

# Agenda

## December 4th 2017

### Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the meeting November 6th
  
- Resolutions
  - 17-12-39 Establish a Real Property Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans
  - 17-12-40 A LOCAL LAW DECREASING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW
  - 17-12-41 Establish Last Payroll 2017
  - 17-12-42 Snow and Ice agreement
  - 17-12-43 NYS Shared Services agreement
  - 17-12-44 Transfers
  - 17-12-45 Ranger Staffing-out Ranger retired (John Ploss)and there is no Ranger school in 2018 and none currently available to replace him
  - 17-12-46 Courtroom bid acceptance -resolution Monday
- Committee Reports
  - Snowmobile Trails & Town Buildings and Grounds
  - Internal Management / Insurance
  - Recreation, Website & Chamber
  - Finance / Airport
  - Lake / Dam / Invasive
  
- New Business
- Old Business
  - Ongoing discussion with Mel on Transfer station
  
- Motion to accept the bills
- Motion to accept the financial statement's
- Public Comment
- Designation of end of year Meeting December 21<sup>st</sup> 2017
- Designation of 2018 Organizational Meeting January 3rd
- 
- Motion to adjourn

## 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 4, 2017 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 17 - 12 - 39

Subject: Local Law #1 of 2017 to Establish a Real Property Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans

Resolution Offered By: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS:** the Arietta Town Board after review of the Local Law #17 passed by Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has elected to file the following as Local Law #1 of 2017:

**Section 1. Purpose:** The general purpose of this Local Law is to establish a real property tax exemption for Cold War veterans, provide exemption from taxation and to provide additional exemptions for service-connected disability or death, in accordance with NYS Real Property Tax Law, Section 458-b (Chapter 50-a).

**Section 2. Justification:** This Local Law addresses a perceived inequity by granting a partial real property tax exemption to "Cold War Veterans" who served in the United States Armed Forces between September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991 and who were discharged or released under honorable conditions.

**Section 3. Exemption Schedule:**

- A. Fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of such property, provided such exemption does not exceed \$12,000.00 or the product of \$12,000.00 multiplied by the latest State equalization rate of the assessing unit or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.
- B. In addition to the exemption provided in paragraph (A) of this subdivision, where the Cold War Veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by 50% of the Cold War Veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$40,000.00 or the product of \$40,000.00 multiplied by the latest State equalization rate for the assessing unit or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.
- C. The exemption provided by paragraph (A) of this Local Law shall be granted for a period of ten (10) years. The commencement of such 10-year period shall be governed pursuant to this sub-paragraph. Where a qualified owner owns qualifying residential real property on the effective date of this section, such 10-year period shall be measured from the assessment roll prepared pursuant to the first taxable status date occurring on or after the effective date of this section. Where a qualified owner does not own qualifying residential real property on the effective date of this section, such 10-year period shall be measured from the assessment roll prepared pursuant to the first taxable status date occurring at least 60 days after the date of purchase of qualifying residential real property; provided, however, that should the veteran apply for

**Section 6. Process:** The owner or all of the owners, of the property on a form prescribed by the State Board shall make application for exemption. The owner or owners shall file the completed form in the assessor's office on or before the first appropriate taxable status date. Where an exemption has been granted pursuant to Section 458-b, based on the veteran's service-connected disability, the percentage of such disability must be re-certified prior to taxable status date, if the disability increases or decreases. Any applicant convicted or willfully making any false statement in the application for such exemption shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in the Penal Law.

**Section 7. Savings Clause:** If any court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge any clause, sentence or paragraph of this Local Law be invalid, such judgment, decree or order shall affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of the Local Law, which shall as to such remainder remain in effect.

**Section 8. Effective Date:** This act shall take effect December 4, 2017, and shall apply to assessment rolls on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on or after such date.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town Board, Town of Arietta will accept the Local Law #1 of 2017 to establish a real property tax exemption for Cold War Veterans.

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:

Barry Baker \_\_\_\_\_  
Sarah Rudes \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Knapp \_\_\_\_\_  
Christy Wilt \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Wilt \_\_\_\_\_

NOES:

Barry Baker \_\_\_\_\_  
Sarah Rudes \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Knapp \_\_\_\_\_  
Christy Wilt \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Wilt \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2017

**TOWN OF ARIETTA**  
**LOCAL LAW #2-2017**

**A LOCAL LAW DECREASING THE MEMBERSHIP  
OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

**Section 1. Purpose and Authority.**

The purpose of this Local Law is to decrease the membership of the Board of Assessment Review from five (5) members to three (3) members. It is adopted pursuant to the authority granted under the Real Property Tax Law §523 and Sections 10 and 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

**Section 2. Enactment.**

The Town Board of the Town of Arietta hereby enacts as follows:

"Upon the effective date of this local law the membership of the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Arietta shall be decreased from five (5) members to three (3) members"

**Section 3. Severability.**

The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph or provision of this Local Law shall not invalidate any other clause, sentence, paragraph or part thereof.

**Section 4. Repealer.**

All Local Laws or ordinances or parts of Local Laws or ordinances in conflict with any part of this Local law are hereby repealed.

**Section 5. Effective Date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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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:

December 4, 2017 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 17- 12 - 41

Subject: **Establish Last Payroll 2017**

Resolution Offered By: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS:** the Arietta Town Board will close the payroll for the year 2017, and

**WHEREAS:** the last date of payroll for 2017 bi-weekly General and Highway payroll will be at 12 midnight on Friday, December 22, 2017, 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 2018 on Saturday, December 23, 2017.

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

**AYES:**

Barry Baker \_\_\_\_\_  
Sarah Rudes \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Knapp \_\_\_\_\_  
Christy Wilt \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Wilt \_\_\_\_\_

**NOES:**

Barry Baker \_\_\_\_\_  
Sarah Rudes \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Knapp \_\_\_\_\_  
Christy Wilt \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Wilt \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2017

**TOWN OF ARIETTA**

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

December 4, 2017 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 17 – 12 – 42

Subject: **Accept Snow and Ice Agreement**

Resolution Offered By: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta has been presented with an agreement for municipal snow and ice control with Hamilton County for the winter season of 2017-2018

**WHEREAS:** it is necessary that we review this agreement on an annual basis

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town Board, Town of Arietta will accept this agreement and shall comply with its obligations pursuant to said agreement.

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

**AYES:**

Barry Baker \_\_\_\_\_  
Sarah Rudes \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Knapp \_\_\_\_\_  
Christy Wilt \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Wilt \_\_\_\_\_

**NOES:**

Barry Baker \_\_\_\_\_  
Sarah Rudes \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Knapp \_\_\_\_\_  
Christy Wilt \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Wilt \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2017

**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 4, 2017 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 17 – 12 – 43

Subject: **Accept Shared Service Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation**

Resolution Offered By: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta has been presented with an agreement for shared services with New York State Department of Transportation for term of four (4) years from November 2017 to November 2021, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town Board, Town of Arietta will accept this agreement and shall comply with its obligations pursuant to said agreement as outlined in the attachment.

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

**AYES:**

Barry Baker \_\_\_\_\_  
Sarah Rudes \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Knapp \_\_\_\_\_  
Christy Wilt \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Wilt \_\_\_\_\_

**NOES:**

Barry Baker \_\_\_\_\_  
Sarah Rudes \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Knapp \_\_\_\_\_  
Christy Wilt \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Wilt \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2017

**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 4, 2017 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 17 – 12 - 44

Subject: **Transfer of Funds**

Resolution Offered By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**General Fund**

- \$ 10,000.00 to #A0-5670-400, Airport Contractual Expense  
from #A0-5670-200, Airport Equipment Expense
- \$5,000.00 to #A0-7620-400, Adult Recreation Contractual Expense  
from #A0-7620.200, Adult Recreation Expense
- \$5,000.00 to #A0-7620-100, Adult Recreation Expense  
From#A0-1990-400, Contingent Contractual Expense
- \$2,000.00 to #A0-8810-400, Cemetery Contractual Expense  
From#A0-1990-400, Contingent Contractual Expense

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

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

**AYES:**

- Barry Baker \_\_\_\_\_
- Sarah Rudes \_\_\_\_\_
- Michael Knapp \_\_\_\_\_
- Christy Wilt \_\_\_\_\_
- Richard Wilt \_\_\_\_\_

**NOES:**

- Barry Baker \_\_\_\_\_
- Sarah Rudes \_\_\_\_\_
- Michael Knapp \_\_\_\_\_
- Christy Wilt \_\_\_\_\_
- Richard Wilt \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk      Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2017

Resolution No. 17-12-45

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE, INC. (PBA OF NYS) PROPOSAL TO INCREASE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOREST RANGER STAFFING TO A STATEWIDE TOTAL OF 175**

The following resolution was offered by [ ] who moved its adoption.

**WHEREAS**, NYS forest rangers have provided care, custody and control of the Forest Preserve and all DEC managed lands throughout the state since 1885, protecting the valuable natural resources and the people who recreate there; and

**WHEREAS**, forest rangers are unequalled stewards of the land who are police officers, wildland firefighters and wilderness first responders that patrol these lands year round; and

**WHEREAS**, the addition of over 1 million acres of DEC managed lands the last several decades without staffing increases has caused the ratio of DEC managed lands per ranger to grow from 1 ranger per 28,516 acres in 1970 to 1 ranger per 53,752 acres today; and

**WHEREAS**, the dramatic increase in recreational use on state lands has led to a corresponding increase in the number of search and rescue operations. In both 2015 and 2016 forest rangers participated in over 300 incidents annually. Those numbers had not been surpassed in the rangers' previous 130 years of existence; and

**WHEREAS**, Adirondack communities rely heavily on tourism associated with state land recreation which, gratefully, has been well-promoted by this administration; and

**WHEREAS**, forest rangers are essential to providing a safe and positive recreational experience for tourists utilizing state land; and

**WHEREAS**, the current level of forest ranger staffing, 135 statewide including supervisors, is not adequate to fulfill their unique mission given the amount of land they patrol and the number of incidents they respond to; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal by the PBA of NYS to increase forest ranger staffing has wide public and bi-partisan support from local governments, business groups, environmental groups and outdoor recreation clubs for a simple reason: It protects the people from the land and the land from the people; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal represents the best solution to address the increase in public lands and those utilizing it.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of [ ] does hereby support the PBA of NYS proposal to increase forest ranger staffing to 175 rangers statewide, which is deemed critically important to our community, state land, the environment and the People of the State of New York; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the PBA of NYS, 11 North Pearl Street, Suite 1200 Albany NY 12207.