

A TOWN BOARD MEETING was held on January 11, 2021 over Zoom- User Id# - 870 2864 0350, PassCode# - 006101 at 7:00 p.m. The location was in the comfort of everyone's home. The location was Town of Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, State of New York.

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

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney	Here
Councilwoman Stanton	Here
Councilman Rathbun	Here
Supervisor Wells	Here

Others present: Bill Laprairie, Building and Grounds Department Head, Patrick Mahoney, Water and Sewer Department Head, Jamie Roblee, Highway Superintendent, Brenda Valentine, President of the CDC, Darrin Harr, Chamber Director, Leila Lewis, Sherry, Kathleen, David Oestrecher, Andy Coney, and Kenny King.

Minutes

Supervisor Wells made a motion to approve the Minutes of 12/14/2020, 12/28/2020 and 01/04/2021 as presented. Seconded by, Councilwoman Stanton.

Department Head Reports/Additions

Supervisor Wells questioned Patrick Mahoney, Water and Sewer Department Head, on the truck purchase as he had received the invoice. Supervisor Wells reported to all we were waiting on the Comptroller's approval and he would check on the status.

Public Comments/Concerns

Brenda Valentine, President of the CDC, approached the Board thanking the CDC, North Country Crafters, The Blue Mt. Center and Pines Country Store for their help on making masks, funding and selling. She stated that 660 masks were made, 75 were left over, and these were given to the School. Brenda also reported to the Board that she would be stepping down and handing the Farmers Market over to Jennifer Bine. She thanked everyone for helping make this a success. Supervisor Wells thanked Brenda for spearheading and being the force behind the market. He also asked Brenda for a copy of her report and stated he would be sending out thank you letters to them all.

Town Clerk Audit

Supervisor Wells reported that he had examined the Town Clerk's books for 2020 and they were in order.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Wells made a motion to fix the issue with the head Maintenance Program salary. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun.

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney	Aye
Councilwoman Stanton	Aye
Councilman Rathbun	Aye
Supervisor Wells	Aye

Supervisor Wells sadly stated that due to Deputy Supervisor Meade Hutchins passing, (of which he will be missed by all) he has asked Councilwoman Stanton to be the Deputy Supervisor and she graciously said yes.

Supervisor Wells also gave a heads up to Councilwoman Stanton and Councilman Rathbun to prepare for interviews in February. He stated we were receiving numerous applications, the last day to put in an application is February 5th. Councilman Rathbun reiterated that Bill Laprairie would also be there for the interviews

Discussion was held on Community Bank closing the bank in Indian Lake. Supervisor Wells reported to all that he had spoken to a gentleman from Community Bank asking him why they would be closing the bank in Indian Lake and told him of our frustration concerning the closure as Indian Lake is the largest Town within Hamilton County. The Gentlemen stated that it was due to everyone moving to electronic

banking, little traffic inside the building among other denominators. Supervisor Wells expressed our elderly population and numerous business's that will be affected by this. Supervisor Wells also reported to the Board that he would be reaching out to other banks as soon as he gets all the information. The first thing he needs is to find out who Community Bank leases from. He told all that the Board is working and would continue to work on this.

Supervisor Wells reported to all that our Assessor would be leaving by mid- summer. He stated that he would be having a meeting with Barry Baker, Real Property Tax Director, and Betsy Bain, Supervisor of Lake Pleasant to discuss moving forward with sharing an Assessor.

Supervisor Wells told all he had received a thank you letter from former Senator Betty Liddle, thanking us for our thank you letter.

Supervisor Wells told all that he was trying to get the correct information out to everyone concerning the vaccine. He stated that the information changes sometimes by the minute. He again thanked and commended Erica Mahoney, Director of Public Health, for her work during this pandemic. He stated that her department has done a tremendous job with all the constant changes, not only are they still testing, but they are also now giving out vaccines. He told all that he would try to get the information out as soon as it is finalized. Supervisor Wells told all that the Town Hall had a close call with an exposure. He told all that he is keeping an eye on everything and would put the information out as soon as possible. He also told all present that you now must go on the State Website to sign up for the vaccine. Information will be put on the Town's Face Book Page as well as the Town's Web site once the information is received.

Supervisor Wells told the Board that he had put the job description for the new position that will be opening in their boxes. He stated that this position had been discussed and he would like to hire by March. This will be for a Marketing Event Manager. He asked the Board to look the description over. If they had any additions or deletions, please write them down and he is hoping to finalize this at the February meeting so we can put an Ad in the paper and get started.

BILLS AND ABSTRACTS

Supervisor Wells made a motion to pay the Bills and Abstracts contingent on all signatures that are required. Seconded by, Councilwoman Stanton.

Roll Call:	Councilman Mahoney	Aye
	Councilwoman Stanton	Aye
	Councilman Rathbun	Aye
	Supervisor Wells	Aye

General:

28783 - 28801	\$8,578.62
28812 – 28916	\$93,210.30

Supervisor Wells stated that he would like to have a meeting with the Chamber, CDC and possibly the school to discuss the Bank closing and alternative measures the Town could take. Brenda Valentine stated that the CDC would be more than willing to help push the direction chosen. Darrin Harr, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber would like to send out letters to Community Bank telling them all the reasons they should not close. Supervisor Wells told him anything anyone wants to do is fine, however, he did state that they are a business, this was a business decision, and the Bank was clear on their actions for closing.

Jamie Roblee approached the Board saying he would like to thank and commend Pam Howard, Paul Strain and Kevin King for their years of service to the Town of Indian Lake. Supervisor Wells reiterated that yes, they had lots of experience in their fields and did an outstanding job for the Town.

Supervisor Wells told all the Town Board is working hard for all, and told all to keep protecting themselves, wear a mask and continue to protect so we can open everything back up and go back to normal.

Councilman Rathbun told all that Gore Mt. is doing a great job at remaining open. Everyone wears a mask and doing a great job keeping the outdoor activities open.

Supervisor Wells asked Bill Laprairie how the skating rink was and stated he would like to get it open. Keeping the building closed but putting a bench out for people to put their skates on. Bill stated that as of now we had a skateable rink, however we have some warm days coming up, so it's a play by ear, day by day. Brenda Valentine thanked Bill and his crew for putting up the Christmas tree and told him whenever he is ready to take it down, to call her.

Building Maintenance & Operations monthly report for December 2020

This month has had us preparing for grooming, we have been cutting brush and trees on all of our trails. Moose river planes has been our priority and we have brushed all the way to our turn around area at silver run. We took the loader from the transfer site and put the towns lift basket on it and were able to cut the trees and branches over the road at about 16 ft, this was done to protect the glass and mirrors on our new groomer. When we were done with the Moose river trail we started down Co8 headquarters trail all the way back to town, now we are heading towards Blue Mountain. We have been working with the DEC forester to make changes to the bridge at rock lake, the state has agreed to buy all the materials to fix the railings and we will haul in the materials and make the repairs.

The transfer site loader had an electrical and fuel issues and we went to Albany for parts, a new light was installed and fuel filters were changed. Used the loader to plow out transfer site, no more issues after fuel was drained and machine serviced. We also moved mini to transfer site to pull a dam on the fish and game club, beavers had flooded the road.

Pellet boiler problems continue and Vincent heating was called to fix the units buffer tank, a valve was bad and did not allow water to get hot and run the heat system, repairs were made and unit is back in service.

The Meal site sewer was plugged, pulled toilet in ambulance garage and was able to open line up. Flushed all lines in both buildings and all is fixed. Replaced a light fixture in the womens room that went bad.

The town purchased a Covid sprayer and we have used it at the town hall, library and old Stewarts shop.

With the winter weather we have been shoveling and salting all walks daily, plowing all town property including old Stewarts and the transfer site. We are back to doing our garbage runs and dam checks on Mondays and Fridays.

Put up the town Christmas tree in the mini park.

Thank you

Bill LaPrairie



Dept head Building Maintenance & Operations

Highway Report
January 2021

Although we have not gotten alot of snow we have had alot of small storms. We have been busy keeping roads clear of these small dumps of snow.

The sidewalks have been cleared and salted as needed

The Christmas Rain storm caused some minor flooding and several tree in various roads.

The rest of our trucks were prepared for winter plowing and sanding

Some sand was stockpiled for next years ^{winter} use on roads.

Equipment was moved to Blue Mt for keeping sidewalks and roads clear and sanded.

A junk trailer left on Chain lakes road was hauled to the transfer station. This trailer was abandoned and Hamilton County Sheriff's dept. could not trace in to anyone as it was last registered in the 1980's

We are working on a list of streetlights that are out to submit to National Covid and NYSEG.

James C. Poble
Highway Supt.

Dec 2020
Mechanics Report
Bill Wells

- ① Plowed + Sanded with #194
- ② Replaced Water Dept truck Oil cooler lines
- ③ Fixed Sander lights on #188
- ④ Serviced Mini Excavator
- ⑤ 192 loader hyd leak
- ⑥ Got Both 188 + 180 ready for auction pickup
- ⑦ Fixed Sander Chain 181
- ⑧ Changed Trans filter on 3320 tractor
- ⑨ Run Wing for Greg in 183
- ⑩ Fixed Back up lights + put new switch in for 181
- ⑪ Put new shaft, bearings and motor for spinner in 188 sander
- ⑫ Put flap + adjusted chain and holdowns for Sander in 181

Town of Indian Lake Water and Wastewater

Report for December 2020

Testing was completed at all plants daily.

Samples required by DEC and DOH were submitted to the lab.

There was a leak in a service line on Adirondack Lake Rd. We dug up the curb stop and it was leaking. We replaced the curb stop with a new one.

There was another oil leak in our older work truck. First the oil cooler lines rotted out, but the highway department was able to repair the lines. Then the other lines rotted off and had to be replaced. We now have it back and it seems to be holding together.

There was a water main break on Blue Mt. hill just above Maple Lodge Rd. We dug up the water main and repaired it.


Coleen Delcore needed a sewer hook up for the building she moved from the new Stewarts property. We were able to find the recently abandoned sewer force main for her to use for that building so we do not have to dig up the sewer main, which is under the sidewalk.

Arvid Abrams from Control System Integrations came to the Indian Lake Water Plant to install our new parallel system and replace the VFD for the well that was not working. The new system looks good, but has a few very minor bugs that Arvid will fix when he comes back.

We were losing a lot of water in Blue Mt., so we started looking for a leak. There was water running in the ditch near the top of Blue Mt. Hill so we dug there but it was only ledge and groundwater. Then we found water running out of the ground across from the Museum, so we dug there and found some drain lines, but no water leak. Then we moved up the hill and found a service to a building that burned down many years ago, but was leaking into the septic system of the old building. We were able to find the curb stop and shut it off.

There was a leak at Byron Park in a bleeder line we have running there that was fixed.

Thank-You

 Kevin L King

Kevin King/Water and Sewer superintendent



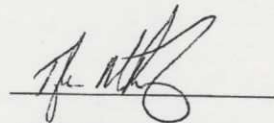
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Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report
December 2020

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # if Permits Issued:	6	2
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$22,662</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
3. Number of Permits in #1 which are Hunting Camps:	0	
4. Total dollar amounts of projects in #3:	<u>\$0</u>	
5. Number of single-family permits issued (Camps N/A):	<u>0</u>	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	<u>\$0</u>	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	<u>1</u>	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	2	
9. Number of Firework Permits issued:	0	
10. Total dollar amount of permits in #9:	<u>\$0</u>	
11. Fire inspections (Annual) to date	40	

Respectfully Submitted by:


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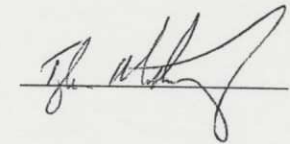
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Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report
2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	<u>139</u>	<u>106</u>
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$3,983,313</u>	<u>\$3,664,245</u>
3. Total dollar amount in fees collected:	<u>\$9,962.35</u>	<u>\$8116.95</u>

Respectfully Submitted by:





Town of Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce
Representing Blue Mountain Lake, Indian Lake and Sabael

P.O. Box 724 Indian Lake, New York 12842
Phone and Fax (518) 648-5112 website: indian-lake.com
Email indianlakechamber@frontiernet.net

Services provided October 1 through December 31, 2020:

Visitor Information Center:

- Open 5 days/week with exception for Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year's Eve.

We answered 51 emails and 109 phone calls from people seeking information and assisted 321 walk-in visitors. DEC hunting/fishing licenses were sold to 60 people.

Social media and website updates continue. Chamber staff continues to share information about COVID-related training and funding opportunities with the community through its website and email distribution.

To save payroll cost in order to optimize staffing for July-August-September 2021, the Chamber will operate its Visitor Center 4 days a week for 1st Quarter, when visitor foot-traffic is low. The Visitor Center will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through this period.

Events:

Out of an abundance of caution due to COVID-19 health and safety concerns, the Chamber cancelled its **Annual Spring Dinner and Fundraiser**, which had been previously re-scheduled to November.

Our annual "**Let There Be Lights**" **Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest** was held the weekend of December 11-12-13, with 19 town residents answering our call to judge the contestants. Contest winners were announced December 18th as part of **Holiday Lights and Sounds of the Adirondacks!**, a special online live-stream event cohosted by Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts, Indian Lake Theater and Town of Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Website/Social Media:

Indian Lake, NY Chamber Facebook: Increased from 2987 followers in December 2019 to 3631 followers in December 2020.

Great Adirondack Moose Festival: Increased from 3687 followers in December 2019 to 4062 followers in December 2020.

Others:

- December 4 – Holiday Online Event Committee Meeting
- December 10 – Chamber Board Meeting, ZOOM
- December 10 – Annual Membership Meeting, ZOOM
- December 14 – North Country Chamber COVID-19 Vaccine Webinar

Annual Audit of Account:

Town Clerk Account

I, Brian E Wells, Supervisor of the Town of Indian Lake, due hereby attest that I have checked and Audited the Town Clerks Account, Receipt Book and Transactions for the Town Clerk Account, on January, 5, 2021.

I attest to the fact that all documents, transactions, receipts and deposits are up to date, well maintained and accounted for.

Signature: Brian E Wells
Town of Indian Lake Supervisor

Executive Session

Supervisor Wells called for an Executive Session. At 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personal. Seconded by Councilman Rathbun. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. Seconded by, Councilwoman Stanton. All in favor. Motion carried.

No action taken during Executive Session.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by,, Councilman Mahoney. All in favor meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by. Julie A. Clawson

Town Clerk