

A Town board meeting was held on January 12th 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The location of the meeting was the Town Hall Building on Pelon Road, in the Town of Indian 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 Jake Mahoney: Present
Councilperson Patrick Mahoney: Present
Councilperson John Rathbun: Present
Councilperson Pamela Howard: Present
Supervisor Brian Wells: Present

Approval of minutes:

Supervisor Wells called for a motion for the approval of End of year and Organizational meeting minutes. Councilperson Patrick Mahoney made the motion. Councilperson Jake Mahoney seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor.

Department Head Reports:

Supervisor Wells wanted to talk about the Water Department quickly. We've had some small leaks out here in Indian and a big one in Blue recently. Supervisor Wells stated that there will be a meeting set up with DOT regarding their water usage for the brine production. Our wells are taking a beating due to the high usage. Supervisor Wells stated we had power outage at the highway garage which led to generator issues, Bill will be having Adirondack Generators come look at it. Bill stated while Brian from Adk Generator is here, he will be asking for a quote for on the ski kill for the emergency communications. Councilperson Jake Mahoney asked Evan foreman of Water and Sewer, if the communications have been restored, Evan stated yes it was just a blown fuse. Councilperson Pamela Howard liked the idea that Christine Pouch had to ask the chamber if the town could be sponsored at every event for the chamber. Councilperson Howard stated she hoped the Otto event was well attended. Christine stated it wasn't unfortunately. Supervisor Wells stated DOT is willing to replace one of our pumps, unfortunately it would just put a band aid on the problem not solve the problem. Eugene Darling Highway Superintendent stated he gave the board three quotes for the truck he wants to purchase. Supervisor Wells made a motion to accept all three quotes for review for the 2024 medium duty truck for the highway department. Seconded by Councilperson Pat Mahoney. All were in favor. Councilperson Pamela Howard asked Gene about his sidewalk machine. Gene stated he is still looking into quotes for that. Bill stated he is still looking for a third quote for the drag, its going to be around 12,000 to 13,000 dollars. He stated he should have the third quote by next meeting.

Private Road Name:

Resolution no. 2 naming private road to Bear Brook Lane for 911 purposes. Supervisor Wells motioned to approve the request. Seconded by Councilperson Jake Mahoney. All were in favor

4-Rivers Request:

Four Rivers Alliance would like to have a Hockey Tournament the one night during Snocade. Board was in consensus. Christine Pouch to check which date works best

Public Comment:

Sean Curry asked the board when Tax bills were getting sent out. Supervisor Wells stated the County had issues with the new system they are using, so the bills went out on the 7th of January people should start receiving them soon. Michelle Curry stated that last year DOT removed snow last year for us from Blue Mt by the beach. For some reason this year we heard they wont be doing that. Michelle stated that they were wondering if the Town could help us approach them about doing it again.

Gene stated DOT wants to put snow at the Blue Mt garage, Gene stated Evan and himself will keep an eye on it.

Supervisor Comments:

Supervisor Wells stated he supplied a letter from the schools superintendent about electric buses. Supervisor Wells support the letter. BOCES put out a letter regarding Marijuana rescheduling, nothing changes for us and our drug testing policies. Supervisor Wells wanted to see if anyone wanted to be on a steering committee for work force housing with Christine Pouch. DEC changed 480-A basically its if you put your property into a working forest plan, you get tax breaks. Long story short it has been mis managed and easy to do. Supervisor Wells gave the board members the Voter report for 2025. Supervisor Wells stated there is a large scale solar development going in Montgomery county. Supervisor Wells addressed the public with the Blue Mt lake water violation. Supervisor Wells stated he filed out and returned the 2026 DOT Highway permit. Supervisor Wells stated that Santore's will be doing snocade fireworks and the fire department will continue to do fourth of July fireworks. AOT had a guide to celebrating the 250th anniversary if anyone wants to check it out. Supervisor Wells stated at the October meeting we had a request for Adk Lake concerning the modification to the spillway. At that meeting I stated that once the project was completed, funding as well completed that the board would not have any problems going about doing it the right way, in order to do it the right way we would have to go out for an RFP to raise Adk Lake spillway 3-4 inches. Supervisor Wells made a motion to go out for RFP for an engineering study to increase the height of the spillway. Councilperson Howard seconded the motion. All were in favor. Supervisor Wells stated that the engineers who do the monitoring for the old landfill, the annalistic firm went out of business, they have reached out to other firms, however it is \$2,000 more than what they quoted us. Board is in consensus to move forward. Supervisor Wells stated C & D landfill report for 2026 was done, haven't heard anything back yet.

Bills and Abstracts

43968 to 44027 - \$120,361.16

Supervisor Wells motioned to pay the bills and abstracts. Seconded by Councilperson Jake Mahoney. All were in favor

Supervisor Wells called for an executive session at 7:55 p.m. for the discussion of personnel and contractual. Seconded by Councilperson Pamela Howard.

Councilperson Pamela Howard motioned to exit executive session at 8:33 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson John Rathbun.

No action taken.

Councilperson Pamela Howard motioned to adjust schedule for Water Department employee. Seconded by Councilperson Patrick Mahoney. All were in favor.

Supervisor Wells motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Jake Mahoney.

Respectfully Submitted by: Taylor Miner

TOWN BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE:

DATE OF MEETING: 1/18/20

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>TITLE:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>
1. Bill Hume	NR	IL
2. Jacob wells	Mech	I.L
3. Evan LaPrairie	water/sewer	BML
4. Gene Darling	HS	BML
5. Sean Curry	Taxpayer	BML
6. Tim Pater	Taxpayer	BML
7. Michele Cury	taxpayer	BML
8. Carrie Moore		BML
9. Christine		
10. HELEN GLASS	ICA	I/C
11. MARY PRUSKO	IL	
12. Marty Ford	resident	IL
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