

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held August 7th, 2017 at the Piseco Town Offices located at the Piseco Common School building commencing at 6:03pm.

Others present: Mel Lascola - Zoning Officer, Donna Benkovich - Adirondacks Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce, Jim Tavares.

Supervisor Wilt opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Roll Call:

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

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp
To accept the minutes of the July 3rd, 2017 Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Second was offered by: S. Rudes

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

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes
To accept the minutes of the July 17th, 2016 Special Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

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

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:

August 7, 2017 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 17 - 07 - 28

Subject: AUTHORIZING TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY FOR FUEL PURCHASES

Resolution Offered By: _____ C. Wilt

WHEREAS: Hamilton County has completed Phase I, II and III of the Hamilton County Fuel Consolidation Projects, and

WHEREAS: the purpose of the Hamilton County Fuel Consolidation projects were to eliminate unnecessary fueling depots within the county and to encourage all municipalities, school districts and State Agencies to participate and utilize these fueling facilities, and

WHEREAS: it is necessary to enter into an inter-municipal agreement per requirements of the Department of State, be it

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Hamilton County for the purchase of gasoline and on road diesel fuel for (5) years beginning on June 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2022 and the said contract be on file with the Town Clerk.

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

AYES:		NOES:	ABSENT:
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	_____
			Richard Wilt <u>X</u>

Date: August 7th, 2017

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:

August 7, 2017 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 17 - 08 - 29

Subject: **Transfer of Funds**

Resolution Offered By: M. Knapp

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta will give the Town Supervisor permission to make the following transfer of money:

General Fund

- \$ 10,000.00 to #A0-1440.400, Engineers Contractual Expense
from #A0-1990.400, Contingent Contractual Expense
- \$ 1,000.00 to #A0-1910.400, Insurance-Unallocated Contractual Expense
from #A0-1990.400, Contingent Contractual Expense
- \$ 67,000.00 to #A0-8745.400, Spillway Contractual Expense
from #A0-1620.420, Municipal Building Roof Contractual Expense

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does approve the above transfers of money.

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

AYES:		NOES:		ABSENT:	
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	_____	Richard Wilt	<u>X</u>

Town Clerk

Date: August 7th, 2017

Committee Reports:

Snowmobile Trails & Town Buildings: Mr. Knapp reported that the Town has received the final payment for the snowmobile trails or \$10,000.00. Mr. Baker said the new fence at the airport looks very good.

Internal Management & Insurance: Mr. Baker reported the preliminary numbers for insurance should be in early September, but he isn't sure they will be in time for the next Town Board meeting.

Recreation, Website & Chamber: Mrs. Wilt reported Donna Benkovich from the Adirondacks Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce is here and will report on this year's Triathlon later in the meeting.

Airport: Nothing.

Finance: Nothing.

Lake, Dam & Invasive: Mrs. Rudes reported that the boards are out of the Piseco Lake Dam and will remain out until the engineer will state that dam is structurally sound. Mrs. Rudes reported that the meeting on invasive species will be at the Community Hall.

Mr. Baker reported he has a proposal of a permissive referendum to change the Board of Assessment review from a five person board to a three person board. It will need to be put before the Town's people for a 45 day comment period, hold a hearing at the following Town board meeting and then the board can vote to change it. If the board does this it won't take effect until next May. He would like to put it on the September board meeting agenda. He also said that there is an issue with the Zoning Board of Appeals and there haven't been any

Mrs. Rudes reported she was contacted by Alicia King asking of the Town would be willing to put up NO SMOKING signs at all Town buildings. There is a grant to fund these signs for municipal buildings. The board feels this would be a good idea as the Town policy is no smoking in Town buildings.

Old Business:

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To authorize the Supervisor to approve and make the expenditures consistent with the additional scope of work and budget costs for Geotechnical Explorations on the Piseco Lake Outlet Dam submitted by Schnabel Engineers.

Second was offered by: C. Wilt

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

Mr. Baker reported that Mr. Wilt is not at the Town Board meeting because he is attending a preliminary meeting with DEC in regards to the DMP for Poplar Point Campground. DEC is proposing Alternative 5: Redevelop Poplar Point Campground as a no-fee boat launch facility. This is the preferred alternative. This alternative is the same as alternative 4, but in addition, the Department will seek collaborative/cooperative partnerships with community stakeholders to provide additional stewardship opportunities at Poplar Point day use area. He said the APA meeting on this proposal will be held on Thursday August 10th, 2017.

Mr. Baker reported that Senator Schumer flew into the Piseco Airport last week. He told those attending he is trying to get a dialog with Elise Stefanik to make a joint house effort to try to alter the rules and amend the one size fits all airports for the FAA – Resident Through the Fence. This would help smaller airports that don't really fit into the large airport category with issues like this.

Mrs. Rudes reported that Senator Schumer also talked to the Hamilton County Chairman William Farber about the poor internet service in the more remote areas of Hamilton County and the effect that has on our economy. The Senator said he would advocate for better internet services in our area.

Donna Benkovich – Adirondacks Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce gave the board the annual report for the Chamber for 2016, the proposed budget for 2017 and update on the 2017 Triathlon.

Mr. LaScola reported he was approached by someone who would like to fly a drone at the Piseco Airport. The Board said NO, they think the law states no closer than 5 miles of the any airport.

Mr. Baker reported that he wanted to say the Highway department is doing a lot of work on the Wayne Smith, Higgins Bay and Powley roads and they look very good.

Mrs. Wilt reported that the Piseco sign at the Morehouse border needs to be fixed. Mr. Baker also said the codes sign is also bent.

Motion was offered by: B. Baker

To accept the financial statement of the Supervisor for the month of July 2017 as submitted.

Second was offered by: C. Wilt

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

Mr. Baker said approval of the bills will have to wait as neither he nor Mr. Wilt have had time to review and sign them.

Mrs. Rudes reported that the Piseco Lake Association has gotten their, adopt a highway up on Route 8.

Motion was offered by: C. Wilt

To change the date of the next regular Town Board meeting from September 4th, 2017 to September 6th, 2017.

Second was offered by: B. Baker

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

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm.

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

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

Entered by:

Kenneth Parslow, Town Clerk