

A special meeting of the Town Board of Long Lake, Hamilton County, New York was held August 17, 2022 at the Long Lake Town Hall and called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Seven people were in attendance.

Members present:

Clay J. Arsenault  
Thomas L. Donnelly  
Dean H. Pohl  
Richard B. Dechene

Supervisor  
Councilman  
Councilman  
Councilman

## **SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Supervisor Arsenault reported the tragic death of a Town of Long Lake employee at the Long Lake transfer station on August 8, 2022. The Town is working with investigators at this time.

## **AGENDA**

### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CLARK J. SEAMAN FOR THE LONG LAKE TOWN BOARD SEAT “D”**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for the position of Town on Long Lake Town Board Member, Seat D because of the untimely death of Councilman Craig J. Seaman, on July 27, 2022;

WHEREAS, a notice of vacancy was duly filed with the Hamilton County Board of Elections by the Deputy Town Clerk for Town Board Member Seat D;

WHEREAS, the Town Board is advised that the appointment power of the Town Board runs through December 31, 2022, for Board Seat D;

WHEREAS, the Town Board is advised the Board Seat D position will be on the November 8, 2022 ballot, to fill the reaming term Councilman Craig J. Seaman that runs from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Law 64(5) the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake, by majority vote thereof, has the authority to appoint qualified person to fill the vacancy in said elective office, and the person appointed shall hold office until the commencement of the calendar year next succeeding in first annual election at which vacancy may be filled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Clark J. Seaman, a duly qualified resident of the Town, be appointed to the office of Town Council member to fill the vacancy existing in such office, upon enactment of this Resolution.
2. The appointment is effective upon Clark J. Seaman undertaking of the required Constitutional Oath of Office.
3. The appointment is for the period running through December 31, 2022.
4. The Board formally expresses its deep condolence to the family of Councilman Craig J. Seaman.
5. The Board is very appreciative of our former distinguished Town Supervisor Clark J. Seaman's willingness to undertake the Town of Long Lake public service once again.

**Motion** by Richard Dechene, seconded by Thomas Donnelly, to accept the Resolution to appoint Clark J. Seaman to fill Long Lake Town Board Member Seat D until December 31, 2022.

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

Supervisor Arsenault asked Clark J. Seaman to please stand and take the Constitutional Oath of Office for the Long Lake Town Board Member Seat D. After Clark J. Seaman took the Constitutional Oath of Office, he was welcomed by all Board Members and the public that was in attendance.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MONIES IN THE HRW**

## **RAQUETTE LAKE WATER DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND**

WHEREAS, the Raquette Lake Water District #1 in the Town of Long Lake was created in 1931 with approval of the Division of Water Power and Control of the NYS Conservation Department to create a reservoir to supply the system with water; and

WHEREAS, in a December 29, 1999 resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake, Raquette Lake Water District Improvement Reserve Fund (HS1) was created for Raquette Lake Water District #1 for the purpose of future improvements to the water system servicing the Hamlet of Raquette Lake including possible well development; and

WHEREAS, in an October 29, 2003, resolution of the Town Board, HRW Raquette Lake Water district Capital Project Fund was created for Raquette Lake Water District #1 with permission from the New York State Office of the State Comptroller for permanent well development with an initial budget of \$648,900 budget; and

WHEREAS, in a December 31, 2003 resolution of the Town Board, Raquette Lake Water District Improvement Reserve Fund (HS1) was closed and the remaining \$18,402.25 in Reserve Fund HS1 was transferred to HRW Raquette Lake Water District Capital Projects Fund; and

WHEREAS, in a May 12, 2004 resolution of the Town Board, Authorization was given for the issuance of general obligation serial bonds and/or bond anticipation notes for the replacement of the existing water supply and distribution system of the Town of Long Lake water District #1 in Raquette Lake consisting of drilling new wells, construction of a new control/treatment building, new water and electrical transmission facilities and water distribution system improvements, including studies and necessary site work; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of the State Comptroller issued a certificate on December 29, 2005, approving the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$717,551 based on a grant from the NYS Drinking Water Revolving Fund for \$538,162, a loan in the amount of \$120,5883, and a grant from the USDA Rural Development Project for \$58,805; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Long Lake completed the development of Wells 1,2 and 3; built a water storage building and pumphouse; has since redeveloped wells 1 and

2; and has obtained the land the wells and storage building are located upon through a Constitutional Amendment approving a land swap; and the Water District #1 has been reimbursed by the State numerous times, leaving the HRW Raquette Lake Water District Capital Project Fund with an unencumbered cash balance of \$219,357.57; and

WHEREAS, the Raquette Lake Water District #1 is currently under an Emergency Proclamation and Orders from the Town Supervisor due to events over the Fourth of July weekend that left the Water District dangerously low on water and causing the wells not to function and further resulting in the Town having to haul in potable water from neighboring towns; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor reached out to the hydrogeologist firm if Hanson Van Vleet to consult with the Town in studying and redeveloping Wells 1,2 and 3, and to act as contractor in this operation, and to develop a plan for preventative maintenance and future redevelopment of these wells to allow the Town to properly plan to protect Raquette Lake's water supply; and

WHEREAS, Hanson Van Vleet has quoted the Town a total \$101,610 to study and redevelop the wells in Raquette Lake Water District, accomplished in two (2) phases, and will bill additional costs at their normal rates; and

WHEREAS, the monies in the HRW Raquette Lake Water District Capital Project Fund were reserved with the original intent of developing and improving the wells and water supply in the Raquette Lake Water District #1; and

WHEREAS, this project is within the scope of this original intent for these monies;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

1. The town Board concurs that the urgency of the matter requires expeditious action to rehabilitate the water system wells serving Raquette Lake under the emergency proclamation of the Supervisor;
2. That the actions under consideration are exempt from further environmental reviews as either emergency actions and/or replacement in kind;
3. That the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake authorizes the Town Supervisor to pay all bills totaling not more than \$219,357.57 associated with the proposed study and redevelopment of Wells 1,2 and 3 in Raquette Lake Water District #1 to be paid out of HRW Raquette Lake Water District Improvement Capital Project Fund;
4. That the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake authorizes the Town

Supervisor to sign the proposals and subsequent agreement or contract with Hanson Van Vleet to complete this work, and to work in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health to oversee the work done by Hanson Van Vleet and their subcontractors.

5. The Town Board shall review the report provided by Hanson Van Vleet upon completion of this work to inform future planning for the maintenance, well redevelopment, and improvement of Raquette Lake Water District #1.

**Motion** by Richard Dechene, seconded by Dean Pohl to approve the authorization to use monies in the HRW Raquette Lake Water District Capital Project Fund.

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

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS WITH JD’S PUMP DRILLING SERVICES AND HANSON VAN VLEET HYDROGEOLOGISTS CONSUTLING**

The hydrologist from Hanson Van Vleet proposal for well assessment came in at \$23,145, and JD Pump Drilling redevelopment proposal amount came in at \$78,460 for a total of \$101,610. The price does not include and possible incidents.

Motion by Dean Pohl, seconded by Thomas Donnelly to approve the proposals from JD’s Pump Drilling Services and Hanson Van Vleet Hydrogeologist Consulting for the Raquette Lake Water District wells.

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

*\*Clerk's Note: the full proposal is available for review at the Clerk's Office.*

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO PARKS AND RECREATION  
LABORER JOB DESCRIPTION**

Parks and Recreation Director Roalsvig made changes to better reflect the current state of needs for the Town Parks and Recreation Department. The expansion of the job description is to include; Maintaining equipment, Blueline, Mountain Bike Trails, and other Town Trails.

**Motion** by Richard Dechene, seconded by Thomas Donnelly to approve the amendments to the Parks and Recreation Laborer job description.

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

**COUNCILMAN COMMENTS**

Councilman Donnelly thanked Clark J. Seaman for filling in.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Maxine Rider thanked Clark Seaman for stepping in to fill Seat D.

**Motion** by Clay Arsenault, seconded by Richard Dechene to move to executive session at 9:14am.

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

**Motion** by Clay Arsenault seconded by Clark Seaman to return to regular session at 12:25 with no action having been taken in executive session.

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

**Motion** by Clay Arsenault seconded by Clark Seaman to adjourn at 12:26pm.

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

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

Amber L. Wambach, Deputy Town Clerk