

# DRAFT

A **Town Board Meeting** was held on February 9<sup>th</sup> 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The location was the Town Hall Building, on Pelon Road, Town of Indian Lake, State of New York, County of Hamilton.

Supervisor Wells brought the meeting to order. All said the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Wells called for a Roll Call with the following Board Members present.

## Roll Call:

Councilperson Jake Mahoney: Here  
Councilperson Patrick Mahoney: Here  
Councilperson John Rathbun: Here  
Councilperson Pamela Howard: Here  
Supervisor Wells: Here

Supervisor Wells addressed the board that they have the minutes in their packet from 2/9/2026 board meeting. Councilperson Rathbun motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Councilperson Jake Mahoney. All were in favor.

## Department Head Reports

Supervisor Wells asked Evan Laprairie if he got the water pumped ordered today. Evan responded with yes. Supervisor Wells asked Evan if he got the other pump ordered for Blue Mountain plant that could possibly be used in the new plant. Evan stated no he hasn't and further speaking with our engineers, they're not sure if it would fit in the new plant. As of right now there is no spare currently. Councilperson Howard asked Eugene Darling what happened to truck #194, Eugene said it was hit in an accident. Pam stated that it was in your report last month. Councilperson Howard asked Evan if Jake could have fixed what was wrong with the 2021 gmc truck for the water department. Evan said he spoke with Jake, and it was something to do with wiring harness, and if we had a lift it might have been something Jake could have done. Councilperson Howard asked Bill Laprairie if the sewer issues were because it was freezing up. Bill stated no, sewer issues at Town hall were due to broken pieces in the line, we had IBS here to snake the lines and they found no issues. Councilperson Howard asked Christine Pouch to clarify in her board report, you are looking for 150 volunteers to help with the Adirondack community foundation? Christine stated she applied for a grant to the Adirondack Community Foundation. Adirondack Action and herself are rounding up 150 volunteers to plant 5500 plugs. Christine stated the are in the very early stages of planning this. Bill Laprairie stated he gave the board three quotes for the new drag for grooming. Bill stated he would like to go with Mountain Grooming it will cost \$14,000. Supervisor Wells motioned to approve the purchase of the drag, seconded by Councilperson Jake Mahoney. All were in favor. Bill Laprairie asked the board about Volunteers running the Ski Hut building at nights. Supervisor Wells stated we can look into it with our insurance, but he feels it is a great idea. Kylie handed the board an updated draft of our Weather Policy. Discussion was held regarding what temperature for postponing events. Councilperson Pat Mahoney motioned to change the wind chill temperature for postponing events to -11. Supervisor Wells seconded the motion. All were in favor. Christine approached the board about ordering the paddle boards now, as she stated it was asked of us to have our lifeguards bring what they will be using to training with them, so they are using what they will actually be rescuing with. Board was in consensus. Christine asked the board for permission to use the money that was set up for the dog sled ride event during Snocade that was canceled, to purchase skate helpers for the skating rink. All were in favor of this. Christine stated her and Kyle have been working on the lifeguard's situation to make sure everything is in line for this summer. Discussion was held about lifeguards. Board approved Christine to advertise for lifeguard positions \$18 hour for lifeguard and \$20 hour for senior lifeguard. Eugene Darling updated the board that he was approved to purchase a loader with CHIPS funding.

## Highway Truck Bid:

There were two truck bids received for the Highway truck. The first truck bid opened was from Ross Chevrolet in the amount of \$86,990.00. The second truck bid was from Chevy Mangino in the amount of \$66,217.93. Supervisor Wells motioned to accept both bids for review by the Highway Superintendent.

**Building Remodel Request:**

Bill Laprairie approached the board about possibly removing one of the bathrooms in the lobby of town hall and making it a new records room for the Town Clerk. Taylor has approached Supervisor Wells and Bill Laprairie about running out of room in the current records room. Our records are forever and currently do not have any more room to store boxed documents in. Councilperson Howard asked Taylor about the possibility of looking into digitalizing files. Board approved the request.

**C & D Rate:**

Kimberley Crandall the Town's accountant gave an update to the board, our C & D rate has went up to \$79 a ton. She asked the board if we should increase the rate now that our charge has gone up. Discussion was held. Supervisor Wells made the motion to increase the rate to \$90. Seconded by Councilperson Howard. All were in favor.

**Public Comment:**

Peggy Evatt asked the board about the possibility of having the Ski Hut building opened earlier in the morning during break. Supervisor Wells stated that it is something we can look into next year, something to possibly budget for.

**Resolution No. 3:**

Supervisor Wells motioned to approve resolution no 3, a resolution of the Town of Indian Lake in support of the America 250<sup>th</sup> Commemorations and Authorizing Related Expenditures. Seconded by Councilperson Howard. All were in favor.

**Supervisor Comments:**

Supervisor Wells we had our Suozzo Doty and Associates monthly meeting on all our on going projects. They will be submitting their design plans to Department of Health in March of 2026. Supervisor Wells addressed the board with the want to move the March meeting to Blue Mountain Lake, Suozzo's will be giving a presentation on the new water plant. Supervisor Wells stated we are waiting on the Smart Growth grant announcement for the Museum project. Christine stated announcements can be made at any time for it. Suozzo's is suggesting in 2027 to start looking for an engineering planning grant for the Sewer district for the pump station. Supervisor Wells stated they gave us a proposal for re-opening mining permits 3 and 6 in the amount of \$38,000. Supervisor Wells stated that the utility bridge project in Blue Mountain Lake is moving along slowly, the time frame is really going to be a crunch this summer. Supervisor Wells addressed the board that we will be needing to do a local law in the upcoming months, regarding zoning for governmental project, once and if it is approved it will need to go to review from our attorney. SPDES permit request for information, Evan and Pat are working on it. February 5<sup>th</sup> at the board of supervisors meeting we passed a intermunicipal agreement for assessment programs for Indian lake and Lake Pleasant, that's where the towns share an assessor. Received a letter from Blue Mt. Lake Association regarding snow disposal around route 28. Supervisor Wells asked Carrie Moodie but she stated that it was Michelle Curry that knew about the situation, not her. Also received a speed reduction request from Blue Mt. Lake Association. Supervisor Wells will forward the request to Tracy at County. DMV is closed from February 13<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> for new website/software. Request for proposal for Adirondack Dam are due March 9<sup>th</sup> by 3 o'clock. Petition packets area available for pick up at the County Building. Supervisor Wells addressed the board that there is a county infrastructure grant that is becoming available, each county is trying to do it. This would help us if the board decides to move forward with any kind of housing project at the commons here in town. Supervisor Wells stated he feels it is something that he feels we should move forward with. Board was in consensus to apply for the grant. Tracy Eldridge County Highway Superintendent addressed the board that he spent the day in Albany with State officials there are three bills in the assembly regarding road salt reduction/consolidation and training for snow and ice. Tracy stated he just wanted to keep the towns in the loop with what is going on.

Board had no comments.

**Bills & Abstracts**

44110 to 44276 - \$1,318,822.79

44104 to 44109 - \$687.08

44035 to 44089 - \$33,914.24

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

Supervisor Wells motioned to enter into executive session regarding personnel and contractual at 8:20 p.m. Councilperson Jake Mahoney seconded the motion.

Councilperson Rathbun motioned to exit executive session at 9 o'clock. Seconded by Councilperson Jake Mahoney.

No action was taken.

Councilperson Howard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Patrick Mahoney.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Taylor Miner