

**A regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Board of Long Lake, Hamilton County, New York was held April 26, 2023 at the Long Lake Town Hall at 07:00 PM and called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and a prayer by Clark Seaman. Nine people attended.**

**Roll Call: Members present:**

Clay J. Arsenault	Supervisor
Thomas L. Donnelly	Councilman
Clark J. Seaman	Councilman
Dean H. Pohl	Councilman
Richard B. Dechene	Councilman

Attending for the Town as well were the Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor, Matthew Newby, the First Deputy Town Clerk, Amber Wamback, and the Town Attorney, Carl Ferrentino.

There was a quorum to conduct the business of the Long Lake Town Board.

### **BOARD APPROVALS**

**Motion** by Richard Dechene, seconded by Dean Pohl to accept the March Regular Meeting minutes.

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

**Motion** by Thomas Donnelly, seconded by Richard Dechene to accept the April 20<sup>th</sup>, Public Hearing Special Meeting minutes.

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

**Motion** by Clark Seaman, seconded by Thomas Donnelly to pay encumbrances as listed on Abstract 3, March 2023.

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

**Bills as listed on abstract**

Audit of Claims

General Fund #A0267 – A0330	in the amount of	\$113,019.84
Highway Fund #D056 – D071	in the amount of	35,637.50
Water District 1 #SW1039- SW1047	in the amount of	2,050.92
Water District 2 #SW2091 - SW2112	in the amount of	10,195.37

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Revenue and expenditure reports are not in the packets due to Bonadio, the Town accounting firm creating new reports and hope to have them next month.

The Town received a \$10,000 grant from the Adirondack Foundation which will help fund a study at 646 Deerland Road to determine the feasibility of any future housing developments.

An Association of Towns newsletter was included in the Boards packets, the newsletter contained valuable information about what is happening in Town government around New York State, and has training opportunities for town officials.

Supervisor Arsenault had the medical office requesting to update their system. This system will keep them up to date with HIPPA standards, and the total update amount was \$3,778, which Supervisor Arsenault approved.

Town of Long Lake Spring clean-up will take place May8th-May19th, sign-up forms are available on the Town website and available at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Supervisor Arsenault invited Paul Wilson to speak to the Board about the updated New York State Sexual Harassment Policy training.

Paul informed the Board that all employees, including elected and appointed officials need to take the mandatory training, Alex has uploaded a training video on the Town’s Website so employees can watch the video and sign-off that they have done so.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE LONG LAKE TOWN BOARD TO SPONSOR A PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PROPOSED RAQUETTE LAKE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM**

**DATED: April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**WHEREAS**, The Town Supervisor has spoken to National Grid and REV Renewables to present the details of their proposed Battery Energy Storage System project; and

**WHEREAS**, both National Grid and REV Renewables have agreed to do this presentation and address the public; and

**WHEREAS**, The Raquette Lake Union Free School has been reserved for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 6 PM;

**Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake,**

Hereby invites National Grid and REV Renewables to a public information session on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, 6 PM, at the Raquette Lake Union Free School to present information to the public regarding their proposed Battery Energy Storage Systems.

**Motion** by Supervisor Arsenault, seconded by Richard Dechene to host an information session at the Raquette Lake Union Free School on May 23, 2023 at 6pm regarding the proposed Raquette Lake Battery Energy Storage System.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF A NEW TOWN BUS, AND THE ASSOCIATED BUDDGET AMENDMENTS**

**DATED: April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Long Lake has owned a bus to provide transportation for Senior Shopping trips and swimming trips, as well as public transportation for special events around the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Town bus, known as the “Little Bus” due to the assistance of former State Assemblywoman Betty Little in its procurement; and

**WHEREAS**, The Little Bus is a custom-made bus that has numerous mechanical issues due to age, and parts are hard to find because they must be custom ordered; and

**WHEREAS**, no NYS contracts were found to have available options for the Town’s needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Bruce Jennings found a solution Rohrer Bus that would give the Town a modern, new Ford Transit 350 XL bus conversion based on a sprinter van design, which would carry 14 passengers with overhead storage and the Town Supervisor was advised throughout the process of getting this quote and finds it both reasonable and responsible; and

**WHEREAS**, the new bus would not require drivers to possess a CDL license due to only carrying 14 passengers; and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of availability of options under state contract and the failing mechanical condition of the current bus could lead to a situation of danger to public safety in the near future which will require the suspension of bus services;

**Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake,**

Hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to procure a 2023 Ford Transit 350 XL from Rohrer Bus of 1515 State Road, PO BOX 100, Duncannon, Pennsylvania, 17020 for the sum of \$86,700 as an emergency procurement to prevent bus service interruption due to concerns for public safety.

And also, that this expenditure be made by appropriating \$86,700 from general fund balance, including \$34,500 in fund balance resulting from previously budgeted funds earmarked for “future bus replacement” to budget line A5630.2.

**Motion** by Supervisor Arsenault, seconded by Richard Dechene to approve the emergency purchase of a new Town bus, and the associated budget amendments.

Discussion: Councilman Dechene asked if the bus would be able to be worked on in-house?

Supervisor Arsenault replied that it could be.

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

**ALEX ROALSVIG, TOWN OF LONG LAKE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR  
ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH UPDATES**

**SABATTIS/COURTS/BIKES**

1. Sent out Request for Quotes for filling cracks on tennis/basketball courts to Top Quality Seal Coat, Peretti Sports, HMA Paving & Contracting, Okie Court Systems, Ruston Paving and Vermont Tennis Courts. RFQ's due April 24, 2023. Received one quote. Having reviewed budget with Matt and Clay we think this is too critical an issue to ignore. There are over 750 feet of cracks that need to be filled. We received a complaint in October 2022 that made it clear that we could run into issues this season if we didn't better address it. **ONLY QUOTE RECEIVED WAS** from Vermont Tennis Courts for \$8385 with additional \$500 for pickle ball lines. As it is so competitive to get on schedule – would recommend board approve this. Matt and I have reviewed the funds available and we can make this project work for 2023. Need to get revised quote with NYS prevailing wage.
2. Need action on rink surface. In rough shape. We have skateboard ramps that we invested in and can't be used safely unless we address the surface of the rink. We really need to get a better surface on there.

The rink is 120x60

- Option #1: Henry 287 Solar-Flex Acrylic Reflective Elastomeric Roof Coating (White)
  - (16) 5gal. \$1414.95 (one coat)
  - Option #2: Latex-ite Color Grade Blacktop Sealer (Beige)
  - \$105/5gal x 32 = \$3,360 (two coats)
  - Option #3: RAE Traffic Marking Paint Acrylic (White)
  - \$265/5gal x 16 = \$4,240 (one coat)
  - Option #4: RAE Traffic Marking Paint Latex (White)
  - \$220/5gal x 16 = \$3,520 (one coat)
3. Bike Long Lake is planning dates for kids to help in community with projects for new bikes and bike tune ups for returning bikers. Dates for service are tentatively scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Sat June 17<sup>th</sup> Bike racks will be built – 23 participants. There will be 8 bikes and 15 participating for incentives to get the older and younger kids back to work for tune'ups. Bike Long Lake is a non-profit 509. (a)(2) and was started in 2022. This non-profit program is successful due to support of parents, and kids. They have requested to build bike racks on town property for their final day of service. Building usage requests and more details will be requested re. the bike rack build day.
  4. Updated Trailforks web ap with new Mt. Sabattis page contact info.
  5. Trails on Mt. Sabattis are closed to traffic during mud season. Need it to dry out. Road to pavilion is also closed per Highway Department.

## WEBSITE

1. Updated website with board meeting public hearing notices 4/3
2. Updated website to Summer promotion with gallery of summer images and building slide show for landing page – gallery etc.
3. Seeking new business information – if you have updates you'd like to make, we are reviewing business contract for lodging properties, but all Long Lake & Raquette Lake businesses are welcome to their free listing with 75 word description etc on the business directory. So businesses should contact [longlake@mylonglake.com](mailto:longlake@mylonglake.com) or call us to get listed. We will be promoting this when we sent out Mountain Times invitations.
4. Due to wordpress update the webcam was down a few days. Chad, me and ROOST worked together to identify issue and got it back up and running. Seems the webcam goes out Friday's at 5pm when we can't fix it.
5. Received an uptick in spam comments to longlake.com email linked through the website– changed settings on website to limit spammy comments clogging newsfeed.
6. Updated website with Local Laws on Wed 4.5 and posted them..
7. Emailed ROOST trying to track PDF views – need to insert code into website to track.
8. Took a “Google my Business” seminar where by businesses can update their presence on line – will be receiving slides from webinar and will make those available to our local businesses.
9. Webcam was down for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, but this time it was the webcam on Sabattis, not affiliated with updates from Microsoft. Chad took 4 wheeler up to Pavilion/tower and updated it.
10. Wifi was out at the Geiger Arena all winter – SLIC came in to do site assessment. Equipment for wifi boost from Pavilion to Geiger Arena is down. SLIC assessed and has to order new equipment. No date is set for that, but we want that up and running this summer before it gets busy.
11. Contacted the DEC re. Reserve America pop up adds promoting attractions 3.5 hours from Long Lake for Lake Eaton Bookings. Reserve America is the website that does online booking for NYS Campgrounds and it is powered by Viator. I also reached out to ROOST to see if they could look into this. The attractions posted under my reservation pay fees to advertise on the website and if no one local does ads, they just won't appear. So just in case people are complaining.. that's how the real world works.

## BEACH

1. Advertising for Lifeguard positions and seasonal laborer positions. Started advertising week of March 20<sup>th</sup> on social media and in newspapers. So far two applications received, we have about 4 interested lifeguards Ads are in Adk Express, Ham Co News, TL Free Press, Online, and Indeed.com as well as invites to entire school and LLCS teaching population. Recruitment efforts are on-going on social media too. I have personally reached out to several candidates.
2. We are also looking for a seasonal laborer to be on the summer crew with Opie & Logan.
3. Training - Looking for town support to offset the cost of training, up to 50% of their class. Classes range from \$325 to \$400 for certification. Lifeguards would not be reimbursed until they have worked as a lifeguard for at least half of the season. Would like to be able to reimburse up to \$200 per participant.

4. Contacted Debbie Fox at North Country Community College lifeguarding teacher re. open training. She is booked. We reached out to Lake Placid and they will be hosting a class at the end of May and they still have available spots, Currently two Long Lake candidates have signed up
5. Long Lake beach permit has arrived and will be submitted for 2023

#### ADS

1. Working on 4-Season Recreation Guide advertising/co-op. Currently have 8 businesses participating in this co-op advertising opportunity. This is funded by the participating businesses and coordinated thru parks and rec. 60,000 full color copies distributed in the Adirondack region.
2. Working on Ad for LLCS for 2023 Class.
3. Designing Mt. Sabattis, Mountain Biking and Nature Trail brochure & events posters- on going / done in house
4. Americade is happening May 31<sup>st</sup> thru June 4<sup>th</sup>. Requested Banners
5. Will be working on a summer digital campaign

#### GRANTS

1. Adirondack Foundation awarded the Town of Long Lake \$10,000 for a housing assessment study via the Lake Champlain/Lake George Planning Board –
2. Attended Snowmobile Trail Grant meeting review re. submitting grant expenditures for Parks and Recreation funding thru NYS. \$74,128 expenditures for review labor/grooming & equipment eligible
3. Tim filed decentralization grant with Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts for Music by the Lake and Art in Nature outdoor installation. Pending review

#### EVENTS

1. Ordered flags for Memorial Day for both Long Lake and Raquette Lake.
2. Working with Rod Begin of Long Lake American Legion Post #650 to plan Town & County Parade which is returning for 2023 with start time of 11:30am
3. Events planning for summer is underway, contracts and offers have gone out for Music by the Lake and other events are being planned. Calendars are updated on Adirondackexperience.com, I Love NY, Adirondack.net and Mylonglake.com.
4. Kat Forsell has submitted the summer events calendar for Raquette Lake including: Stamp Class, Kids Derby, Strawberry Fest, Tie Dye, Softball Fundraiser, Zoomobile, Durant Days, Busiest Day, Boat Parade, Fireworks, Auction
5. Community Pride day will be May 3, 2023 and Tim Helms has coordinated that with Adele Burnett at the CAA. Thank you to our 22 businesses and organizations for participating. We will have crews out in both Long Lake & Raquette Lake.
6. Confirmed May Crew Race for 2023 with George Repicky. Note: He also assisted with sharing lifeguard jobs for me. Thanks George. Happening May 14, 2023 between St. Lawrence and Union College Crew.
7. Shakespeare in the Park for the Arts Center to perform The Tempest on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023
8. LL Association scheduled two boating safety courses for Town of Long Lake – one in June, one in August. Registration is on-line only. New York State will require all

motorized boaters to take a safe boating course and earn their safe boating certificate by 2025.

9. Joan Collins, certified guide, to do three summer hikes this season. These are co-sponsored by the NY Audubon society. Everyone is encouraged to participate in these hikes as Joan is an expert on the woods, and it is a very educational experience. We are lucky to have Joan available to work with the town.
10. Updating the Raquette Lake Events coordinator job description for review by board.
11. Friends of Music in Long Lake which is held Thursday's is suspended for 2023 season. If anyone knows anyone that wants to coordinate that, let us know and we'll put you in touch with last season's planner.
12. Received request from St. Williams on Long Point for support for Wide Variety performance for Durant Days event in Raquette Lake. Was pre-approved during the 2023 budget season in October/November and included in Parks and Recreation budget
13. Received request from Northern Forest Canoe Trail for support of the Adirondack Canoe Classic & Long Lake Boat Regatta. – was pre-approved during the 2023 budget season in October/November and included in Parks and Recreation budget.
14. Currently have 76 events on the Sumer Calendar between Long Lake & Raquette Lake. More to be scheduled.
15. Tourism Forum Day coming up on June 13th – this will be Parks and Recreation talking about our assets in the community, give tips to business owners, share brochures 4-6pm Information forum geared toward tourism and hospitality workers in Long Lake & Raquette Lake, highlighting important information and knowledge of Long Lake and its businesses and surrounding area.

#### BEARS

1. Parks and Rec will be hosting a Bear Talk with DEC Wildlife Biologist Jim Stickles on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 7pm, Long Lake Town Hall. Confirmed 4.17 and will be put on calendars
2. People are stuffing garbage into the Town Hall garbage dumpster. This dumpster is technically for the Town Hall use only, but as it is prominently displayed on the side of the road, we will update signage and adding locks to the dumpster to prevent bears from getting into the garbage. This dumpster is part of the garbage collection done by Opie and is only picked up a few times a week in winter months. This is not a public can, it is for town refuse only, but since it is more visible location, people have been taking advantage of it. We strongly encourage the public to see Amber in the Clerks office for a dump sticker.

#### BUCK MOUNTAIN

1. Contacted Hamilton County Highway superintendent Tracey Eldridge & Len Cronin re. getting started on Buck Mt. parking lot. Waiting for roads to dry to begin construction of parking lot.
2. Chad Baker visited property on 4/11 and there was still decent amount of snow pack in woods and on parking lot. Discussing who is doing what for parking lot build, county doing the fill. Chad anticipates 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May it should be dry enough to transport paint and fencing. He and Opie will finish paint first then add safety fencing and will Will have it inspected before open to the public.
3. Hamilton County Soil and water will finish up the beginning of the trail.
4. Kiosk signs have been fabricated. Chad is ordering lumber to install kiosk.



5. Signage proofs are being developed – wayfinding etc.

#### LITTLE BUS

1. Working on Little Bus policy to make sure it's up to date and ready for board review-
2. The Little Bus was booked for 11 trips in April. One trip was canceled at the last minute due to lack of sign ups.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

1. Popular posts on social media have been shared over the last month including a loon, a bobcat, ice out, Shamrock Motel changing hands and more. Social media stats for the Long Lake FB page show that over a month our posts reached shared on social media and Page overview
2.
  - Last 28 days Post reach
  - 349,404
  - Post engagement
  - 53,766
  - New Page Followers
  - 245
  - Interactions
  - Reactions
  - 25,693
  - Comments
  - 1,608
  - Shares
  - 1,696
  - Photo views
  - 7,848
  - Link clicks
  - 2,045

Top Performer was Buttermilk Falls on April 13<sup>th</sup> with 186,924 post impressions, 186, 924 reach and 10,362 engagement

#### FLOWERS

1. Flowers for RL Signs will be purchased, and volunteers will be planting flowers again.
2. Cindy Black is working on the 40 plus barrels, coordinating volunteers in Long Lake and flowers will be planted and watered by volunteers starting in early June.

#### BALLFIELD

1. We renewed our contract with Turf Management Company for Turf fertilization from May thru September for ballfield and beach
2. School started landscaping field for baseball and softball games/practices
3. Opie opened bathrooms, will be leaf blowing and doing clean up on field including downed limbs, goose fencing etc.

Plan to powerwash/leaf blow ball field bathroom ramp, install more doggy bags

## **COUNCILMAN COMMENTS**

Councilman Donnelly suggested to contact the Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing and have them add New York State prevailing Wage in their quote.

Councilman Dechene asked if there could be arrangements made at the transfer station for people who can not pick up their trash over the fence.

Supervisor Arsenault said arrangements will be made.

Supervisor Arsenault reported that he attended the Local Government Review Board meeting and learned that the OWD in Tupper Lake is planning to be made into 80 units for housing, Raquette River Brewery, the cost will be around \$39 million and they have applied for grants and hoping to get \$15-20 million from the grants.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Elizabeth Forsell asked how many meetings can a board member miss before being removed from the board?

Attorney Ferrentino replied that the Town Board has no authority to remove any elected town official for absence or other misconduct. The exclusive remedy currently is for a citizen resident of the town or the district attorney to institute a judicial action in the appellate division of the NY Supreme Court.

Walter Nelson asked the Board if there has been any resolution decided on the trash can/ bear issue at the Town Beach area.

Supervisor Arsenault informed Mr. Nelson that this seems to be a community issue due to people leaving bird feeders up, trash out, and other attractants. But the Town has added an extra pick-up time for Town trash cans and will be locking the dumpster behind the Town Hall.

Mr. Nelson asked if there has been any talk about Mosquito and Black Fly management.

Councilman Dechene informed Mr. Nelson that the Town has looked into in the past but the cost was very expensive, and with so many streams running into Long Lake it might not work.

Mr. Nelson asked who hold Board Seat D?

Supervisor Arsenault informed him that Board Seat D is currently held by Councilman Seaman.

**Motion** by Supervisor Arsenault, seconded by Thomas Donnelly to move to executive session at 7:42pm.

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

**Motion** by Supervisor Arsenault, seconded by Thomas Donnelly to return to regular session at 8:08pm with no action having been taken in executive session.

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

**Motion** by Supervisor Arsenault, seconded by Thomas Donnelly to adjourn at 8:09pm.

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

Attested by:



Amber L. Wamback, Deputy Town Clerk

