the spill way height could be corrected to add the 4inches. Supervisor Wells stated that he appreciated effort and the approach from tonight's discussion it was much better received this time than the last time. Supervisor Wells stated that he wouldn't quote himself accurately but at the last meeting that the ADK Lake residents were at the board agreed as soon

as this project is completed, meaning as far as the financing and bonding is completed we would look further doing an engineering study. Dave thanked the board for their time.

Councilperson Howard asked the board if there was a possibility of getting a permit to shoot geese. Discussion was held.

Karen Murphy asked the board if they have looked into the possibility of doing zoom for meetings, Supervisor Wells stated yes we are looking further into what we could use to live stream the meetings.

#### Resolution #14

Supervisor Wells offered Resolution #14 Naming a private road for 911 purposes, Seconded by Councilperson Mahoney all were in favor.

#### Supervisor Comments:

Supervisor Wells addressed the public that the EV charging stations are in the final stages of being completed, they are level 3 chargers. Supervisor Wells addressed the board with the Rafting Contract in the contract it stated we could not shut the dam off under any circumstance with people on the water, Supervisor Wells stated he disagreed with that and felt that if there was ever an emergency, we should have the legal right to shut the dam off. Councilperson Howard asked if it could be tabled until she has had time to look it over. Supervisor Wells stated he had received a letter from EPA concerning the Blue Mountain Lake water plant, which our engineers have reviewed and we are in compliance. Supervisor Wells addressed the board with the contract with Suozzo, Doty and Associates in the amount of \$791,900.00. Supervisor Wells motioned to go into agreement with Suozzo, Doty and Associates, Councilperson Rathbun seconded the motion, all were in favor. Supervisor Wells asked Evan Laprairie if this letter from NYSAC for PFOA's is something we should look into. Evan stated yes we should. Supervisor Wells to send over information to the town attorney. Supervisor Wells stated he has not heard back on the status of the Abanakee Dam inspection. Supervisor Wells addressed the board about opening Byron Park Building again for reservations, all were in favor. Supervisor Wells stated he attended the Pollinator Project meeting, it went very well. on 9/23 Supervisor Wells stated he had attended the Hamilton County Committee day. 9/24 Supervisor Wells attended Local Government Review board. Supervisor Wells stated that he received some reports on Jerry Savarie bridge, It is classified as a yellow flag condition right not, meaning it is potentially hazardous not an immediate dangerous. Supervisor Wells stated he received a request to scan museum documents they would like to do it November 8<sup>th</sup> at the ski hut. All were in favor. Supervisor Wells stated he will be attending AATV meeting tomorrow in Minerva. Supervisor Wells stated he has a meeting with Office of the aging tomorrow concerning our meal site program. Christine and Kylie brought our seniors down the Senior picnic in Warrensburg on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Wells addressed the board with the 5 year anniversary of green light operation from November 4<sup>th</sup> through the 11%, board is in approval of this.

#### Board Comments:

Councilperson Mahoney had no comments

Councilperson Howard suggested to the board that we should have a group of the year like we have the citizens of the year. Supervisor Wells stated that was a great idea.

Councilperson Rathbun made an announcement that the Weed District will be having a meeting Friday at 6pm.

Councilperson Howard asked Supervisor Wells to have the accountant get her the last 5-10 years of rafting numbers.

#### Bills and Abstracts

43087 to 43139 \$31,338.84

43161 to 43322 \$195,461.74

Supervisor Wells made a motion to approve the bills seconded by Councilperson Mahoney. All were in favor.

Supervisor Wells motioned to enter into executive session at 8:45 for the purpose of Personnel seconded by Councilperson Mahoney.

Councilperson Rathbun made a motion to exit executive session at 9:20 seconded by Councilperson Mahoney.

No action was taken. Supervisor Wells motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 seconded by Councilperson Howard.