

**Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Piseco Community Hall, commencing at 6:00pm.**

**Others present:** Ryan Germain, Fred Knapp, Mel Lascola – Zoning Officer, William Parslow – Highway Superintendent, Sarah Rudes.

**Supervisor Wilt opened the meeting at 6:00pm.**

**Roll Call:**

**Barry Baker present**  
**Michael Knapp present**  
**Jackie Grier present**  
**Christy Wilt present**  
**Richard Wilt present**

**Motion was offered by:** B. Baker

To accept the minutes of the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Town Board meeting as presented by the Town Clerk with this change, under the section “**Mr. Wilt** reported that the location by Green Jade on Route 8 has been checked for the possibility of a cell phone tower.”, instead of the wording cell tower it should read **communication tower.**

**Second was offered by:** M. Knapp

**Ayes:** Baker, Grier, Knapp, C. Wilt and R. Wilt.      **Nays:** none

**Committee reports:**

**Airport: Mr. Wilt** reported that the SPARK organization through the Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Sea Plane pilots reunion and conferences in Speculator on June 19<sup>th</sup> – June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015. He said that there will be some use of the airport for that event. He also reported that the credit card gas pump system pumped one gallon of gas and the circuit board broke. He said they should have it fixed by the end of this week.

**Street Lights & Chamber of Commerce: Mrs. Grier** reported that National Grid has fixed some of the street lights but not all of them. She will keep sending after them. She said that the Pilots reunion should be a boost for the area. She also said that the Chamber has hired a new person.

**Youth & Website: Mrs. Wilt** reported that the website is up to date and she was asked if the Town wants to pay for the Town kids’ golf lessons. The board agreed to fund the golf lessons.

**Insurance: Mr. Baker** reported he was waiting for one more response on the property insurance.

**Mr. Wilt** reported that DEC has approved a boat wash station for the Town of Arietta. He said only 9 sites were approved and we were 10<sup>th</sup>. He said one must have dropped out so we were approved. He said the best location was at the Piseco School. He said that it is supposed to be up and running by Memorial Day but, he doesn’t know how they are going to get it done. They have to hire people to run it and there has to be work done at the school to accommodate the wash station. Mr. Baker said that they have hired two stewards who have been trained at Paul Smiths Collage to inspect the boats. He said they are looking for housing in the area. Mr. W. Parslow said that the highway department would be able to do any digging prep work at the school if needed.

**Snowmobiles: Mr. Knapp** reported that he received the quotes for the track belts on the BR. He received two quotes one from:

Prinoth LLC for a total price of \$3,761.52

The second quote was from:

MTN Snow Equipment Inc. for a total price of \$1820.00 for a 1000 lb. belt or \$2140.00 for a 1600 lb. belt.

He said that the belt from MTN the hinges are included where they were extra from Prinoth.

The board agreed to purchase the belting from MTN that is 1600 lb. for a price of \$2140.00.

**Mr. Wilt** reported that he received a proposal from Bernier Carr & Associates for an architect and engineer to visit the Piseco Community Hall where they would do a visual evaluation of the existing roof structure at the areas of fire damage, make a report which will include their findings, preliminary code review and recommendations for roof replacement/incidental repairs and probable construction costs. The report would also provide a basis for the roof replacement design. The cost for them to do this would be \$4800.00 plus expenses which were estimated at around \$300.00. After this is complete then the board can hire someone to draw up the actual plans for the roof replacement. He said this was the only engineering firm that would do just he evaluation and not require that they do the actual roof design plans. The board agreed to go ahead with the roof evaluation.

**Mr. Wilt** reported that the survey of the Piseco Lake Dam site can’t be done until water levels are at their lowest which is in October. He will look for a different surveyor to do the survey at the highway property.

**Mr. Wilt** reported that the joint committee with the school, to look at the Town moving offices to the school, has four people who asked to be on the committee. The Town also received four people all the same so the school decided to put all four people on the committee. They are John Casey, Marie Buanno, Bill Hotaling and Pat Leadley. Mr. Baker said he thought that there was supposed to be a five person committee with a board member from the school board and one from the town board. Mr. Wilt said that the school board wants to increase that one more person. Mr. Baker said that he have an objection if the board member from the school had their spouse also on the committee. Mr. Wilt said that he would find out who the school was going to put on the board and let them know of Mr. Baker's views. He asked who wanted to be on the committee from the town board and Mr. Baker and Mr. Wilt said they would sit on the committee and they would decide and let the board know who it is.

**Mr. Wilt** reported that the Lake Level committee will have a meeting next week. He said that the committee will be Sarah Rudes, Barry Baker, Rick Wilt, Ed Cox and Ed Svetlik. He said he would be sending out an email shortly with a date and time to the committee members.

**Mr. Baker** reported that in similar communities they have had signs made up with the changes and new regulations for launching boats in the lake. He feels it would be a good idea if we did that and put them up at the campsite boat launches so people are aware of them. The board also agreed.

**Mr. Wilt** reported that the airport committee hasn't met since five of its members have passed away. He will advertise for people who would like to be on it. He also said that it shouldn't matter if the people don't live in the Town of Arietta as they only make recommendations and the Town board makes all decisions. He said there have been other pilots in other towns who have expressed interest in being on the committee if it were possible.

**Mr. Baker** asked on the status of the office girls getting their notary stamps. Mr. Wilt didn't know but he would look into it. Mr. Baker also asked about the decals for the Town vehicles. Mr. Wilt said he talked to Tom Bonni and he can't make them without redesigning them. The original decals were purchased from Adirondack Highway Materials so Mr. Wilt will contact them to see if they can make them.

**Motion was offered by:** M. Knapp  
To pay the bills of the month as follows:  
General fund: no.    to no.  
Highway fund: no.   to no.

**Second was offered by:** C. Wilt  
**Ayes:** Baker, Grier, Knapp, C. Wilt and R. Wilt.     **Nays:** none

**Motion was offered by:** B. Baker  
To accept the financial statement of the Supervisor for the month of April 2015 as submitted.

**Second was offered by:** C. Wilt  
**Ayes:** Baker, Grier, Knapp, C. Wilt and R. Wilt.     **Nays:** none

**Mr. Baker** reported that the Adirondack Water Fest will be held on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 from 10am-4pm. He said it is through Hamilton County Soil and Water and they are asking for a \$100.00 donation from the municipalities to be used for education. The board agreed to give the money but, Mr. Wilt said it must be used for education.

**Next meeting will be June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.**

**Motion was offered by:** M. Knapp  
To adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm.  
**Second was offered by:** C. Wilt  
**Ayes:** Baker, Grier, Knapp, C. Wilt and R. Wilt.     **Nays:** none

**Entered by:**

**Kenneth Parslow, Town Clerk**