

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held December 5th, 2016 at the Piseco Community Hall, commencing at 6:00pm.

Others present: Ryan Germain-Highway Superintendent, Mel LaScola-Zoning Officer, Donna Benkovich & Jim Tazares from Adirondacks Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce.

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 November 7th, 2016 Town Board meeting submitted by the Town Clerk with this correction.

Under this section: Mrs. Rudes asked if the Board of Assessment Review received any pay. Mr. Wilt said no they never have.

The correction is made to reflect that the Board of Assessment Review does get paid.

Second was offered by: B. Baker

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

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School, 1722 State Route 8 in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

December 5, 2016 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 16-12-49

Subject: Holiday Schedule

Resolution Offered By: B. Baker

WHEREAS: Hamilton County has set their Holiday Schedule for the year 2017, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta has followed the Counties Schedule in the past years, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Town Board after review of the Hamilton County Holiday Schedule as submitted by the Arietta Town Supervisor will set up the 2017 Calendar year for Holidays as follows:

New Year's Day	Monday, January 2
Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday	Monday, January 16
President's Day	Monday, February 20
Good Friday	Friday, April 14
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 4
Columbus Day	Monday, October 9
Veterans Day	Friday, November 10
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 23
	Friday, November 24
Christmas	Monday, December 25

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town of Arietta, Town Board after review of the 2017 Hamilton County Holiday Schedule as submitted by the Town Supervisor will accept the above outline for the Town of Arietta 2017 Calendar year.

Seconded by: C. Wilt and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:		NOES:	
Barry Baker	<u>X</u>	Barry Baker	_____
Michael Knapp	<u>X</u>	Michael Knapp	_____
Sarah Rudes	<u>X</u>	Sarah Rudes	_____
Christy Wilt	<u>X</u>	Christy Wilt	_____
Richard Wilt	<u>X</u>	Richard Wilt	_____

Town Clerk

Date December 5th, 2016

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School on 1722 State Route 8 in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

December 5, 2016 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 16-12-50

Subject: Establish Last Payroll 2016

Resolution Offered By: M. Knapp

WHEREAS: the Arietta Town Board will close the payroll for the year 2016, and

WHEREAS: the last date of payroll for 2016 bi-weekly General and Highway payroll will be at 12 midnight on Friday, December 23, 2016, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board, Town of Arietta will start the first bi-weekly General and Highway payroll period of the year 2017 on Saturday, December 24, 2016.

Seconded by: S. Rudes and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:		NOES:
Barry Baker <u>X</u>		Barry Baker _____
Michael Knapp <u>X</u>		Michael Knapp _____
Sarah Rudes <u>X</u>		Sarah Rudes _____
Christy Wilt <u>X</u>		Christy Wilt _____
Richard Wilt <u>X</u>		Richard Wilt _____

Date December 5th, 2016

Town Clerk

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School on 1722 State Route 8 in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

December 2, 2016 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 16 - 12 - 51

Subject: **Accept Snowmobile Trail Grooming Contracts**

Resolution Offered By: C. Wilt

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta has issued annual contracts to Snowmobile Trail Groomers in past years for three different sections of trail within the Town of Arietta, and

WHEREAS: the town will need to issue a fourth contract for a new section of trail located in the moose river plains area with the Town of Inlet, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta has decided to reissue the three contracts for three different sections of trail, issue a new contract, and hire employees to maintain the remaining sections of trail, and

WHEREAS: these annual contracts are a necessary part of the Town's application requesting grant money from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historical Preservation for trail clearing, maintenance and grooming, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board shall accept the contract agreements and give the Town Supervisor permission to sign the necessary documents to execute these contracts.

Seconded by: M. Knapp and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:		NOES:
Barry Baker <u>X</u>		Barry Baker _____
Michael Knapp <u>X</u>		Michael Knapp _____
Sarah Rudes <u>X</u>		Sarah Rudes _____
Christy Wilt <u>X</u>		Christy Wilt _____
Richard Wilt <u>X</u>		Richard Wilt _____

Date December 5th, 2016

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TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School, 1722 State Route 8 in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

December 2, 2016 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 16-12-52

Subject: **Adirondacks Speculator Chamber of Commerce Agreement**

Resolution Offered By: S. Rudes

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta in the past has had an agreement with the Adirondacks Speculator Chamber of Commerce, and

WHEREAS: the Arietta Town Board feels that the Town of Arietta should review the scope of services that the Chamber provides for the Town and amount of monetary support stated in the agreement in return for said services, and

WHEREAS: at this time the Town of Arietta Town Board will enter into a one year agreement as outlined in the attachment beginning on January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 and agrees to pay the Chamber the sum of \$8,000.00 for services during this time frame, and

WHEREAS: during this time frame the Town will review said agreement with the Adirondacks Speculator Chamber of Commerce and make any changes or to continue on with said agreement, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta, Town Board does hereby authorize the Town of Arietta Supervisor to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Town to enter into a one year agreement with the Adirondacks Speculator Chamber of Commerce.

Seconded by: M. Knapp and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:		NOES:	
Barry Baker	<u>X</u>	Barry Baker	_____
Michael Knapp	<u>X</u>	Michael Knapp	_____
Sarah Rudes	<u>X</u>	Sarah Rudes	_____
Christy Wilt	<u>X</u>	Christy Wilt	_____
Richard Wilt	<u>X</u>	Richard Wilt	_____

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Mrs. Rudes stated that the agreement associated with this resolution that in section #4 it says "The Chamber shall report to the Town on or before August 31st of each year, a statement of services provided in the past year and an estimated budget for services to be provided in the coming year, inclusive of anticipated revenues, specifying administrative and related costs for sponsored events and promotional services". Mrs. Rudes told Donna Benkovich of The Adirondacks Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce that she would like to make these payments made contingent on the Town receiving the report. The first two payments would be made January and April will be paid, but the report will be due before the next payment will be made. Donna was ok with this and said she will present the report as required by the agreement. Mrs. Rudes said she feels Donna's word is good and Mrs. Rudes then made the motion to pass the resolution.

Mr. Wilt asked Donna Benkovich of The Adirondacks Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce to talk about the chamber. She said Jim Tazares and herself were here to let the board know that they are running the chamber now and they are open to ideas from the board.

Mrs. Wilt reported that she has been working on the employee evaluation forms. She has taken the one Hamilton County uses and has eliminated the sections she feels aren't needed.

Mr. Knapp reported he has been looking into different towns and how they do their roof projects. He said that many of the things in the plans for the Community Hall roof project can be eliminated. He said the plywood, ice & water shield by just re-nailing the strips and he showed he the board a new produce that is a water barrier and insulation all in one. He said you roll it out on the roof boards & tape it and the roofing can go right on top of it. Mr. Wilt said that the engineers will be here next week to finish the school project and he asked Mr. Knapp and Mr. LaScola to meet with the to go over these change possibilities.

Mr. Wilt reported he has talked with Senator Schumer's office about the RTFF at the Piseco Airport. He said they are trying to fix the issue, but if they are able to make the changes it won't be until sometime next year. He said that means that the Town will not be doing any projects at the airport next year.

Mr. Wilt reported that he talked to Myron the surveyor who is supposed to do the Piseco Lake Dam project. Myron has had health issues and he is trying to get here sometime next week. Mr. Wilt told him he can't even see the dam now. Mr. Wilt feels we need to look for someone else to do the surveying if Myron doesn't show up next week. Mrs. Rudes suggested maybe contacting Dennis Phillips legal firm to see if he knows anyone else who can do this kind of issue as dams are special and are different than most projects.

Mr. Wilt reported he would like to send the letter to the people who have dumpsters on their property for garbage pickup telling them they will be responsible for all repairs and upkeep on them from now on. The board would like to have the dumpster at Point road brought closer to Route 8. Mrs. Wilt will contact Lee Billington about moving it. Mr. Wilt will send a copy of the letter to the board members for their review before he sends it out. He asked them to respond ASAP with any corrections the feel are needed. Mr. Baker said he could move the dumpster on his property if that is needed as well. Mrs. Rudes said she doesn't understand what problem the board is solving with the letter so she is dissenting, but she is in the minority.

Mr. Wilt reported that Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board will be paid at the end of each year with a single pay check.

Mr. Wilt reported that the new sign at the Piseco School to show the Town offices looks good. Mrs. Rudes said that Mr. Boni said he will repaint the posts in the spring when the weather gets better.

Mrs. Rudes asked if the Town was still going to sand driveways during ice emergencies. The board said they would like to continue to do it.

Motion was offered by: B. Baker

To authorize the Supervisor to declare ice emergencies as he deems necessary for the 2016- 2017 winter season.

Second was offered by: C. Wilt

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

Mrs. Rudes asked about response to the advertisement for Board of Assessment Review members. Mr. Wilt said he received one and he also received one for the Planning Board, but that person lives out of town. He will all of the names he receives to the next regular meeting.

Motion was offered by: B. Baker

To pay the bills of the month as follows:

General fund: no. 629 to no. 633 (utilities) in the amount \$2,963.47

General fund: no. 662 to no. 692 in the amount of \$7,754.94

Highway fund: no. 643 to no. 661 in the amount of \$7,500.32

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

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 November 2016 as submitted.

Second was offered by: S. Rudes

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

Motion was offered by: B. Baker

To hold the last Town Board meeting for the year of 2016 on December 27th, 2016 at 5pm at the Town Offices at the Piseco Common School building.

Second was offered by: S. Rudes

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

The next regular meeting which will be the organizational meeting will be January 4th, 2017 at 6pm at the Town Offices at the Piseco Common School building.

Mr. Wilt reported Mrs. Rudes feels that the board should have committees like the board did in the past.

Mr. Wilt agrees and he asked the board to give their ideas by the next regular meeting.

Motion was offered by: B. Baker

To adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm.

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

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

Entered by:

Kenneth Parslow, Town Clerk