

A Town Board Meeting was held on September 14th, 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 8/10/2026 board of meeting. Councilman John Rathbun made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Jake Mahoney. All were in favor.

Bernice Cummins Retirement:

Supervisor Wells addressed the public saying that Bernice Cummins is retiring from the Meal Site, she has served many years and has held many positions. She has been a great asset to the Community and the Town Board thanks her and wishes her well with her retirement.

Department Head Reports:

Supervisor Wells addressed the Board that they had their Department Reports in their Board packets and asked if anyone from the Board had anything for the Department Heads. Councilwoman Howard asked Eugene Darling Highway Superintendent why we had to out send a truck out to for AC issues. Jacob Wells Town Mechanic responded because we do not have the equipment to service AC issues. Councilwoman Howard thanked Jacob for his response. Councilwoman Howard asked if Evan had gotten a backup pump for Water 1. Evan stated they have a backup pump that works, it just currently needs a new motor. Councilwoman Howard thanked Evan for his response.

Bill Laprairie from Building and Maintenance addressed the Board with his request to go out to bid for a side x side groomer with tracks that he had budgeted for, he has gotten some quotes in, and they are coming in under what he budgeted for. He requested that with the leftover money he would be able to either put that toward Planned Fund Balance or be able to purchase a drag for behind that unit. Supervisor Wells asked if there was anything on State Contract for that. Bill responded with that is what he is looking at right now. Supervisor Wells made the motion for Bill Laprairie Department Head of Building and Maintenance to go out to bid for a side-by-side groomer. Seconded by Councilman Jake Mahoney. All were in favor. Bill Laprairie addressed the Board with the idea of budgeting for a bucket truck this year. Now that Highway won't be handle to the displaying of flags on the poles anymore. Bill stated that the only way his crew can do this is if we purchase a bucket truck. Supervisor Wells agreed the loader is not practical anymore. Supervisor Wells stated he has been looking at the two sites we have for municipal used equipment and there is a ton on the federal side, but they are too far away. Supervisor Wells told Bill to stop in so they can go over the sites together. Bill addressed the Board with his need for a new building, he has run out of storage, and he stated his machines really should be stored indoors during the winter seasons. Discussion was held; more will be discussed during the budget workshops. Bill stated that he has gotten 3 applications and one in-house transfer, he stated he will be getting ahold of the members of the interview committee to schedule interviews.

Court Justice Appointment:

Supervisor Wells addressed the public that we had a Justice resignation that we had received at the last Board meeting. Supervisor Wells wanted to thank Helen Glass for stepping up again. Supervisor Wells

made the motion to appoint Helen Glass as Town Justice with her term ending December 31, 2027 seconded by Councilman Jake Mahoney. All were in favor.

Kathy Bird/ Our Mart:

Kathy Bird read aloud a letter she wrote on behalf of the Volunteers of Our Mart and their need for a new building. Attached in the minutes is the letter. Supervisor Wells thanked Kathy for her letter and for the many things Kathy has done for Our Mart and the people within the Community. Kathy stated she is trying to get a grant from the Cloud Splitter Foundation for \$5,000, the shed she would like the purchase is \$6,500. Kathy said she would like to fundraise for the remaining \$1,500 if awarded the grant. Christine Pouch stated Kathy will most likely not be able to apply for the grant due to certain requirements. Kathy stated she would look into it. Supervisor Wells stated that we will need to talk to Building and Codes Officer Tyler Monthony to see if it meets the snow load and about obtaining a building permit. Councilwoman Howard asked Kathy if they were getting rid of stuff that had been there for a while, if no one was interested in it. Kathy responded with yes, they go through the stuff all the time to make room for other stuff that gets donated. Supervisor Wells stated that Kathy has the Town support and we can look into it to see what we can do. Supervisor Wells thanked everyone who came to show Kathy support tonight.

Biking Trail Insurance:

Supervisor Wells addressed the Board that we are looking to have a grand opening on our biking trail, we need to add biking to our insurance, it is a \$300 increase to our insurance to include this. Supervisor Wells stated he spoke to the school and they already have insurance on their portion of the trails, they are going to update anything they need to, to support this project. Councilwoman Howard asked when the date was for that. Supervisor Wells responded with Moose Festival weekend September 26th at 10am followed by an inaugural ride. Board was in consensus.

DANC Resolution No. 14:

Supervisor Wells addressed the Board with Resolution No. 14 In Support of an Application by Development Authority of the North Country for a permit to connect Indian to Lake Pleasant. Supervisor Wells made the motion to adopt Resolution no. 14, seconded by Councilman Jake Mahoney. All were in favor.

Budget Schedule:

Supervisor Wells addressed the Board with the Draft Budget Schedule for the 2027 Budget Workshops. Councilwoman Howard stated she would not be in Town on October 22nd for the Highway Budget. Councilman Rathbun stated he wouldn't be in Town on October 15th. Supervisor Wells stated we would check but some of these have certain deadlines. We will let everyone know.

Thank You, Letter,:

Supervisor Wells addressed the Board with a thank you letter he will be sending out to the people who made a gift for the Town's new trail, there will be a bench at the top of one of the trails.

Public Comment:

Andy Cooney wanted to thank Wesley Arsenault from Parks and Recreation for his work in repairing the sidewalk in Blue Mountain where there was a water break and it had to be dug up. Andy said Wesley did an amazing job. Andy also addressed the Board with his concerns over people parking and leaving their vehicles for long periods of time in Blue Mountain Lake. He provided the Board with pictures of vehicles parked along the road blocking the sidewalk in Blue Mountain. Andy stated that he had an idea to spray paint a white dotted line to divide the sidewalk and the side of the road. Supervisor Wells said to Andy that he would reach out to Department of Transportation to see if there is another color that we should be using instead of white, white might get confusing to drivers. Andy thanked Supervisor Wells for his attention on the matter.

Bonnie Eldridge wanted to say that the 911 Memorial Ceremony at the Legion was very nice.
Councilwoman Howard wanted to commend Supervisor Wells on his speech it was very well written.

Supervisor Comments:

Supervisor Wells addressed the Board that in their Board packets he had put copies of “Chicken Laws” from a couple different Towns and the Local Law no. 4 of 1969 that the Town of Indian Lake has currently in place. Supervisor Wells stated we have been getting complaints about free roam chickens within the Town center. He would like to ave a public hearing at our next board meeting to discuss this. Board was in consensus to hold this public hearing on October 13th Board meeting.

Supervisor Wells addressed the Board and the public that the survey on the spillway height of Adirondack Lake Dam. The results are what we expected the spillway was built and constructed to the original height of the spillway.

He addressed the Board that Hamilton County is working on a Local Law to prohibit the sale of Kratom and products containing Kratom.

We received the SPEDES permit and Wastewater Treatment Plant inspection, there were 3 violations that Evan has already fixed.

Lake Snow had a dam inspection; there were no deficiency’s noted we are contacted and given reports.

Supervisor Wells addressed the Board that last Friday he had to drop off the expired Adk Dam safety plan and emergency action plan to Labella Engineering. Due to a State Review, we must have updated plans due to the new Dam being finished.

Supervisor Wells addressed the Board that we had received a thank you letter from the Cedar River Cemetery. They wanted to thank Bill Lapriaires’ crew for the excellent job that was done on the Vault at the cemetery, it made quite a difference.

Supervisor Wells addressed the Board with wanting to hold another public hearing on October 13th Board meeting exempting properties that would never be able to attach to either Indian Lake Town water or Blue Moutain Town water. We have already compiled a list of the properties that fall within the boundary of both districts. There is a process that we must follow to exempt them. Supervisor Wells made a motion to set a public hearing at the next Board meeting concerning this, seconded by Councilwoman Howard. All were in favor.

Supervisor Wells addressed the Board that he has been moved back to Vice President of Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages, there is currently an open seat for Reginal Director if anyone from the Board would be interested in doing so, it is a two-year term.

Board Comments:

Councilman Patrick Mahoney wanted to say that the Transfer station has never looked better, it is cleaned up very nicely all the time, everyone down there is doing a great job. He also stated it was nice seeing DOT doing traffic control for Evans sewer tap he did, I’m sure it made things a lot easier on Evan. Evan said yes, it was very much appreciated.

Bills and Abstracts:

45837 to 45859 - \$33,324.65
45868 to 45908 - \$18,401.76
45917 to 46089 - \$178,879.52

Supervisor Wells made a motion to approve and pay the bills and abstracts, seconded by Councilwoman Howard. All were in favor.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to enter executive session at 7:45 for the discussion of personal and contractual. Seconded by Councilman Jake Mahoney. All were in favor

Councilwoman Howard made a motion to exit executive session at 8:40 seconded by Councilman Rathbun.

No action was taken.

Councilman Jake Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 seconded by Councilman Patrick Mahoney.

Respectfully submitted by: Taylor Miner

MOST OF YOU PEOPLE KNOW ME, FOR THOSE WHO DON'T, MY NAME IS KATHY BIRD AND I RUN "OUR MART" AT THE RECYCLED CENTER LOCATED AT THE TRANSFER STATION ON CHAIN LAKE ROAD.

WE ARE OPEN THURSDAY THRU MONDAY – FROM 10AM TO 2PM ON THESE DAYS. WE HAVE ONE BUILDING ALONG WITH A BOOK & TOY SHED. THE HOSPICE BIN IS ALSO THERE.

WE TAKE IN CLOTHING, BEDDING, DISHES AND HAVE TO WATCH ALL TYPES OF FURNITURE & SPORTS EQUIPMENT BEING TAKEN UP THE HILL AND DESTROYED BECAUSE OF LACK OF STORAGE AREA.

THOSE TYPE OF THINGS ARE COSTING YOU & ME ADDITIONAL TAXES TO TRANSFER OUT OF OUR TOWN. RECYCLING HELPS THE COMMUNITY BY DECREASING THE AMOUNT OF GARBAGE THAT IS BEING TRANSFERRED.

WE CURRENTLY HAVE SEVEN VOLUNTEERS AND HAVE STARTED TO TAKE A DAILY COUNT OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO STOP BY AND "SHOP". THEY MAY TAKE ITEMS AND THEY MAY LEAVE ITEMS FOR MANY OTHERS TO USE.

I AM PURSUING A GRANT FROM CLOUD SPLITTER FOUNDATION. I BELIEVE WE CAN QUALIFY FOR A \$5000 GRANT. I WOULD NEED THE TOWN BOARD TO SPONSOR ME FOR THIS ADDITIONAL 12 X 24 BUILDING.

THE TOWN OF JOHNSBURG HAS TWO LARGE BUILDINGS. I HELPED THEM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH A SHED MAKER AND THEY ARE RECYCLING AS WE ARE.

AS OF TODAY, I CURRENTLY HAVE 176 SURVEYS FOR THE INDIAN LAKE COMMUNITY "OUR" MART SHED. MANY HAVE SIGNED STATING THAT THEY WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO DONATE FOR THIS ADDITIONAL SHED.

I HAVE MET WITH TRACY ELDRIDGE AND DISCUSSED THE PLACEMENT OF THIS SHED. HE SAID HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY ISSUES WITH THE ADDITIONAL SHED. I ALSO MET WITH BILL LAPRAIRIE AND TALKED WITH BRIAN WELLS; THEY ALSO DID NOT HAVE ANY ISSUES.

THIS ADDITIONAL BUILDING WILL GIVE US EXTRA ROOM FOR FURNITURE AND SMALL SPORTS EQUIPMENT.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR ATTENTION. WE CONSIDER THIS ADDITIONAL BUILDING AS A NEED AND NOT A WANT FOR SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

TOWN BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE:

DATE OF MEETING: 9/14/26

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>TITLE:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>
1. Eugene Darling	HS	BML
2. Bill R	ML	IL
3. Evan LaFrie	Witch, Scur	BML
4. Jacob Wells		
5. HAL BOLTZ	Nech	IL
6. NANCY KELLY		BIG BROOK IL
7. ROBERT TRZEPACZ		IL
8. Sally Stanton		COLLINS NY
9. Kathy J. Bird	YM	IL
10. Nancy Hutchins		IL
11. Karen Hutchins		IL
12. Maryluci O'CONNOR		IL
13. Nancy Harding		IL
14. Joanne Matthews		IL
15. Holly Burke		IL
16. Kyle Cannan		IL
17. Pouch		
18. B Edridge		IL
19. WENDY FOR PURCELL	Mo Pelon	IL
20. Wendy		IL
21. Brenda Voorhees		IL
22. Andy Coney		IL
23. Devin		Blue
24. KS DAB		IL
25. HELEN GLASS		IL
26. Mary Prosko		IL
27. Nani Vineyard		IL
28.		
29.		