

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Long Lake, Hamilton County, New York was held February 28, 2024, at the Raquette Lake Union Free School 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 Supervisor Arsenault. Eleven people attended.

Roll Call: Members present: Clay J. Arsenault Supervisor
Mark A. Bird Councilman
Thomas L. Donnelly Councilman
Nathan S. Hosley Councilman

Absent: Councilman Richard Dechene

Also in attendance: First Deputy Town Clerk, Amber Wamback.

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

BOARD APPROVALS

Motion by Councilman Bird, seconded by Councilman Hosley to accept the Regular Meeting minutes for January 31, 2024.

Adopted: Clay J. Arsenault Aye
Mark A. Bird Aye
Thomas L. Donnelly Aye
Richard B. Dechene Absent
Nathan S. Hosley Aye

Motion by Councilman Hosley, seconded by Councilman Donnelly to pay encumbrances as listed on Abstract #2 of 2024.

Adopted: Clay J. Arsenault Aye
Mark A. Bird Aye
Thomas L. Donnelly Aye
Richard B. Dechene Absent
Nathan S. Hosley Aye

Bills as listed on abstract 2

General Fund #A 0115 – A 0195	in the amount of	\$175,452.12
Highway Fund #D 027 – D 043	in the amount of	23,421.32
Water District 1 #SW1 020- SW1 035	in the amount of	4,071.37
Water District 2 #SW2 032 - SW2 056	in the amount of	10,835.07

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Expenditure and Revenue Reports were in the Board's packets for review.

BESS- National Grid sent the Town a press release that they and REV have decided not to put the battery energy storage system in the middle of the hamlet in Raquette Lake. Supervisor Arsenault congratulated all who were so passionate about their concerns of preventing this project. He thanked the Board and office staff for all the hard work they have done. The Town will continue to fine tune the Town's current BESS Law and to change the Comprehensive Plan to account for the community's concerns.

VanVleet- Summary of Well Evaluation and Redevelopment Activities for Bissell Pit from Jamie Girona of Hanon VanVleet were in the Board's packets. VanVleet was able to successfully rehabilitate the wells at Bissell pit in 2023, resulting in increased capacity from both wells. Recommendations of parameters that the Water Department should track at Bissell Pit to assist in determining their function in the future. An additional pump house was discussed to make the wells more effective; this will be discussed with CHA during the water system needs assessment.

AWI Report- The Adirondack Watershed Institute Stewardship Program report for 2023 in Long Lake was included in the Board's packets. The AWI runs the stewards at the State Boat Launch on Dock Road, as well as the Boat Wash Station at the Municipal Parking Lot. The report included that 1577 boats were inspected at the Boat Launch, and 7 Aquatic Invasive Species were found, and 33 boats were washed at the Boat Wash Station with no instances of AIS.

DANC- Matt Newby has been in contact with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), to come to terms with their assistance in managing the Jennings Park Pond Causeway Rebuild Project. The Town Attorney will review and hoping to have a proposed agreement in front of the Board by next month's meeting.

Retirement- Cindy Black has given her Notice of Retirement, effective date will be January 31st, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 15 OF 2024

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AMY ZICK AS E911 COORDINATOR AND CEMETERY CUSTODIAN FOR 2024

WHEREAS, Bruce Jennings has given notice of his retirement from his duties as appointed E911 Coordinator and appointed Cemetery Custodian effective December 31st, 2023;

Now Therefore, Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Long lake,

1. Hereby appoints, Amy Zick, Senior Account Clerk in the Business Office of the Town Supervisor’s Office to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of E911 Coordinator for 2024, effective January 1st, 2024 to be compensated by stipend of \$2500 payable over the 26 payroll periods of the 2024 fiscal year, and to serve at the will of the Town Board; and
2. Hereby appoints, Amy Zick, Senior Account Clerk in the Business Office of the Town Supervisor’s Office to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of Cemetery Custodian for 2024, effective January 1st, 2024 to be compensated by stipend of \$2500 payable over the 26 payroll periods of the 2024 fiscal year, and to serve at the will of the Town Board; and
3. Hereby sets these two stipend as exempt from future Cost of Living Adjustments, with all future adjustments to be negotiated directly with the Town Board.

Motion by Councilman Hosley, seconded Councilman Donnelly to appoint Amy Zick as E911 Coordinator and Cemetery Custodian for 2024.

Adopted:	Clay J. Arsenault	Aye	
	Mark A. Bird	Aye	
	Thomas L. Donnelly	Aye	
	Richard B. Dechene		Absent
	Nathan S. Hosley	Aye	

RESOLUTION 16 OF 2024
RESOLUTION TO SIGN ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH BONADIO & CO.,
LLP TO PROVIDE OUTSOURCED ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR 2024

WHEREAS, Bonadio & Co., LLP. has performed outsourced accounting services for the Town of Long Lake since January of 2023, in addition to preparing the Annual Update Document and hosting accounting software for the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has recommended signing a new agreement with Bonadio for 2024, for which Bonadio has presented the Town Supervisor with a proposed engagement agreement for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town is facing large public works capital project that will require specialized accounting counseling and guidance and for which Bonadio had provided an additional proposed engagement for as-needed specialty accounting guidance;

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

1. Authorizes and directs Clay J. Arsenault, as Town Supervisor of the Town of Long Lake, or such person’s successor in office to sign an engagement agreement for fiscal year 2024 with Bonadio & Co., LLP. To provide the Town, in an amount not to exceed \$4,275 per

month for Outsource Accounting Services and actual monthly software fees, and \$5,500 annually for Annual Update Document (AUD) or Annual Financial Report (AFR) reporting. Changes to this scope of engagement and associated changes in fees must be approved by the Town Board; and

2. Authorizes and directs Clay J. Arsenault, as Town Supervisor of the Town of Long Lake, or such person's successor on office to sign an engagement agreement for fiscal year 2024 with Bonadio & Co., LLP. To provide the Town with Consulting services related to capital projects and other assistance as provided. Fees will be based upon the amount of time required at the standard billing rates for Bonadio & Co., LLP. Plus out-of-pocket expenses. These services are on an as needed basis, and the Scope of Work will be determined for each instance. Changes to this scope of engagement and associated changes in fees must be approved by the Town Board; and
3. That a copy of both the proposed Engagement Agreement for Outsourced Accounting Services and the separate Engagement Agreement for Consulting Services referenced in this resolution be forever attached to a certified copy of this resolution and held by the Town Clerk in their records.

Motion by Councilman Donnelly, seconded by Councilman Bird to accept the Engagement Agreements with Bonadio & Co., LLP. to provide Outsourced Accounting Services for 2024.

Adopted:	Clay J. Arsenault	Aye	
	Mark A. Bird	Aye	
	Thomas L. Donnelly	Aye	
	Richard B. Dechene		Absent
	Nathan S. Hosley	Aye	

FEMA UPDATE

Paul Wilson presented the Board with an updated Summary of FEMA Projects for the Town of Long Lake.

Four of the nine projects have been completed and two have been reimbursed by FEMA, Mr. Wilson will be looking into how to get the 12.5% reimbursement from the State for the two projects.

COUNCILMAN COMMENTS

Councilman Bird thanked Supervisor Arsenault, Matthew Newby, Town Board members, and Raquette Lake residence for all their hard work and dedication preventing the Battery Energy Storage System in the Hamlet of Raquette Lake.

Councilman Donnelly and Councilman Hosley are happy with the outcome of the proposed Battery Energy Storage System.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Holly Burke asked if a Town Historian for Raquette Lake has been hired.

Supervisor Arsenault replied that there was one applicant, but they do not live in the Town of Long Lake, which is a requirement for the position, the Town is still taking applications.

Molly Dillon and Kat Forsell thanked the Board for all their hard work and help preventing the Battery Energy Storage System in the Hamlet of Raquette Lake.

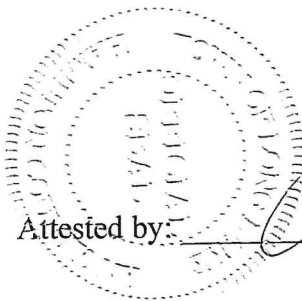
Supervisor Arsenault responded that the Town Board is here to help and has the best interest of the Town of Long Lake constituents.

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilman Bird, seconded by Councilman Hosley to adjourn at 7:20 PM.

Adopted:	Clay J. Arsenault	Aye	
	Mark A. Bird	Aye	
	Thomas L. Donnelly	Aye	
	Richard B. Dechene		Absent
	Nathan S. Hosley	Aye	

Attested by:



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amber L. Wamback", is written over a horizontal line.

Amber L. Wamback, 1st Deputy Town Clerk