

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held May 26th, 2018 at the Piseco Town Offices located at the Piseco Common School building commencing at 8:00am.

Others present: **Craig & Jodie Small, Barry Baker, Matt Wilt.**

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

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a special 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:

May 26, 2018 at 8:00am

Resolution # 18-05-21

Subject: **Appoint Recreation Director**

Resolution Offered By: J. Grier

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta after consideration would like to fill the vacant position of Recreation Director that was last held by Kathy Wilt in which she resigned in June 2012, and

WHEREAS: the Town advertised for the position and received an application from Sheila Crouse, and

WHEREAS: after review of the application the Town of Arietta will appoint Sheila Crouse to fill the vacant Recreation Director position and receive compensation for 2018 in the amount of \$2,000.00 from account A0.7310.110 Youth Program Personal Services, and

WHEREAS: the line item was not budgeted for in 2018 the Town Board will transfer \$2,000.00 into A0.7310.110 Youth Program Personal Services from Account A0.1990.400 Contingent Contractual Expense, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does hereby approve to appoint Sheila Crouse as Recreation Director effective immediately and authorize the transfer of funds to cover the compensation of services.

Seconded by: C. Wilt 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	<u>X</u>	Richard Wilt	_____

Town Clerk

Date May 7th, 2018

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At a special 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:

May 26, 2018 at 8:00am

Resolution # 18-05-22

Subject: **Longevity Compensation**

Resolution Offered By: S. Rudes

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Town Board after consideration would like to change the time in which the longevity compensation is paid, and

WHEREAS: the current pay schedule reflects the employee receive payment in January for the previous year for each employee who qualifies for the benefit, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board would like to change the compensation from January to the last pay in December in the current year in which the longevity is earned, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does hereby approve to rescind all past resolutions and authorize to pay the longevity benefit as outlined above.

Seconded by: M. Knapp 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	<u>X</u>	Richard Wilt	_____

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Mr. Wilt reported that the position of Highway Superintendent has to be filled after the resignation of Ryan Germain. He said that there are two names which are William Parslow senior and Craig Small. Mrs. Rudes said that there is another possible option from an opinion that may allow a person currently working for the Town to be appointed to fill the vacancy. It would need to be looked at by the Town attorney and may need to have a Town law passed. She said that would leave three candidates.

Mr. Wilt asked Mr. Small why he put his name in to fill the highway superintendent position. Mr. Small said "basically it needs to change it's been the same way, everything has been run the same exact way for years and years and years. In my opinion it's just not working. There are a lot of things that need to be accounted for and taken care of and they just don't they just get swept away and I just think it needs to change". Mr. Wilt asked him if he understands the transition from the employee benefits like sick time, vacation time etcetera. Mr. Small said he did understand. Mr. Wilt informed him that it becomes an elected position as soon as the person is appointed and they will have to run for the position this fall just like a highway superintendent. Mr. Wilt asked him if he saw any challenges. Mr. Small said yes as he is the new guy, but he said "I think if, my goal if I do get the position is to make everybody over there a team again not just individuals fighting with in amongst each other to make everybody a team again so we can get something done".

Mr. Wilt reported that there has been an ongoing issue that he highway has helped do some work on the buildings, but in the future he would like to see the position being a public works position. Whether or it stays an elected position or if it is changed to an appointed position.

Mrs. Grier said that she is a little apprehensive about Mr. Small taking the job because he is the new guy and she can only hope that he would be doing this for the right reasons and not some other reason. Mr. Small said he is looking at this as his future.

Mr. Wilt asked if the board was desirous of starting the process to make the highway superintendent an appointed position. They were all in agreement. He said it won't happen this year because it is a long process.

Mrs. Grier asked Mr. Small if he is appointed is he going to be a working superintendent. Mr. Small said "I plan on working every day, I'm not going to be an absent superintendent if the guys are working I'm going to be working right alongside of them". "I'm not going to be the guy that comes in in the morning and says here's what to do and then leave, I can't do that". "I'm the kind of guy that if I, I wouldn't tell anybody to do something that I wouldn't do myself and if they're going working I'm going to be right there beside them in the hole digging the mud whatever we've got to do".

Mrs. Rudes said that there might be another candidate. She said she would like to take the week just to get an opinion from council as to whether or not the other candidate is a viable option. Mr. Wilt asked who this other candidate is and she said Ken Parslow. She Ken hasn't weighed in on this yet, but we apparently have an opinion where we may be may be able to appoint him as interim highway superintendent and he would also be able to stay Town Clerk at the same time. Ken Parslow said he still hadn't made up his mind as he was approached with the idea on the way into the room for the meeting. Mrs. Rudes said it may take some time because the board may have to pass a local law. Mr. Wilt said then we would be in limbo and he said he would make the move that Craig Small's name be put in the resolution to fill the highway superintendent vacancy.

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May 26, 2018 at 8:00am

Resolution # 18-05-20

Subject: **Appoint Highway Superintendent to Fill Vacant Office Until December 31, 2018**

Resolution Offered By: C. Wilt

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta received a resignation from the current elected Highway Superintendent Ryan Germain that will leave the position vacant as of Saturday, May 26, 2018, and

WHEREAS: it is necessary that the Town of Arietta Town Board appoint a new Highway Superintendent to fill the vacant office until December 31, 2018, and hold a special election in November 2018 to fill the current term ending December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta will appoint Craig Small to fill the vacant office of the elected Highway Superintendent until December 31, 2018 at which time the newly elected person will fill the vacant office on January 1, 2019, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does hereby approve to appoint Craig Small as Highway Superintendent effective immediately until December 31, 2018 and hold a special election in November 2018 to fill the remaining term of office ending December 31, 2019.

Seconded by: R. Wilt 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	<u>X</u>	Richard Wilt	_____

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Mr. Wilt informed Mr. Small that in order to become highway superintendent he now had to resign from his current position in the highway department.

Mr. Small gave the Town Board his resignation letter from his position in the highway department.

Motion was offered by: J. Grier

To adjourn the meeting at 8:18am.

Second was offered by: C. Wilt

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

Entered by:

Kenneth Parslow, Town Clerk