

**A Town Board Meeting was held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** The location was the Town Hall Building, located on Pelon Road in the Town of Indian Lake, State of New York, County of Hamilton.

Supervisor Wells called 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:**

Councilman Jake Mahoney: Present  
Councilman Patrick Mahoney: Present  
Councilman John Rathbun: Present  
Councilwoman Pamela Howard: Present  
Supervisor Brian Wells: Present

**Approval of Minutes:**

Supervisor Wells addressed the board that they have the minutes in their packet from 3/9/2026 board of meeting. Councilman Jake Mahoney made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman John Rathbun. All were in favor.

**Department Head Reports:**

Supervisor Wells read aloud a thank you letter from John Mcglade for Evan Laprairie's work and professionalism.

Evan Laprairie foreman of Water and Wastewater department reported to the board that he had received his new truck and that the backhoe was back from John Deere and has been working very well since. Councilman John Rahtbun asked if we could get it coated with a rust protection coating. Evan said he would look into it.

Supervisor Wells read aloud a thank you letter from Debbie Ameden from Community Action thanking Christine and Kylie for all the collection of hats and mittens, around 170 items were collected.

Councilwoman Pamela Howard asked if we had \$600,000 thousand for the Museum. Supervisor Wells responded with yes.

Christine Pouch Economic, Marketing and Events Coordinator reported that Jake Wells the Town mechanic has been making repairs to the EV car, she stated that we are fortunate to have Jake fixed many things instead of sending somewhere to be fixed. Christine also approached the board the Town being a fiscal sponsor for an Art organization that is in Warren County but wishes to bring proگرامing further north. Discussion was held. The board decided not to move forward with being a fiscal sponsor for the organization.

Eugene Darling Highway Superintendent approached the board with three quotes for an excavator, one has a trade in with it. Gene stated that they are all on Source Well and asked if he could not take the trade in and just use the original quote. Supervisor Wells stated yes. Supervisor Wells stated that you have three quotes and three prices, present the board with the lowest quote or the one that meets your specifications. Eugene stated that he only has \$72,500 budgeted for the excavator, the new one would be between \$85,000 - \$88,000. Eugene asked the board if he could pay the remaining balance with planned fund balance that he has marked for equipment. Councilman Jake Mahoney asked why it was around \$13,000 more than what was budgeted for. Eugene stated he changed the size of it from what he was looking at during the budget process. Board was in consensus for Eugene to move forward with it. Eugene said he got more information of the Ventrax but he will be trading in two pieces of equipment. Supervisor Wells stated he doesn't believe you can take a trade in on state contract. Eugene to get more information for next months meeting to give to the board.

Councilwoman Pamela Howard asked the Town mechanic Jake Wells if he was going to the NAPA training that he had given the board flyers for. Jake responded with yes, he was looking forward to going.

### **Weed District Appointments:**

Councilman Jake Mahoney addressed the board that he was only able to get ahold of two out of four people that had applied to be on the Weed Advisory board. Councilperson Jake Mahoney motioned to appoint John Mcglade and Jack Reber to the advisory board. Seconded by Councilman John Rathbun. All were in favor.

Councilman John Rathbun asked if the board would allow the current members of the advisory board to extend their term to the end of the year to help with the new members coming on. The board was ok with that.

### **Ski Program Re-cap:**

Abby Eldridge addressed the board with a re-cap of the ski program numbers. She stated numbers were a little bit down from last year, due to the mountain having to be closed because of extreme cold weather and illnesses, there were a lot of illnesses that went around the school this winter she stated. Supervisor Wells asked if we should budget around the same for next year. Abby stated maybe a little less, she thinks that a lot of the kids are phasing out and being able to ski on their own.

### **Chamber:**

Kellie Aldous from the Chamber of Commerce gave a monthly update to the board about what the chamber has been doing. Kellie stated Poker Paddle will be on ADK Lake this year. Councilman John Rahtbun asked about how come there wasn't any money prizes. He stated has talked with some people in the community and that they were wondering that, John also stated that might get more people interested.

### **DRAFT Procurement Policy:**

Supervisor Wells thanked Councilwoman Pamela Howard for drafting the procurement policy. Supervisor Wells motioned to adopt the draft policy. Seconded by Councilperson Pat Mahoney. Supervisor Wells called for a roll call with the following board members voting as follows.

Councilman Jake Mahoney: Aye  
Councilman Pat Mahoney: Aye  
Councilman John Rathbun: Aye  
Councilwoman Pamela Howard: Aye  
Supervisor Wells: Aye

### **Stewarts Grant:**

Supervisor Wells stated that we received the Stewarts Holiday Grant again this year. Christine stated thank you letter was sent and something was posted on Facebook as well.

### **Public Comments:**

Sean Curry asked the board about what time the garbage truck was allowed to start picking up garbage because it seems like every week it is getting earlier. Supervisor Wells stated they can start picking up at 7 am.

Nora Loprieno approached the board about her concern with the antique store, she stated it looks like a junk yard. Supervisor Wells stated that we have received several complaints regarding the store and its conditions, Tyler, our Building and Codes officer is gathering information/report together. Supervisor Wells stated that the Town will go as far as it can with it.

### **Annual Trash Day:**

Supervisor Wells stated the dates will be June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> . More information will be posted on Facebook and our website.

**Supervisor Comments:**

Supervisor Wells addressed the board about adding “Supervisor Approval” in the building use form as sometimes organizations want to use a town facility but can not get board approval as the town board meeting is once a month. Supervisor Wells motioned to approve this change, seconded by Councilwoman Pamela Howard. All were in favor.

Supervisor Wells stated that our Engineering Fir, has answered all the questions from the Water Plant presentation that was done at last months meeting. If anyone would like to review them, they will be on file at the Clerk’s office or on the website under special notices.

Supervisor Wells stated we received our use of occupancy permit from DOT for our water line relocation on the bridge in Blue Mt.

Supervisor Wells addressed the board that we received our trail fishability and construction recommendation plan for the capped landfill restoration project, have not yet had a chance to look through it.

Supervisor Wells told the board that he is gathering information and is working on a Work from home Policy as we currently do not have one.

Supervisor Wells stated that we have received a request for a kayak wash station in Blue Mt, at the town launch site. Supervisor Wells said that himself and Bill Laprairie would go up and measure and see if it is do able area for it.

Supervisor Wells stated that Beth Gills Director of Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board meet with NYS Senators in Washington D.C and mentioned the Commons project in the Town of Indian Lake and two Senators have congressional directive spending. Beth applied for a grant for the Commons, we aren’t sure if we will get it but it is appreciated that she is trying for us.

Supervisor Wells addressed the board that CPL our landfill monitoring company asked if we would be willing to bill directing to ALS our sampling lab. Supervisor Wells stated that he agreed he didn’t feel the board would have any disagreement with it.

Supervisor Wells stated that were looking for 152 volunteers for the Pollinator Project to plant plugs on June 20<sup>th</sup> it is a Saturday.

Supervisor Wells stated rafting started April 4<sup>th</sup>, we have all signed contracts and up to date insurances with the exception of one company.

Workplace violence training will be at Town Hall April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9- 11am.

Supervisor Wells addressed the public that the Health Center Hours have changed for Saturdays it is now 1-4 pm. Monday through Friday is 8am – 4pm.

Supervisor Wells stated we received a letter of congratulation for out awardment of the smart growth grant from Mrs. King that is running for assembly in the 118<sup>th</sup> district to replace Robert Smullens.

Supervisor Wells addressed the board with the preliminary finance schedule for the BOND anticipation notes for 2026 renewals.

Supervisor Wells addressed the board with resolution no. 6 for zoning immunity for municipalities. This is in case we cant meet certain set back requirement for our BML Water plant. Supervisor Wells motioned to adopt resolution no.6 seconded by Councilman Pat Mahoney. All were in favor.

Supervisor Wells addressed the public that at next months meeting we will be having a public hearing on Local Law no. 1 Establishing a Moratorium on Large scale Solar Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Town of Indian Lake. If anyone would like to review before the meeting copies will be on file at the Town Clerks office.

Supervisor Wells addressed the board with Suozzo Doty and Associates proposal to rebuild the museum the cost is \$103,665.00. Supervisor Wells made a motion to approve the fee schedule for SDA for their professional services for the Town of Indian Lake Museum. Councilman John Rahtbun seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Tabled till end of meeting.

Supervisor Wells addressed the board that we had six applicants for the open Water and Wastewater department. Supervisor Wells asked if Councilman John Rahtbun would be ok with having Councilman Pat Mahoney sit in on the interviews instead of him given his experience being in the Water Department. Councilman John Rathbun was fine with it. Interviews will be scheduled.

Supervisor Wells addressed the board that our engineers stated that our Wastewater plant needs an evaluation. There is a grant available for this, the grant could be up to \$50,000 with no match. Supervisor Wells made a motion to approve SDA applying for the grant, seconded by Councilman Jake Mahoney. All were in favor.

Supervisor Wells stated we received many complaints through out this month, some have been resolved some are being worked on. Osprey's have made a nest in the platform that isn't tipped over. Evan has fixed the water issue. Bill is working on the Blue mountain lake tennis court, material is ordered and repairs will start tomorrow.

**Bills and Abstratcs:**

44533 to 44576 - \$79,558.15

44584 to 44827 - \$367,908.64

Supervisor Wells motioned to approve and pay the bills, seconded by Councilwoman Pamela Howard.

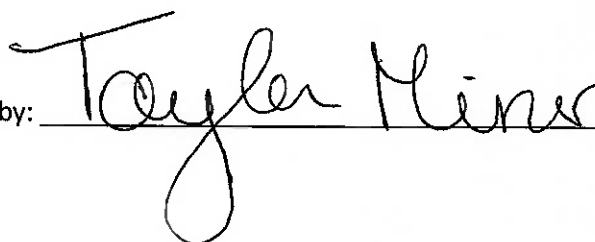
Supervisor Wells motioned to go into executive session for the discussion of contractual and litigation at 8:05 pm.

Councilwoman Pamela Howard motioned to exit executive session at 8:47 pm seconded by Councilman John Rathbun.

No action taken.

Councilman Jake Mahoney motioned to adjourn at 9:10 pm seconded by Councilman Pat Mahoney.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Taylor Miner

TOWN BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE:

DATE OF MEETING: 4/13/20

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>TITLE:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>
1. Bill LePauie	MHR	IL
2. E. Van LaPaire	water/sewer	BML
3. <del>MM</del>	Chamber	IL
4. <del>Edgar Darline</del>	HS	BML
5. C. Powell	publicity	
6. Kylie Cannon		IL
7. Sally Stanton		IL
8. D. Jean Curry	Resident	BML
9. Jacob Wells	Mech	IL
10. Abby Eichler		IL
11. Marty Ford	public	IL
12. Vera Lepienc	Public	IL
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