

The Second Scheduled Budget Workshop of the Town Board of Long Lake, Hamilton County, New York was held on Wednesday October 11, 2023, at 7:00pm in the Town Hall and called to order by Supervisor Clay Arsenault with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Three people attended.

Roll Call:

Clay J. Arsenault	Supervisor
Mark A. Bird	Councilman
Thomas L. Donnelly	Councilman
Richard B. Dechene	Councilman
Clark J. Seaman	Councilman

Others present: Charles (Chip) Farr, Matthew Newby

Supervisor Arsenault informed the Board at the start of the workshop that the 2024 fiscal budget is currently \$15,638.75 which is 2.92% over the tax cap.

The Town received a \$86,825 quote from Philip Oswald, Real Property Tax Attorney for Jennings Park Pond, which would be rounded up to \$100,000 to cover additional Town Attorney costs and codification for Town local laws and ordinances. This addition would bring the budget to 4%.

Supervisor Arsenault invited Barbara Taylor, president of the Long Lake Association to address the Board.

Mrs. Taylor informed the Board that the Town of Long Lake has been giving the Long Lake Association \$17,000 donation every year since 2019 and would like the Board to consider the same donation for 2024.

Mrs. Taylor indicated the funds would be used for a full survey of Long Lake and upstream from Buttermilk Falls to evaluate the effect of the flood on the variable leaf milfoil beds and the potential for Eurasian Water Milfoil to be present. The survey will help to determine short and long-term AIS prevention and possible remediation activities.

The Board decided to budget a \$5,000 place holder for the Long Lake Association for the 2024 budget, this money will help pay for the survey of the lake.

RAISE REQUESTS

Assessor

James Bateman has asked for an increase in pay. The board agreed to make his salary equivalent to the Town Clerk's salary.

Highway Superintendent

Charles (Chip) Farr asked the Board for a raise of \$5,000 on top of the 6% COLA that would make his salary \$63/64K.

1st Deputy Town Clerk

Amber Wamback asked the Board for a \$2.50/hour increase to her hourly pay.
(This request did not include the 6% COLA)

The Board approved all three requests.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Chip Farr suggested having both transfer stations closed Tuesday and Wednesday, open Thursday through Monday 8am-4pm, winter hours only.

Chip Farr said he will take all phone calls and complaints.

A resolution will be presented at the regular meeting on October 25th.

HIGHWAY

Machinery- 5 payments of \$42,000 have been added for the new loader.

\$6,500 has been added for a new Wacker Tamper.

\$25,000 added to machine reserve.

\$2,000 added for software.

RAQUETTE LAKE WATER

\$480 new laptop.

3% increase for electricity.

LONG LAKE WATER

\$2,720 new laptop

\$76,000 for skid steer. (Not Approved)

Discussion:

Supervisor Arsenault informed the Board that Keith Austin asked for this item because they need to remove snow from the hydrants. Supervisor Arsenault was told that the highway does not clear them.

Chip Farr, Highway Superintendent said the highway always clears the hydrants.

The board agreed not to put this item in the 2024 budget.

Motion by Councilman Seaman, seconded by Supervisor Arsenault to move to executive session at 8:31 PM to discuss personnel matters.

Adopted:	Clay J. Arsenault	Aye
	Mark A. Bird	Aye
	Thomas L. Donnelly	Aye

Richard B. Dechene	Aye
Clark J. Seaman	Aye

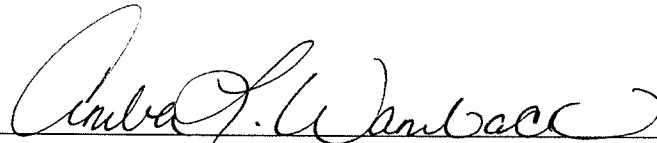
Motion by Supervisor Arsenault, seconded by Councilman Bird to return to regular session at 9:32 PM with no action having been taken in executive session.

Adopted:	Clay J. Arsenault	Aye
	Mark A. Bird	Aye
	Thomas L. Donnelly	Aye
	Richard B. Dechene	Aye
	Clark J. Seaman	Aye

Motion by Supervisor Arsenault, seconded by Councilman Seaman to adjourn at 9:33 PM.

Adopted:	Clay J. Arsenault	Aye
	Mark A. Bird	Aye
	Thomas L. Donnelly	Aye
	Richard B. Dechene	Aye
	Clark J. Seaman	Aye

Attested by: _____



Amber L. Wamback, 1st Deputy Town Clerk