

The First Scheduled Budget Workshop for Fiscal year 2026 of the Town Board of Long Lake, Hamilton County, New York was held on Wednesday October 1, 2025, 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.

Roll Call:

Clay J. Arsenault	Supervisor
Mark A. Bird	Councilman
Thomas L. Donnelly	Councilman
Nathan S. Hosley	Councilman

Absent: Richard B. Dechene

Others present: Alex Roalsvig, Matthew Newby, Michael Lamphear and Carl Ferrentino

New Business

Resolution Number 52 of 2025

Authorize the Supervisor to Execute a Letter of Intent (LOI)

WHEREAS, the Town of Long Lake has had a long-standing leasehold interest as a Tenant on the property owned by Raquette Lake Supply Co., Inc. as “Landlord” along Antlers Road in the Hamlet of Raquette Lake; and

WHEREAS, the location is ideal for the purposes of housing a Highway Department Garage, along with related outdoor storage areas as well as publicly accessible Transfer Station Operations; and

WHEREAS, the building used for the Highway garage is nearing the end of its useful life; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor had requested a proposal for replacement of the building leased by the Town from the Landlord; and

WHEREAS, the Landlord has provided a proposal which, if incorporated into an Amended/Reformed Lease Agreement would allow the Landlord to proceed with financing, design, permitting, and construction; and

WHEREAS, each Town Board member has received and reviewed the proposed Letter of Intent (“LOI”) drafted by the Town Attorney

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake hereby:

1. Authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the LOI reviewed by each Town Board member prior to this meeting; and
2. Directs the Town Attorney to develop a reviewable lease incorporating the essential terms of the LOI and such other terms as necessary and appropriate for approval by the Town Board upon counter signature/acceptance of the LOI by the Landlord; and
3. Orders that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Motion by Councilman Hosley, seconded by Councilman Bird to accept resolution 53 of 2025.

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

2026 Budget Workshop

Supervisor Arsenault thanked Matthew Newby for all his hard work on the budget.

All utilities were increased

Highway

Increase the road repair budget for contractual by \$62,000. The biggest cost will be for stone and gravel.

Snow removal machine \$70,000. This machine will replace the current skid steer, the machine will come with multiple attachments that will help with cleaning the sidewalks.

Highway Superintendent Lamphear is requesting a salary of \$80,000, plus stipends for Transfer Station, Cemetery, and Class A License.

The board agreed on a salary of \$67,280, plus additional stipends for Transfer station \$6,000, Cemetery \$4,000, and Class A \$2,080. Total of \$79,360 for 2026.

Parks and Recreation

Veterans- Increase to \$5,250 due to the lift rental to install banners.

Mount Sabattis- Equipment line went down \$17,100, due to the 2025 purchase of the Snowdogg to help maintain the winter trails.

P&R Office- Request for \$6,000 for new computers.

Beach- New swim buoys and two new trampolines so there is a backup if one breaks, an increase of \$1,532 to the equipment line.

Nature Trails- \$25,000 added to finish the multi-use trails at 646 Deerland Road.

Docks -Requesting \$6,890 to be added to the budget for new dock sections to be placed at the Town Dock in case they cannot be repaired.

Celebrations -Raquette Lake fireworks increase to \$15,000

Long Lake fireworks increase to \$15,000

Adult Recreation -Increase of \$3,680 for music by the Lake, Polar Plunge and Souper Saturday.

Beautification Committee -The committee has given Alex a request list for 2026 which increases the contractual line by \$4,500.

General Fund

Transfer Station- Equipment line up \$105,000 to purchase a new Galbreath trailer.

ALCA- Adirondack Lake Center of the Arts contribution has been removed from the budget.

Justice -6% COLA for Justice Farr has been added to the budget.

Town Attorney -Increase salary to \$31,000.

Employee Assistance Program- Increase of \$100, the Rescue Squad has partnered with the Town, and they will be paying 20% of the total cost.

Engineering- Decrease of \$6,000, due to removing extra that was allocated for grant writing.

Public information- decrease of \$2,400 because Google Service is no longer needed.

Central Data- Increase of \$17,150 for IT Support.

Medical- New Laptop, EKG Machine, and 2 new office chairs were requested from the medical staff. With a total increase of \$5,900 from 2025.

Town Clerk- Requesting \$60,000 for the Town Clerk Salary and a \$2,500 stipend for the Deputy Town Clerk, which would be a decrease of \$35,000 from 2025 budgeted amount.

Cemetery- increase budget line to \$6,000 for a new lawnmower.

Motion by Councilman Hosley, seconded by Councilman Donnelly to adjourn the first budget workshop at 9:15 PM.

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

Attested by:



Amber L. Wamback, 1st Deputy Town Clerk

