

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held March 7th, 2016 at the Piseco Community Hall, commencing at 6:00pm.

Others present: Matt Wilt, Fred Knapp, Ryan Germain-highway superintendent, Mel LaScola-Zoning Officer.

Supervisor Wilt opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Roll Call:

Barry Baker present
Michael Knapp present
Sarah Rudes present
Christy Wilt present
Richard Wilt present

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To accept the minutes of the February 1st, 2016 Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Second was offered by: B. Baker

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

New Business:

Highway: Mr. Germain asked what type of system the Town will use on sanding driveways. Mr. Wilt said he would like to board to research the issue and each decide whether or not to continue sanding driveways during icy conditions. He said it will be talked about at next month's meeting. Mrs. Rudes asked if it would be prudent to inquire of the fire department and ambulance corps which driveways they deem to be very problematic. Mr. Wilt gave the board some opinions that he received from the town attorney, the association of towns and the insurance company. He said that the board will have to make a decision and will have to stick with it. Mr. Wilt also said he would like to get input from the public so he encouraged all the board members to ask people their opinions and have them talk to other people and encourage them to call or email the Supervisors office with their opinion.

Zoning: Mr. LaScola reported that people are asking questions so they can get ready to start work in the spring on their projects. Mr. Wilt reported that he gave all the board members the new land use code book.

Mr. Wilt reported that the Chamber of Commerce is under new management.

Mr. Wilt reported that March 23rd, 2016 is the date for the employee safety training. Mr. Baker will contact the instructor and see if he can be here to start the highway safety training at 6:30am. The training for all office employees will follow that. It is required by the insurance company that all employees of the town have work place violence and safety training every year.

Mr. Wilt reported that the gaming law will be on the ballot in November. He will have the law and requirements to the board members in June 1st, 2016.

Old Business:

Mr. Wilt reported that the tentative set date to start moving everything from the Community Hall to the School except the Justice Court is June 1st, 2016. He said that the town employees will do the moving. He is going to purchase a file cabinet dolly as many of the cabinets are very heavy. He said we will have to wait until we get the permit from the State Education Department to make changes to the school building to move the Justice Court. He hopes it will be done by the end of the year.

Mr. Wilt also reported that he met with Dick Rose the superintendent of Piseco School last Friday and Mr. Wilt and Mr. Rose will contact the attorneys of the school and town to have them draw up a contract for the town to move the offices into the school building. He said he is going to the school board meeting this Thursday evening to talk about the move and he asked if a board member would like to go also. Mrs. Rudes said she had planned on going also. She also asked if it would be better for the Town to own the school building instead of the school to try to lower the cost of replacing the furnace. Mr. Wilt said it would be better to ask that question at the school board meeting.

Mr. Wilt also reported that the phone system will have to be new at the school. He has a quote from Frontier to install the new system and it will be cheaper to install the new system and have the school hook into it. He can get other quotes if the board would like.

Mr. Wilt reported that as far as the Justice Court being moved the engineers are working with the unified court system and they have gotten them to relax on somethings and he is hopeful that

some of the other things will be relaxed as well. It is very expensive to do everything that the want us to do.

Mr. Wilt reported that the airport RTTF issue as it is being pushed by the FAA is the Town either gets agreements from the property owners or the FAA won't allow the Town to get grants for the airport anymore. Mr. Wilt gave the board a draft of the FAA's agreement idea but it isn't the one the Town has to use. He said we can change it to fit our situation. He has asked Mr. Baker to help him write up the agreement and they will put wording in there that the only property owners who will pay the fee to access the airport are those who are actively accessing the airport with an airplane. It will also state that during the fee will only be paid during the months when they are actually accessing the airport with their planes. Mr. Wilt said if even one property owner won't sign the agreement then the Town won't be able to receive any more FAA grants. After they get it written up they will send it to the Town attorney, the engineering firm and the FAA to see if they are all in agreement with the language. If they are all on board with it then it will go to the property owners. He can't find any way around this because it is a law and the FAA is very strict about it. The Town is required to do upkeep on the airport for sixteen years and there are things that will need fixing like the line painting on the runway. If the Town doesn't get any more grants then we will be responsible for all of these costs and they can be very expensive.

Mr. Parslow read a letter to the board informing them Crystal and Michael O'Connor are applying for a liquor license for the Oxbow Inn.

Mr. Baker asked Mr. Wilt about an outstanding bill with the Hamilton County Treasurer from June of 2014 for crushed stone. Mr. Wilt said he will talk with the Hamilton County Highway Superintendent about it because it was supposed to be a trade of stone.

Mr. Wilt reported that new time clocks will be installed at the highway department, town offices and the airport. They will be started to be used starting next pay period.

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To pay the bills of the month as follows:

General fund: no. to no

Highway fund: no. to no.

Second was offered by: B. Baker

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

Motion was offered by: C. Wilt

To accept the financial statement of the Supervisor for the month of February 2016 as submitted.

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

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

Next regulator meeting will be April 4th, 2016.

Motion was offered by: B. Wilt

To adjourn the meeting at 6:43pm.

Second was offered by: S. Rudes

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

Entered by:

Kenneth Parslow, Town Clerk