

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Board of Long Lake, Hamilton County, New York was held July 28, 2021 at the Raquette Lake Union Free School and called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and a prayer by Craig Seaman at 7:00 P.M. A dozen people attended.

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| Members present: | Clay J. Arsenault  | Supervisor |
|                  | Richard B. Dechene | Councilman |
|                  | Thomas L. Donnelly | Councilman |
|                  | Dean H. Pohl       | Councilman |
|                  | Craig J. Seaman    | Councilman |

**BOARD APPROVALS**

**Motion** by Richard Dechene, seconded by Dean Pohl to approve the minutes as submitted.

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| Adopted: | Clay J Arsenault   | Aye |
|          | Richard B. Dechene | Aye |
|          | Thomas L. Donnelly | Aye |
|          | Dean H. Pohl       | Aye |
|          | Craig J. Seaman    | Aye |

**Motion** by Craig Seaman, seconded by Thomas Donnelly to pay encumbrances as listed on Abstract 07 for July 2021.

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| Adopted | Clay J. Arsenault  | Aye |
|         | Richard B. Dechene | Aye |
|         | Thomas L. Donnelly | Aye |
|         | Dean H. Pohl       | Aye |
|         | Craig J. Seaman    | Aye |

Bills as listed on abstract.

Audit of Claims

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| General Fund     | #A450 - A533   | in the amount of | \$114,636.02 |
| Highway Fund     | #D131 - D149   | in the amount of | 22,798.57    |
| Water District 1 | #SW053 - SW060 | in the amount of | 4,504.38     |
| Water District 2 | #W220 - W237   | in the amount of | 7,483.50     |

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS**

Supervisor Arsenault drew the members’ attention to the Dog Control Officer Inspection Report and the Municipal Shelter Inspection Report; each was given a Satisfactory rate. That’s the highest mark attainable.

Skate Board Park: NYSEG’S Chief Lineman Gabe Farr suggested the Town update the very old lighting for the Basketball Court and the Skate Board Park with LED lights, which he said would save money. We’re waiting for a quote from a lighting company.

Raquette Lake Battery Back-up for Power Outages: Tom Wind of National Grid reported to the Supervisor the battery-backups for Raquette Lake will be located on Uncas Road.

Buck Mountain Fire Tower Update: The Supervisor and Ian Schaad, who owns Buck Mountain, his brother Justin and Bill Farber, Chairman, Hamilton County Chairman of Board of Supervisors, hiked the new trail up to the fire tower. The trail work is being done by Hamilton County Soil and Water and the Adirondack Mountain Club and should be completed within the next month.

Mountain Bike Trail Update: Steve Ovitt of Wilderness Property Management says they are about a week behind due to weather issues (torrential downpours) but Long Lake is a priority and he says they'll be here the first week of September at the latest. His plan is to have riders on the bike trail during fall colors for community promotion pictures.

American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) Funds: The New York State Division of the Budget has confirmed that the Town of Long Lake will be receiving \$66,191 in ARPA funding. Originally, Senator Schumer's office, in a press release, said Long Lake would be receiving \$70,000. Hmm.

Pomeroy Foundation Historical Markers: On Saturday, July 31, 2021 a dedication ceremony will be held at the Raquette Lake Village Green in honor of four of the main original structures that comprised the "Raquette Lake Village", namely the Raquette Lake Railway, the Raquette Lake Station, the General Store and Raquette Lake House. Historic Markers, which were funded through a William G. Pomeroy Foundation Grant will commemorate the structures. This dedication is part of the Durant Days Celebrations this weekend.

Raquette Lake Fireworks: Supervisor Arsenault mentioned a thank-you note from over ten individuals and families who highly praised the fireworks display in Raquette this year.

Raquette Lake Flowers: the Supervisor thanked Mindy Hoegerl for the beautiful flowers in the circular planters in the middle of Town. Dean and Donna Pohl were thanked for maintaining the flowers at the signs leading into Raquette Lake.

Forked Lake Campground: Gary LeVesque, DEC Conservation Operations Supervisor, said the State isn't taking any reservations for Forked Lake through 07/29/2021 because of flooding. They will reassess again next week.

## **AGENDA**

### **SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS**

The Town has recently acquired several pieces of equipment and material included in the purchase of the Maintenance Garage on 646 Deerland Road. The Board will discuss whether to sell the surplus items as one lot or as individual items.

### **RESOLUTION FOR DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Whereas, after a review of the equipment and building supplies the Town owns, it has been recommended and the Board agrees, that the following should be declared surplus and disposed of:

The First items being 9 items of wood working equipment:

1. Altendorf F-45 sliding panel saw

2. SCMI 36" widebelt sander
3. Weinig Quattromat molder
4. SCMI T-130 fifing arbor sander
5. Tilting arbor shaper
6. Edge Sander
7. SCMI 12" joiner
8. Stock power feeders
9. Planer with Byrd Sheliz spiral head
10. Northtech Briquette Press Machine NT/BP 1000B/2500B

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Town reserves the right to make a counter offer to the highest bidder if the price offered is below the reserve amount placed on this wood working equipment.

The Second Lot being assorted lumber.

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| 1. Red oak                   | 613 feet        |
| 2. Ash                       | 456 '           |
| 3. Maple                     | 250"            |
| 4. Hickory                   | 381"            |
| 5. Cherry                    | 700"            |
| 6. Poplar                    | 919"            |
| 7. Black Walnut              | 266"            |
| 8. Mahogany                  | 105"            |
| 9. Beech                     | 200"            |
| 10 Birch                     | 100"            |
| 11. White Oak                | 266"            |
| 12 Figured Birch             | 120"            |
| 13. Misc                     | 1,000"          |
| 14. Figured Veneered Plywood | 20 misc. sheets |

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Town reserves the right to make a counter offer to the highest bidder if the price offered is below the reserve amount placed on this lot of lumber of \$1,500.00.

**Motion** by Clay Arsenault, seconded by Thomas Donnelly to adopt the Resolution for Declaring Surplus Property.

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| Adopted: | Clay J Arsenault   | Aye |
|          | Richard B. Dechene | Aye |
|          | Thomas L. Donnelly | Aye |
|          | Dean H. Pohl       | Aye |
|          | Craig J. Seaman    | Aye |

The Board Members unanimously agreed to sell the equipment individually.

## **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LONG LAKE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE A CLASS A LICENSE**

Whereas, it is beneficial to the Town of Long Lake, NY for Highway employees to have and maintain a Class A CDL driver license, and

Whereas, only drivers who have had their on-the-job training and have passed all necessary tests are eligible, and

Whereas, the Town Board has deliberated and determined that Highway Department employees obtaining their CDL Class A from New York State should be compensated, and

Whereas, each Highway employee obtaining their Class A CDL will receive a yearly stipend, and

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Town shall pay a stipend of \$1,040 annually, starting in 2021, to all Highway employees with a Class A CDL, payable in the next to last paycheck before year end.

**Motion** by Clay Arsenault, seconded by Craig Seaman to adopt the Resolution Recognizing the Long Lake Highway Department Employees that have a Class A License.

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| Adopted: | Clay J Arsenault   | Aye |
|          | Richard B. Dechene | Aye |
|          | Thomas L. Donnelly | Aye |
|          | Dean H. Pohl       | Aye |
|          | Craig J. Seaman    | Aye |

### **COUNCILMAN COMMENTS**

Councilman Seaman thanked everyone who had anything to do with the great fireworks displays.

Councilman Donnelly mentioned that public donations for fireworks helps keep the shows at their high level.

Councilman Pohl mentioned that all the comments he has heard regarding the fireworks, were positive and appreciative and he thanked all.

Councilman Dechene had nothing to report.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Supervisor Arsenault asked that the individuals wishing to speak, to please keep their comments to three minutes.

Michael Lamphear, raquette Lake Highway Department Foreman thanked the Board for the Stipend and employee raises.

Jack Carney asked what the Town purchased on the Deerland Road and Supervisor Arsenault replied it is a maintenance garage and 47 acres of land. Jack Carney: How much? Supervisor: \$410,000.00.

Carney: Shouldn't the Town have been asked? Supervisor Arsenault replied that once the Board came to the conclusion that this acquisition would be beneficial to the Town and that it met with many goals of the Town of Long Lake Comprehensive Plan, the Board decided to move forward with negotiations. Since there was another buyer who was working aggressively, with interests against the Town's, the Board needed to act quickly.

John Adams asked what was in a SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Report Act) Report. It indicates whether the action being considered (in this case, this purchase) will have a positive or negative effect on all aspects of the environment.

John Adams also commented that it would have been less expensive for the Town to have purchased this property years ago when the sale price was \$70,000.00. Councilman Donnelly responded that the \$70,000 figure was grossly incorrect, that he had placed a bid on the property back then and the asking price had been over a million dollars.

Elizabeth Forsell asked if Supervisor Arsenault would send her the property ID# of the maintenance garage. Supervisor: Yes.

Michael Farrell asked how the Town's conserve water order is doing. Supervisor: A little better, however, the Department of Health wants the order to continue until the DOH gives further notice.

Jack Carney reported on a letter in an area newspaper regarding two other communities, Old Forge and Wells, that are unhappy with short-term rentals (e.g. Air B&B) in their towns.

Wild parties, huge groups, loud people and music, many disturbances late at night, many unhappy residents. Councilman Donnelly responded that Long Lake cannot be compared to those other Towns. In our Town, real estate agents have for years been handling rentals for owners. The online Sites and Apps are a way for owners to manage their own rentals.


**Motion** by Clay Arsenault, seconded by Craig Seaman to adjourn at 7:27 pm.

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| Adopted: | Clay J Arsenault   | Aye |
|          | Richard B. Dechene | Aye |
|          | Thomas L. Donnelly | Aye |
|          | Dean H. Pohl       | Aye |
|          | Craig J. Seaman    | Aye |

Attested by \_\_\_\_\_

  
Dixie Lee LeBlanc, Town Clerk

and \_\_\_\_\_

  
Amber L. Wambach, Deputy Town Clerk