

A TOWN BOARD MEETING was held on August 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The location was the Blue Mt. Lake Fire Hall, Blue Mt. Lake, NY, County of Hamilton, State of New York.

Supervisor Wells opened the meeting. All said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Wells called for the Roll with the following Board Members answering:

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney	Here
Councilwoman Eldridge	Here
Councilman Curry	Absent
Councilman Rathbun	Here
Supervisor Wells	Here

Minutes

Councilwoman Eldridge made a motion to accept the minutes of 7/10/2023 as presented. Seconded by, Councilman Mahoney.

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

Public Comments and Concerns

Kathy Radler approached the Board stating she was unhappy about the Beach situation, not having it open on the weekend is terrible for the tourist industry. She stated the Lifeguards are nasty. She stated that if this was the way it was going to be run, we should just pull the rafts out and put signs up stating, swim at your own risk. Supervisor Wells stated we could not do that as our insurance would not cover it and if we want to have a Beach, we must comply with Department of Health rules and regulations. He reported to all that the Department of Health wants us to put up a chain link fence there to stop access and he is fighting that tooth and nail. However, he reiterated that we must follow the rules and regulations that are put in place by the Department of Health. He stated he doesn't enjoy them and does not like enforcing them and we try to be as lax as possible. She stated the lifeguards are not being lacks. He reiterated that if the Lifeguards quit, we would have no beaches. She stated that the Lifeguards are not nice. Supervisor Wells stated that he has received numerous calls from the Lifeguards stating that they are dealing with non-compliant residents on the Beach who do not want to follow the rules. He stated that he had addressed this during the Blue Mt. Lake Association Meeting and answered all these questions concerning the State as to why DEC can put up Swim at your own risk signs and we can't. At that meeting he told everyone present that we are headed to shutting down the Blue Mt. Beach due to the constant complaints from our Lifeguards, and if our head Lifeguard quits, we are done, there will be NO Beaches. Since that meeting, 2 weeks ago, he has had 4 complaints from our Lifeguards concerning Blue Mt. Lake Beach. Supervisor Wells stated that it has been a big problem getting and retaining Lifeguards. He stated there has been talk of approaching Senators and Assemblymen to sponsor a bill to give us the same rights as the State, the only problem with that is who would want to sponsor that and then have someone drown on a public beach. He told all that closing the beaches will probably happen sooner than usual this year. Bill Laprairie, Dept. Head of Buildings and Grounds, approached the Board stating that he had a call tonight, just before the Beach closed from our Lifeguard stating that people had showed up to fish where it is prohibited, the Lifeguard told that person to leave, that person laughed at them and refused to leave while their parents set there, and no action was taken by the parents. The disrespect by the parents has been on going. When the Lifeguard left her car wouldn't start and the family laughed at the Lifeguard, that was it for one of the Lifeguards and his parents called Bill and told him he is no longer allowed to work at the Blue Mt. Lake Beach! Supervisor Wells stated he had received a phone call as well concerning the disrespect for the Lifeguards and not wanting to follow the rules! Supervisor Wells stated that the problem is, do you punish the entire community for one family that will not follow the rules? He stated that we are hoping to finish out the year without closing the Beach too early. He reiterated again, if our head Lifeguard quits, both beaches will be shut down. Bruce Tondreau approached the Board asking why it took so long for the water to be tested after the flooding. Supervisor Wells stated we did not take long, we did it immediately, but it takes a few days to get the results back. Bruce stated that people were swimming on Saturday. Supervisor Wells stated that the Beach is closed on Saturday so no one should have been swimming on that day! He asked why it was not made public? Supervisor Wells explained we made it public as soon as we found out!!!! Patrick Mahoney, Supervisor of the Water and Sewer Dept., stated that he did it as soon as the Department of Health suggested it! He reported to all that it was a recommendation only from the Department of

Health, it was not mandated. Patrick reported to all that he did the test as soon as he could and that it takes a few days to get the results back. He stated that the Town did it as a safety precaution to close the public Beach and have it tested, but again, it was not mandated that we do that.

Bruce also asked why the public was not notified that they should not swim. Supervisor Wells stated that his first concern is our public Beach, the private Beaches are also monitored by the Department of Health rules and regulations so they should have gotten the same emails as the Town did. He stated that if he closes public access for testing, then you shouldn't be in the water. Everyone at the meeting was reminded that the Town has a one call system for residents who wanted to be put in the system. This was started a few years back for emergencies and residents were asked to sign up. The ad will be put back on the Web site again for new people to sign up for this service.

Supervisor Wells thanked everyone that was involved with and worked during the flood. He stated that all entities worked well together and there was full cooperation among everyone. He stated that the help given to Hemlock Hall was so positive. He stated that all we hear are the negatives and this was a tremendous positive. He thanked the Blue Mt. Lake Fireman for allowing the Fire Dept. to be the emergency center. He told all that Homeland Security and other State Representatives were amazed at the cooperation between all the groups. Everyone worked together! He gave a huge thank You to everyone and anyone that was involved in any manner we thank you and it was a great representation for the people that come up here and visit here.

Department Head Reports/Additions

Christine Pouch, EDM and Events Manager, approached the Board stating that she has provided the Board with the information on two different projects she is working on. The first one being the IT Project. She stated that she recommends Vector One IT Solutions. Supervisor Wells stated this is a requirement from our Insurance Company as if something were to happen, they will not cover the damages. Supervisor Wells made a motion to approve hiring Vector One IT Solutions out of Albany for Internet Security. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun.

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

Christine stated the second project she has been working on is the Grant Project called the Hamlet Gateway Project. She stated originally was to cover the cost of two gateways. One by the Cedar River Cemetery and the other by Chain Lakes Road. The project was delayed due to covid. She stated the Grant was only for \$75,000.00 and we have gotten permission to do one Hamlet project at Chain Lakes Road. She asked to purchase the Park amenities. Amenities and prices are attached herein. She stated she would like to purchase a Kiosk with literature rack, trash can, wheelchair accessible picnic table, bike rack and a flagpole, flag and solar light kit, these total \$6,165.40. She stated we have about \$55,000.00 to spend, this includes the work that the crews will be doing for black top etc.. She would also like to order an extra picnic table for the Welcome Center. She stated she had scheduled \$1,500.00 in her budget for this, and the cost of the table is \$1,498.85. Councilman Rathbun made a motion to approve the purchases. Seconded by, Councilman Mahoney.

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

Jim Zumpano, President of the Chamber of Commerce, asked everyone for their patience while they get everything together and get the Chamber on the right path.

Donation/Cedar River Cemetery Association

Supervisor Wells told all that the Cedar River Cemetery Association has given the Town a donation of \$750.00 as a thank you for Parks and Rec. crew for all their help at the Cedar River Cemetery.

Resolution # 15 – Resolution in Opposition of NYS Senate Bill S-00139B/Assembly Bill A-1358B

Supervisor Wells offered Resolution # 15 opposing the NYS Senate Bill S-00139B/Assembly Bill A-1358B which would require that all Town Justices have legal training. Seconded by, Councilman Mahoney. Resolution # 15 is attached herein.

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

Truck Bids – Parks and Rec.

One bid was received. Supervisor Wells opened the truck bid from Depaula Chev. In the amount of \$52,427.50. Supervisor Wells made a motion to accept the bid for review by Bill Laprairie and go with his recommendation. Seconded by, Councilman Mahoney.

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney Aye
Councilwomen Eldridge Aye
Councilman Rathbun Aye
Supervisor Wells Aye

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Wells gave an overview of the meetings he has attended this month. He reported to all that he had attended, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, Adk. Intercounty in Johnstown, met with the DOT Commissioner and Region 2 Director for the flooding, met with Assemblyman Smullen's during the flooding, Hamilton County Committee Days, assorted meetings concerning the floodings, and met with the new Chamber Board President (James Zumpano). Supervisor Wells stated he had given Jim the Revised copy of the Chamber Lease Agreement and asked if he had gotten a chance to review. Jim stated he had a couple revisions he needed to do and he would get it back soon.

Supervisor Wells stated he attended the Bond Act meeting in Saranac Lake. He also met with Basil Seggos, DEC Commissioner, as part of the 5 Towns meeting concerning the ongoing issues with the big land purchase from years ago.

Supervisor Wells stated the Local Government Review Board Dues are due and told all Councilmembers they should check it out.

Supervisor Wells stated that the Common Grounds Alliance meeting will be held at Gore Mt. He stated that the tentative date is October 20th. He stated that he had received called and texts from Assemblymen Smullen, Senator Walczyk, Congresswomen Stefanik and Gillibrand, as well as Governor Hochul all concerning the flooding and all offering their assistance. He stated that the Governor has released a total of \$6,000,000.00 to the Counties impacted by the floods.

Supervisor Wells stated that he had received a thank you letter, thanking the Board for keeping the Beaches open and the efforts we have made.

Supervisor Wells told all that we are the Monarch Butterfly Capital of the North Country. He told all we are having a competition and program again this year.

Supervisor Wells spoke of the re-assessment information project we are currently beginning. He stated that NYS wants the equalization to be at 100% to make assessments fair to all. He stated the last assessment we had was when Meade was here. He stated that we have sent letters out to everyone, and we will be going around to check properties. He told all that we are required to have pictures and we are trying to catch up with what we have. He told all if you have a question, please call Lynn Billings and get the correct information. He told all that there have been numerous complaints on Facebook about entering personal property, he stated we can get pictures and guess from the road.

Supervisor Wells thanked Jamie Roblee, Highway Superintendent, for working with DEC to get the snowmobile trails going since the flooding and all is going well.

Supervisor Wells reported that he finally had the Radar Signs Permit for Blue Mt. Lake and they can now order the signs.

Supervisor Wells reported to all that the Rafting Contract is finished and in the hands of the Rafting Company's.

Other Town Business

Councilman Mahoney thanked all involved with the flooding as well.

Councilman Rathbun reported to all that he is offering a Hunter Safety Course at the Byron Park Building on August 25th and 26th. If anyone is interested, they should call him to sign up. He also stated that he

would be holding a Boater Safety Course (everyone will need this course by 2025) in Long Lake on August 26th and one in Indian Lake at the Byron Park Building on September 9th, and again, if anyone is interested in taking this course, they should call him and sign up. Councilman Rathbun stated that he is spear heading an Adopt a Highway Program. If anyone is interested give him a call. Councilman Rathbun told all that the Travel Club will be hosting a Car Show on September 16th. He told all to come out. Supervisor Wells told all present that the Blue Mt. Lake Beach will be closed on the 16th.

BILLS AND ABSTRACTS

Supervisor Wells made a motion to pay the Bills and Abstracts as presented. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun.

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

General:

36802 - 36823 \$10,946.02
36832 - 36876 \$11,420.62
36879 – 37037 \$129,324.32

Executive Session

Supervisor Wells called for an Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Litigation. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by, Councilwoman Eldridge. All in favor. Motion carried.

No action taken during Executive Session.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:22 p.m. Seconded by, Councilman Mahoney. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Julie A. Clarys
Town Clerk

Building maintenance report July 2023

During the month of July, we have been very busy with mowing and working on the bogs on Adirondack lake. We moved all the bogs that were on the map that Ernie Pullman gave us, except for the big one in his bay which we are still trying to figure out what to do with. We also replaced buoys on the corral gate and made another repair to the cable.

With all the rain we've had this year the grass has been going crazy, we mowed all Town property, transfer site, shooting range, and cemeteries three times this month. Servicing of the mowers was done, and repairs were made as needed.

We hauled 12 loads of chips to the put in site after washouts put large trenches down the side of the pathways. We built a box for the Polaris ranger and were able to load the machine up and haul all the chips down to the waters edge and work our way back up the hill without causing any damage.

One month into beach season and no major problems, some people are upset with the hours the beaches are open and that they are closed on certain days. A new sewer line from the building to the tank was installed at Chain Lakes Beach. In Blue Mountain Lake I was able to get down in the tank and fix the leak that was filling up the woman side.

The generator the water department had on chain Lakes Road was moved to the health center and Adirondack generators did the install for us, we have to upgrade two of the switches for the automatic start program and everything will be automatic and online as soon as the power goes out. Brian, who did the install is getting me prices, he expects around \$5500.

A lot of building maintenance was done this month, including finishing off the fascia and soffit on the library.

The new gateway project on the chain Lakes Road has started, we moved all the material out and are ready to start putting the new material in and building the parking lot and the sidewalks. Christine has ordered all the Benches, tables and bulletin boards, and as they come in, we will start doing the installs.

Materials have been ordered for the new roof on Byron Park pavilion, and replacement windows for the health center.

Thank you
Bill LaPrairie
Dept head building maintenance and operations



Town of Indian Lake water and wastewater report for July 2023

Testing was completed at each plant daily.

Beach samples were taken the first week of July then again after the heavy rains and flooding. All samples had very favorable results.

We worked with the contractors at Hemlock Hall to rebury the watermain that runs in front of the main lodge. The main was exposed from the washouts and had a lot of rocks on it that had to be removed before it could be buried.

Both water districts had their annual inspections by the Dept. of Health.

ADT security had to reprogram the security system at the Indian Lake water plant.

A small watermain leak was repaired in front of the Cedar River Cemetery.

The force main at the East plant broke and had to be repaired.

The East plant was cleaned weekly.

Thank you

Patrick Mahoney

Highway Report

~~July~~ Aug 2023

Major Flooding is what we at the Highway Dept have been busy with

with the Floods in Blue Mt and Long Lake we have been busy hauling Materials and fixing washouts.

Wells Rd and Maple Lodge Road have been reditched and culverts reset. As well as major washout filled in.

Materials were hauled from County and Town stockpiles to fill in on all washouts. Now we are replacing them for other projects.

We are now working on Major washouts on the O'Neil Flow Showmobile trail. I expect this will take close to a Month to do.

Jimie Foblee
Highway Supt.

July 2023
mechanics Report

- 1) Full Service to 194 pickup
- 2) Installed mirrors on 5085 tractor for mowing
- 3) Put new antennas on 182 truck
- 4) Fixed E-light on TC45 tractor
- 5) Put new hub covers on 185 front tire
- 6) New Tarp Switch in 182
- 7) Finish work on 3320 broom
- 8) New blades on TC45 brush hog
- 9) Filled in holes on headquarters road from storm
- 10) New blade holders on 5085 tractor
- 11) Jump started batteries on 186 truck
- 12) Put Box Blade on TC45



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**August 12, 2023, Town of Indian Lake
Board Meeting
Economic Development, Marketing &
Events Report**

**Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report
July 2023**

Community/Economic Development/Events

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	14	1
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$640,000</u>	<u>\$250,000</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>3</u>	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	<u>\$383,000</u>	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	<u>0</u>	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	<u>3</u>	
9. Number of Firework Permits issued:	<u>0</u>	
10. Total dollar amount of permits in #9:	<u>\$0</u>	
11. Fire inspections (Annual) to date	8	

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tyler Monthony

Central Adirondack Flooding on July 11, 2023 – Through the support of the Adirondack Foundation, we were able to quickly pull together a marketing campaign and a donation/application portal to support flood victims in Blue Mountain Lake and Long Lake. We formed a special, confidential committee to review and allocate funds dispersed through the Foundation to Blue Mountain Lake applicants. **In this first round, we were able to support the needs of seven applicants by granting a total of \$54,000.** We received the applications to review on August 2 and sent our recommendations on August 8 to the Foundation. Emails, contracts, and checks to the applicants will go out on August 10. The quick turnaround time was specifically planned to be able to get funds into the hands of the victims as quickly as possible. I appreciate the swift work of our volunteer reviewers.

The Foundation reported new applications and funds are still coming in. We expect the second round of application review and fund distribution to begin on August 25. If you have additional questions about this program, please contact me directly.

Note: On July 31, I arranged for Adirondack Foundation Executive Cali Brooks and one of their board members to tour the devastation at Hemlock Hall and meet the Provost Family to hear their story firsthand.

Monarch & Milkweed Challenge – I was approached by Daisy Kelly and Susan Rollings to be a part of this project. I was able to convert the old cut out from the FISU Games and convert it to a Monarch Butterfly with the help of Peter Plumley. The Welcome Center is just one of the many activity stations around town. At my location there is a takeaway craft project as well as the butterfly cut out where you are encouraged to take and share a selfie for which we provide a Monarch butterfly pin. Both children and adults are taking part in this activity. Next year, we'll be planning a festival. To fund this project, for the library and other components, I wrote and received grant fund for \$1500 from the Hamilton County Soil & Water department.

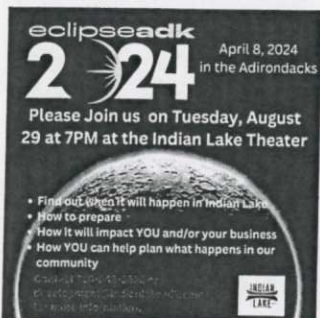


Main Street America (MSA) Committee –

This group hosted its first fundraising event – a BBQ at Chef Darrell's Mountain Diner. \$1,032 was raised to support ongoing beautification and revitalization projects. One of the projects to be launched in 2024 are canoes featuring plantings located in all three

hamlets. A prototype was on display at the BBQ and is now located at The Welcome Center.

NYSERDA Clean Energy Update – All of our streetlamps in Indian Lake have been upgraded to LEDs. We received a rebate check for \$9,570. Our last rebate for the Senior meal Site for \$216 has also been received. **Total rebates total \$11,295.** **Updating the streetlamps now qualifies us to receive a \$5,000 grant from NYSERDA Clean Communities Program.** While it took some time and energy to process these rebates, in the end it was worth it. I have thanked Nancy Bernstein, our ANCA Circuit Rider, for helping us through the process to become a Clean Energy Community. You can track our progress here: <https://www.nyserdera.ny.gov/All-Programs/Clean-Energy-Communities/Tracking-Progress/Scorecard>



2024 Solar Eclipse Focus Group – A meeting to discuss possible activities has been schedule for Tuesday, August 29 at 7PM at the Indian Lake Theater.

Indian Lake Paint Out! - A three-day plein air painting workshop with Bob Stump, scheduled for August 18-20, has two remaining openings. A grant of \$1,750 was received and will be applied to cover the instructor fee of \$1,800.

Music in the Park Update – The first concert with Willie Playmore brought more than 200 attendees. Donations of \$92 were collected to support the Central Adirondack Flooding initiative. The second concert with Mitch Frasier was rescheduled due to the weather to the following day with 80+ attendees. Funds were collected of \$111 to support the American Legion's Veteran Tribute Flag project.

The next concert with Betty & The Baby Boomers is Saturday, August 12. We will be collecting donations for Charlotte Liddle's recovery.

Emma has been selling food items during the concert and this addition is well received – especially the ice cream for kids. The playground is also getting a workout!

WAILON – A Tribute to REAL Country Music – A concert has been added to the event schedule. This concert was not part of the budget plan, so it will be ticketed at \$15 cash/check and \$17 credit card. The concert will be held on Saturday, September 2 at the Indian Lake Theater at 7PM. 230 tickets will be sold. After expenses, the proceeds with benefit the ILCDC SIB Project. More information about the band is available at <https://wailonband.com/>. Tickets are now available at <https://town-of-indian-lake.square.site/>.

OK Slip Falls Hiking Challenge was launched at the end of June. To date we have had 22 people (up from six last month) stop at the Welcome Center to claim their patch. I'm

planning to get a map mounted and add pins to the map to represent the locations the visitors are from.

Food Truck/ Catering Solicitation – Emma from The Café & Shop at Mountain View Adventures LLC has been a vendor at the Music in the Park for the last two events. I am now working on lining up vendors for the Antiques Show.

90 Miler Canoe Classic will be landing in Blue Mountain Lake at the beach on Friday, September 8. The Town will be supporting this event by providing tents, cones, road closure barricades, porta potties and staff to help with garbage, crowd control and shuttle services.

Rustic Street Fair in Blue Mountain Lake will be held September 8 to 10. Potential vendors looking for booth space are being directed to homeowners in Blue.

Adirondack Antiques September 13-17 – I have been receiving calls (15) from new vendors looking for rental space. My goal is to fill all interested homeowners' space and invite food vendors to the school lawn, with their permission.

Chamber of Commerce – In July Garrett Church started as an intern working through August 10. This allowed the chamber to be open seven days per week with Sundays limited to 9am to Noon. Garrett is the grandson of Garrett Church, Sr., a local yoga instructor. Also, by mid-July, the chamber ran out of the ever-popular hiking map. At the time of this report, the map is still a work in progress.

Marketing

There are continuous posts on all four of our social media sites. The e-newsletter is delivered to inboxes weekly when relevant content is available.

Social Media: I continue to encourage all to **FOLLOW** and **LIKE** the Town on social media sites. Did you know we have 6,700 (up from last month of 6,400) followers and 5,600 (up from 5,500 last month) likes on Facebook?

A video I posted on Facebook, taken by Jake Mahoney from the sky of OK Slip Falls, received 2,300 LIKES, 94 COMMENTS and 550 SHARES.

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Note: The marketing coverage from ROOST and various other publications have included Indian Lake and Blue Mountain Lake in several "Top 10" lists of places to visit, camp, and recreate in the Adirondacks.

Special Projects

IT Tech Support for Town – Last fall we began conversations internally regarding the need to have professional technical support for computer related issues. I began researching and had planned to recommend My Tech, the company that was providing support for Hamilton County. Since then, My Tech has been merged with Vector One.

Attached please find comparisons with Vector One being the least expensive and able to handle all our current needs and more.

I recommend the following for Board Approval:

For 12 machines, the cost is \$24.11 per month per machine.
Total for all machines=\$289.32 x 12=\$3,471.84

The big difference is My Tech had included unlimited tech support which Vector One does not provide as an option.

Tech support is a subscription monthly at \$109 per hour. This is discounted to us from the normal rate of \$159/hr. I have a bid for 4 hours (\$436) or 8 hours (\$872) which any computer can use. If we don't use the hours we subscribed to, they roll over to the next month.

Grants

DEC High Hazard Rehabilitation Grants – We resubmitted our project of \$177,958.63 with a request for \$100,000. The grant portal closed on August 4. Award letters are expected very soon.

For us to be able to resubmit, I had to update our Emergency Action Plan for the Lake Adirondack Dam. These updates included updating the flowchart for emergency response procedures, mailing updated flowcharts to 14 different points of contact, and requesting a return certification of receipt to verify they replaced the old flowchart with the new one. In addition, I had to submit an updated DEC Annual Dam Certification.

Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) grant was submitted on July 26 to support the repair of the Lake Adirondack Dam. The total project amount is \$6,556,316 with state funds requested of \$3,245,053. This includes a Town match of \$811,263 with the remaining project balance to be covered by a DASNY SAM grant for \$2.5M.

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) grant was submitted on July 26 as well. The total project amount is \$1,751,791 with the state requested amount of \$1,312,700. This includes a Town match of \$439,091 in materials, supplies and in-kind labor.

DASNY/SAM Grants – no new progress to report.

DEC EV Charging Stations – We are still waiting for the contract to be able to get started.

Vouchers for Reimbursement for current for DEC Hamlets Gateway Project - \$16,024 and Byron Park/Branding - \$39,075 have been received totaling \$55,099.

Board Approval for Outdoor Amenities to be purchased is now required - The Hamlet Gateway project has broken ground on Chain Lakes Road. Attached is a proposal comparing three bids to purchase outdoor furniture and kiosk for this location. The lowest amounts are highlighted.

1. My recommendation is to go with Kirby Built for \$6,165.40 and Old Glory for \$353.91. All amenities have been discussed and approved by Supervisor Wells and Bill LaPrairie.
2. In addition, I'd like to order an extra picnic table for \$1,498.85 to install at The Welcome Center. I have \$1,500 currently allocated for said purchase in my budget.

Meetings

6/28/23 – LaBella phone grant meeting
7/7/23 – LaBella phone grant meeting
7/10/23 – Town Board Meeting
7/21/23 – LaBella phone grant meeting
7/24/23– LaBella phone grant meeting
7/26/23– LaBella phone grant meeting

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch, 8/9/23.

Description	Price	Vendor
Kiosks- 3-in-line with literature rack	\$ 3,668.85	Kirby Built
Kiosks- 3 sided: NO literature rack	\$ 3,479.99	Digital Buyer.com
Kiosks- 3-in-line with literature rack	\$ 3,898.00	Barco Products

Description	Price	Vendor
Matching Trash Can	\$ 628.85	Kirby Built
Matching Trash Can	\$ 779.99	Digital Buyer.com
Matching Trash Can (recycled materials)	\$ 677.00	Parktastic

Description	Price	Vendor
Providence Square Pedestal Wheel Chair Accessible Picnic Table	\$ 1,498.85	Kirby Built
Metal ADA Picnic Table	\$ 1,775.00	Parktastic
Walkthru ADA Picnic Table	\$ 1,598.95	Barco Products

Description	Price	Vendor
Simple Recycled Bike rack for 5 bike capacity	\$ 418.85	Barco products
Recycled 6 bike capacity rack	\$ 619.00	Parktastic
Recycled Bike Rack - 5 Bike capacity	\$ 368.85	Kirby Built

Description	Price	Vendor
25ft Delta Telescoping Flagpole with Halyard Kit and solar light & 4' x 6' flag	\$ 353.91	Old Glory
25ft Delta Telescoping Flagpole with Halyard Kit and solar light & 4' x 6' flag	\$ 652.86	1 Service First
25ft Telescoping Flagpole with Halyard Kit	\$ 1,011.36	Flagpole Warehouse

Description of Services	My Techs, Inc. (Clifton Park, NY) NOT AVAILABLE ANYMORE	StoredTech (Queensbury, NY)	Vector One IT Solutions (Albany, NY)	Tech II Services (Saratoga Springs, NY)
Managed Services (All inclusive): patch management, auto system alerts and repair; ransomware protection, anti-virus protection; DNS protection; monthly activity reports; customer service portal and	\$55 per machine/month	\$82.50 per machine: includes anti-virus, web security, Spam and encryption	24.11 per machine/month (included at \$49.99 for all 12 machines)	\$1,270 per machine per month
Network Monitoring	(included)	\$27.50 per machine	\$24.11 per month/per machine	n/a
Total Fee	\$55 per month/per machine or \$660 per year per machine	\$110 per month per machine or \$1,320 per machine per year	289.32	\$1270 per machine per month or \$15,240 per year per machine



Town of Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce

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Executive Director – Robert Marriott

Date: August 4, 2023

Monthly Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce Summary Report – July 2023

- The foot traffic into the Welcome Center has continued remain steady with many people stopping looking for information or suggestions on things. .
 - The Chamber's Poker Paddle event that happened on July 15th was a total success. We had a total of 144 people registering with 130 people registered in advance and 14 registered the day of the event. Helping attendance was the sunshine along with warm temperatures. We also had a total 13 dock owners participate which really made this event special. So far everyone had a super time between the paddlers and the dock owners. Next year the Chamber is looking to make Poker Paddle a whole weekend event as attendance for this event has increased every year.
 - Work is still continuing on making improvements to the Chamber's website with listing new Chamber members on it. This work has been in conjunction with ROOST and our relationship with ROOST has been great.
 - The Chamber is working with Al Pouch and DEC to create a new hiking map. The final hiking map should be ready for printing soon. This year's map will include some biking trails which is new along with up to date hiking trails within the area. This is a very popular item people look to use especially during the Spring, Summer and Fall seasons.
 - The Chamber is working on plans for the upcoming Moose Festival which is scheduled for September 22,23 & 24 .
 - The Chamber Facebook page has continued to post important information to the community and also current business happenings in the area. The growth of followers has increased greatly over the past couple months. Our followers have increased to 4,716. The more followers, the better reach we have as a Chamber to people.
- The Chamber has asked to help out with the recovery effort at Hemlock Hall and our volunteer effort will start this week in Blue Mountain Lake. The Chamber has reached to local TV media to help cover the progress at Hemlock Hall.
 - The Chamber has an intern here for the summer is Gareth Church and his last day at the Chamber is August 10th. He is going back to Penn State for his senior year of college. We wish him well. He has been a great addition to our staff.
 - The Chamber continues to be a positive face of the community with providing information to visitors and helping cultivate economic boosts to local business.



TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE

P.O. Box 730 Pelon Road
Indian Lake, Hamilton County
New York 12842

July 7, 2023

Town of Indian Lake
Town Board Members & Bill LaPrairie
117 Pelon Road
Indian Lake, NY 12842

Dear Town Board Members and Bill,

The Cedar River Cemetery Association is sending this letter as a thank you to the continued efforts of the mowing at the Cedar River Cemetery. The Association recognizes the time and wants to express their gratitude with a donation. Please accept the enclosed check of \$750.00. We know that this is only a small token of the costs. The cemetery looks so beautiful after it has been mowed! Thank you again for allowing Bill and his crew to continue this long term care!

Sincerely,

All the members of the Cedar River Cemetery
Association

CEDAR RIVER CEMETERY ASSOC.		50-755/213	1107
PO BOX 74			
INDIAN LAKE, NY 12842			
DATE <u>6-26-23</u>			
PAY TO THE ORDER OF <u>Town of Indian Lake</u>	\$ <u>750</u> ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀		
<u>Seven Hundred Fifty</u>	DOLLARS		
Community Bank N.A. Indian Lake, New York 12842 139			
MEMO <u>Mowing</u>	<u>Deanna L. Spring</u>		
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**TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE
PO BOX 730
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RESOLUTION # 15

TOWN of INDIAN LAKE, NEW YORK

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S-00139B and
ASSEMBLY BILL A-1358B**

*Offered by: Supervisor Brian E Wells
Seconded by: Councilman Lake Mahoney*

WHEREAS, New York Senate Bill number S-00139B has been passed which, if adopted by the NYS Assembly (A 1358-B) and signed by the Governor, would require all Judges presiding in the 100 largest Town and Village Courts to be licensed to practice law in the State and to have been admitted to the NYS Bar for at least five years; and

WHEREAS, The Town and Village Courts in Hamilton County are among the nearly 1,200 Justice Courts in the State of New York that collectively handle close to 1 million cases each year; and

WHEREAS, The Town and Village Courts are known as the "Courts Closest to the People" and have broad jurisdiction, presiding over civil and criminal matters, thereby performing a vital role in the New York State Unified Court System; and

WHEREAS, The Town Court of Indian Lake is a vital service to our residents and the Hamilton County community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, The Justices in Hamilton County's Town and Village Courts have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, and render equal justice to all, while continually adhering to judicial rules of ethics and pronouncements of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct; and

WHEREAS, The Justices are required to be on-call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to review/sign arrest and search warrants, perform arraignments, and issue orders of protection; and

WHEREAS, The Justices of Town and Village Courts ensure that the rights afforded to defendants by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of New York are provided and protected; and

WHEREAS, The Justices of Town and Village Courts preside over trials involving misdemeanor and violation level offenses, thereby ensuring that the victims of those offenses can be heard; and

WHEREAS, The Town and Village Courts provide a venue for Citizens to pursue a low-cost and efficient procedure for individuals to resolve civil disputes and landlord/tenant matters; and

WHEREAS, the Justices also preside nightly and on weekends and holidays, ensuring that arrested citizens are promptly afforded legal representation, the opportunity to plead to alleged charges, and to be considered for release, bail, or incarceration; and

WHEREAS, The Justices continually strive to improve the administration of justice through participation in mandatory education programs, seminars, meetings of the Hamilton County Magistrates Association and the New York State Magistrates Association; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Office of Court Administration must certify all as having successfully completed mandatory training both following election and in each subsequent year; and

WHEREAS, The New York State's Commission on Judicial Conduct's most recent annual report (2023) identifies that only 13% of the complaints filed against the judiciary were against Town and Village judges while the remaining complaints were against either

"State-paid" judges, (constituting approximately 40% of the judiciary) who accounted for approximately 67% of the complaints received, or against non-judicial entities (20%); and **WHEREAS**, This Bill attempts to usurp the right of voters to elect those in their communities that they believe to be fair and impartial, and who would best serve that community, whether they be attorneys or non-attorneys; and

WHEREAS, This Bill implicitly suggests that members of a community are incapable of making informed decisions about who should sit in judgment of matters from the straight-forward to the highly complex as may arise in their local courts; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body views the intention of this Bill is not to actually improve the courts, but a blatant and unconscionable attempt by the New York State Bar Association, an organization that represents approximately only fifteen percent (15%) of the State's attorneys, to generate increased opportunities for its members, and to dictate who voters may choose to serve in our local governments;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Governing board of the Town/Village of Indian Lake strongly, and in unequivocal terms, calls on both the leadership in the Senate and Assembly, and the Governor to reject this poorly conceived and hastily fashioned seizure of voters' rights to determine, for themselves, who they would choose to sit as their judges as has been the case for almost two hundred years.

Adopted by unanimous consent this 14th day of August 2023.

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney *Aye*

Councilwoman Eldridge *Aye*

Councilman Rathbun *Aye*

Supervisor Wells *Aye*

Signed *Julie A. Clawson*

Title *Town Clerk*

State of New York

County of Hamilton

Town of Indian Lake

I, Julie A. Clawson, Town Clerk of the Town of Indian Lake do hereby certify that Resolution # 15 in the year 2023, was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake, Hamilton County, New York State at the Town Board meeting held in Indian Lake on August 14, 2023.

Resolution # 15 will be on file in the Resolution Book as well as the Official Minutes in the Town Clerks office at the Town Hall, located on Pelon Road, Town of Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, and State of New York.

The following Board Members of the Indian Lake Town Board had due notice of the meeting and was present at said meeting: Supervisor Brian Wells, Councilman Jake Mahoney, Councilwoman Kristina Eldridge and Councilman John Rathbun, and Councilman D. Sean Curry was absent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Indian Lake on this day of August 14, 2023.

Seal

Julie A. Clawson
Julie A. Clawson - Town Clerk

Blue Mt. Lake Fire Hall

TOWN BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE:

DATE OF MEETING: 8-14-23

7pm

NAME:

TITLE:

ADDRESS:

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| 1. Bill Lapierre | | 8839 State Rte 30 |
| 2. Paul Mahoney | | IL |
| 3. Leslie + Bruce Hondreau | | BML |
| 4. C Powell | | I.L. |
| 5. Darlene Marks | | I.L. |
| 6. Bernard Cummins | | BWL |
| 7. Jim Zamparo | | BML |
| 8. Bob Marotta | | BML |
| 9. Jami Belle | | BML |
| 10. Kathy Radler | | DHL |
| 11. Nancy Forken | | BML |
| 12. Lisa Beillet | | BML |
| 13. Ethan SOLLIT | | BML |
| 14. Cathleen Collins | | BML |
| 15. Eugene Darling | | DHL |
| 16. Andy Coney | | BML |
| 17. Ellen Caccis | | BML |
| 18. Sally Coney Wheeler | | BML |
| 19. Ford Carmichael | | BML |
| 20. Drew FORHAN | | BML |
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