

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held June 5th, 2017 at the Piseco Town Offices located at the Piseco Common School building commencing at 6:00pm.

Others present: Sue & Fred Knapp, Donna Benkovich - Adirondacks Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce

Mel Lascola – Zoning Officer, Ryan Germain – Highway Superintendent

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 May 1st, 2017 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

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:

June 5, 2017 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 17 - 06 - 23

Subject: **Accept Independent Auditor Annual Financial Report**

Resolution Offered By: M. Knapp

WHEREAS: Richard H. Dinolfo, CPA who is the independent auditor for the Town of Arietta has completed the Annual Financial Report for the years 2014, and 2015, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board of Arietta has reviewed and accepted the 2014 and 2015 Annual Financial Reports prepared by Richard H. Dinolfo, CPA and a final copy of these reports will be on file with the Town Clerk for public review.

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

AYES:

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

NOES:

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

Date: June 5th, 2017

Town Clerk

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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:

June 5, 2017 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 17 - 06 - 24

Subject: **Authorize to Hire Engineering Firm for the Spillway Project Located on Route 10**

Resolution Offered By: C. Wilt

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta, Town Board requested RFP's for engineering firms for the spillway project located on Route 10, and

WHEREAS: the town received three responses and conducted interviews of the following firms

- 1) Gomez and Sullivan - Utica NY
 - 2) Schnabel Engineering – Clifton Park NY
 - 3) Bergmann Associates - Rochester NY
- on May 25, May 31, and June 1, 2017and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board of Arietta after review of all three firms hereby authorizes to hire Schnabel Engineering of Clifton Park, NY as the engineering firm for the spillway project located on Route 10, and directs the supervisor to execute all documents required to retain said firm.

Seconded by: B. Baker and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:

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

NOES:

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

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Date: June 5th, 2017

Committee Reports:

Snowmobile Trails & Town Buildings: Mr. Knapp reported that the season is over. He also reported that the Town has already received approval for the snowmobile trails which usually doesn't come until around September.

Mr. Wilt reported that the contractor is starting on the Community Hall roof project on Monday June 12. It shouldn't interfere with the rummage sale unless weather becomes an issue.

Internal Management & Insurance: Mr. Baker reported Mrs. Wilt and himself worked on the employee evaluations. They tailored them so the department head can use just the portions that deal with the position the employee being evaluated presently holds.

Mr. Wilt reported he received the insurance increase from the insurance company today and it is at 10%. Mr. Baker said the actual will work out to be closer to 8%.

Airport: Mr. Wilt reported getting ready for the season. He also reported he has received 2 responses from the property owners from the Through the Fence letter. One was negative and the other one wanted to know where to send the money.

Lake, Dam & Invasive: Mr. Wilt reported that he received a bill from Paul Smith Collage for the first half of the season today. He isn't sure why they did that, but he will contact them tomorrow. Mr. Wilt will call tomorrow about the wash station machine, we used last year, to see where it is. Mrs. Rudes asked what was going to be done about the container it comes in so it isn't sitting on the front lawn of the School. Mr. Wilt said maybe we could put a fence up with a tarp. Maybe could put behind the school if hoses are long enough.

Mr. Wilt asked the board what their opinion on the operating procedure should be for the Piseco Lake Dam. He said they were put in when the water level was at -3 inches and it is now at +4 inches. After discussion they agreed to remove half of the four foot boards and then replace them when the water goes down.

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp

To give \$1000 American Fireworks Inc. for the 4th of July fireworks display being held in Piseco.

Second was offered by: C. Wilt

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

Motion was offered by: C. Wilt

To give \$300 Village of Speculator 4th of July Parade Committee for the 4th of July parade in Speculator.

Second was offered by: B. Baker

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

Mr. Wilt reported that Mr. Lascola has looked into the Town of Lake Pleasant charging for all demolition debris taken to the transfer station. After discussion Mr. Wilt said he will get the resolution the Town of Lake Pleasant passed and the board can look it over.

Mr. Wilt reported the Piseco Campsite Unit Management Plan meeting will be held on June 14th, 2017 at the Piseco School gym at 5:00pm. He asked everyone to let people know about it because the more people voice their opinion the better.

Mrs. Rudes asked about cleaning the Community Hall. Mr. Wilt said that the supplies have been purchased. Mrs. Rudes will make up a list of cleaning needs for the Community Hall.

Mrs. Rudes asked about the beautification of the bank across from the Community Hall and at the Airport. Mr. Wilt said the netting on the bank across from the Community Hall has been removed and they are just waiting on Soil and Water to come seed it. He said the fence at the Airport is almost down and the new fence has been ordered. The trees are coming down. Also the Kiosk will be moved after the power lines are marked.

Mr. Baker asked about the revisions suggestions from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) about variance fee changes. Mr. Wilt said he will ask them at their meeting next Monday. Mr. Baker also said there is a need for another ZBA member.

Motion was offered by: B. Baker

To advertise for someone to fill a Zoning Board of Appeals member position for the Town of Arietta.

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

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

Motion was offered by: B. Baker

To pay the bills of the month as follows:

General fund: no.309 to no.340 in the amount of \$18,253.52

General fund: no.341 in the amount of \$681.43

General fund: no.342 to no. 343 (utilities) in the amount of \$1,360.80

General fund: no.344 to no.345 in the amount of \$889.88

Highway fund: no.301 to no.308 in the amount of \$2,900.71

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 May 2017 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 go into executive session for the purpose of discussing an employee performance issue at 7:13pm.

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

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

Motion was offered by: B. Baker

To go back into regular session at 7:48pm.

Second was offered by: S. Rudes

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

Mr. Wilt reported that it was decided during the executive session that he will seek advisement from the town attorney and the Hamilton County Personal Department.

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp

To adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.

Second was offered by: S. Rudes

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

Entered by:

Kenneth Parslow, Town Clerk