

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at the Piseco Town Offices located at the Piseco Common School building commencing at 6:00pm.

Others present: Deputy Supervisor C. Wilt opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Roll Call:

Jacqui Grier present  
Michael Knapp present  
Sarah Rudes present  
Christy Wilt present  
Richard Wilt absent

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To accept the minutes of the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Town Board meeting, with this correction of the section where Mrs. Rudes was speaking as follows: “She will also contact DOT” she didn’t directly say she would contact DOT as that is not her place, as corrected and otherwise submitted by the Deputy Town Clerk.

Second was offered by: J. Grier

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

**Bids opened for #2 Fuel oil and 100LL aviation gasoline.**

A bid was received via fax from AmeriGas and the board didn’t even read it as they were supposed to be sealed bids.

**Bids:**

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| 1) <b>Bove &amp; Sons Ind.</b><br>1537 State Route 30<br>Wells, NY 12190                          | #2 Fuel Oil = +\$.30 per gallon markup = \$2.2318<br><br>Propane = +\$.30 per gallon markup = \$1.4556<br><br>(Prices quoted from March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2018)   |
| 2) <b>Superior Plus Energy Services</b><br>1870 S. Winton Rd.<br>Suite 200<br>Rochester, NY 14618 | #2 Fuel Oil = \$.30 per gallon over Opis Gross Rack<br>Average Utica 3/1/18 = \$2.0262 + \$.30 = Total \$2.3262<br><br>Propane = +\$.45 per gallon over Opis Selkirk<br>Price as of 3/2/18 - \$1.2316 +\$.45 = Total \$1.6816 |
| 3) <b>Epic Fuels</b><br>222 West Las Colinas Blvd.<br>Suite 1425N<br>Irving, TX 75039             | 100 LL Aviation Gasoline<br>Current Rack Cost +\$.20 per gallon Total = \$3.4243  |
| 4) <b>World Fuel Services</b><br>Ascent Aviation<br>One Mill Street<br>Parish, NY 13131-9715      | 100 LL Aviation Gasoline Rack Price + Freight and<br>Margin.<br>6000 gallons \$3.0360 +\$.1312 freight +\$.15 margin =<br>Total = \$3.3172<br><br>3000 gallons \$3.0360 +\$.2550 freight +\$.15 margin=<br>Total = \$3.4410   |

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp

To accept all bids as read and to send them to committee for further review.

Second was offered by: S. Rudes

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



time and shift the tax burden from forest preserve lands to private lands in Adirondack and Catskill forest preserve counties, towns, villages and school districts, and

**Whereas:** state payment of taxes on forest preserve lands in the Adirondacks and Catskills is critically important to the well-being and survival of communities, and schools, and

**Whereas:** New York State currently pays more than \$70 million a year in taxes to Adirondack local governments and schools, and,

**Whereas:** recent state land purchases in the Adirondacks have increased state ownership to more than 2.6 million acres of the 6 million acre Adirondack Park, and

**Whereas:** the state controls an additional 800,000 acres by state conservation easements purchased in the last 40 years, and

**Whereas:** most economically beneficial use of state forest preserve lands is prohibited by the New York State Constitution "forever wild" clause, and

**Whereas:** state conservation easement lands may not be used for economically beneficial uses, other than forestry and recreation, and

**Whereas:** state Real Property Tax Law has long required the state to pay taxes on forest preserve lands, at least in part, in recognition of the negative impact of "forever wild" forest preserve lands on the economies of affected communities, and the strong local home-rule protections in New York Law, and

**Whereas:** over the years, local governments have been able to support land acquisition proposals because of the certainty created by the Ad Valorem Tax payments, and

**Whereas:** Adirondack local governments are concerned that a change from forest preserve tax payments on an Ad Valorem basis to a capped PILOT will be the first step in phasing out payments on forest preserve lands to local governments and schools, and

**Whereas:** if the PILOT proposal is adopted by the state legislature, increases in the assessed value of local government and school districts will not result in an increase in the PILOT, because increases will be limited to 2% or the change in level of assessment, whichever is lower, and

**Whereas:** the tax burden will be shifted to private lands in the Adirondacks and Catskills,

**Now, Therefore, It Is Hereby Resolved:** that the Town of Arietta hereby opposes the 2018 budget revenue bill proposal to convert forest preserve taxes to a capped PILOT.

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

AYES:		NOES:	ABSENT:
Jacqui Grier	<u>X</u>	Jacqui Grier	_____
Michael Knapp	<u>X</u>	Michael Knapp	_____
Sarah Rudes	<u>X</u>	Sarah Rudes	_____
Christy Wilt	<u>X</u>	Christy Wilt	_____
Richard Wilt	—	Richard Wilt	_____
			Richard Wilt <u>X</u>

\_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk      Date: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
STATE OF NEW YORK)

) SS:

COUNTY OF HAMILTON

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk of Arietta, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this Resolution with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original Resolution and of the whole thereof, as duly adopted by said \_\_\_\_\_ at a meeting duly called and held at the \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_ by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the Resolution.

WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of \_\_\_\_\_, New York, this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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ARIETTA TOWN CLERK

**Committee reports:**

**Snowmobile Trails & Town Buildings:** Mr. Knapp reported they are not grooming any trails other than the Powley Road trail. There isn't enough snow and too much dirt.

**Internal Management & Insurance:** Mrs. Grier had nothing to report.

**Recreation, Website & Chamber:** Mrs. Wilt reported the Town kids are having make up ski lessons for those they missed. When things pertaining to the Town website are sent to her they are posted. The chamber was in the black for 2017. They will be putting a part time employee two days a week in the office to help free up some time for Donna to update their website. They also have two new board members. There isn't anybody from the Town of Arietta on the board but if someone from Arietta would like to be on the board Joan Braunius would step down. They are also working on having a wine and beer festival in the fall at the pavilion.

**Finance & Airport:**

**Lake, Dam & Invasive:** Mrs. Rudes had nothing to report.

**Motion was offered by:** S. Rudes

To pay the bills of the month as follows:

General fund utilities: no.161 to no.163 in the amount of \$2,565.49

General fund: no.134 to no.160 in the amount of \$19,604.30

Highway fund: no.123 to no.133 in the amount of \$8,723.42

**Second was offered by:** J. Grier

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

**Motion was offered by:** M. Knapp

To accept the financial statement of the Supervisor for the month of February 2018 as submitted.

**Second was offered by:** S. Rudes

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

**Next regular meeting will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**Motion was offered by:** M. Knapp

To adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm

**Second was offered by:** S. Rudes

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

**Entered by:**

**Kenneth Parslow  
Town Clerk**