

**Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at the Piseco Community Hall, commencing at 6:00pm.**

**Others present: Mary Kiewicz, Christopher Laver, Fred and Susan Knapp, Marie Buanno**  
**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 September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk with an amendment. The amendment is as follows: Mrs. Rudes asked that her reason for her being in favor to continue sanding driveways was "a fear that the decision to not sand would not be uniformly/evenly applied".

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

**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:

October 3, 2016 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 16 – 10 -35

Subject: **Transfer of Funds**

Resolution Offered By: \_\_\_\_\_ S. Rudes \_\_\_\_\_

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

**General Fund**

\$ 1,500.00 to #A0-1220.400, Supervisor Contractual Expense  
from #A0-1990.400, Contingent Contractual Expense  
\$ 21,900.00 to #A0-9060.800, Hospital and Medical Insurance 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: \_\_\_\_\_ C. Wilt \_\_\_\_\_ 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 October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

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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:

October 3, 2016 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 16 – 10 -37

Subject: **Create a New General Account for Boat Steward Program**

Resolution Offered By: \_\_\_\_\_ B. Baker \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta Town Board applied and received a Grant for funding in 2016 for a Boat Steward Program and now must create the line item to pay for the Boat Stewards that are covered through the grant, and

**WHEREAS:** the account created would be A0.7145.400 Joint Recreation Contractual Expense and transfer into this new Account A0.7145.400 \$46,500.00 from Account A0.1620.400 Municipal Building Roof Contractual Expense, and

**WHEREAS:** this grant is a matching grant State share is 72% and Town share is 28% and is for three years starting in 2016 through 2018, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does authorize to create Account A0.7145.400 Joint Recreation Contractual Expense and transfer the funds necessary to establish said account.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

### 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:

October 3, 2016 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 16 – 10 - 40

Subject: **Piseco Lake Boat Decontamination Station Grant**

Resolution Offered By: B. Baker

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Lake Pleasant applied and received a Grant for funding in 2016 for a Piseco Lake Boat Decontamination Station and now the Town of Arietta must create the line item to pay for the Boat Stewards that are covered through the grant, and

**WHEREAS:** the account created would be A0.7145.400 Joint Recreation Contractual Expense and transfer into this new Account A0.7145.400 \$31,000.00 from Account A0.1620.400 Municipal Building Roof Contractual Expense, and

**WHEREAS:** this grant is a matching grant State share is 68% and Town share is 32% and is for three years starting in 2016 through 2018, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does authorize to create Account A0.7145.400 Joint Recreation Contractual Expense and transfer the funds necessary to establish said account.

Seconded by: C. Wilt and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

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

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

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Town Clerk

Date October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

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October 3, 2016 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 16 – 10 -38

**TOWN OF ARIETTA**

Subject: **Justice Court Assistance Program 2016**

Resolution Offered By: \_\_\_\_\_ C. Wilt \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS:** the NYS Unified Court System is offering a grant for Courts to apply for assistance in purchasing equipment, security, and remodeling/construction, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta Court has a need to update the court room security, and remodeling/construction due to the move to the Piseco Common School, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does authorize the Town of Arietta Supervisor to execute all documents to apply for and accept the Justice Court Assistance Program Grant.

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ M. Knapp \_\_\_\_\_ 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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Town Clerk

Date October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

**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:

October 3, 2016 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 16 – 10 - 39

Subject: **Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting and Compensation**

Resolution Offered By: \_\_\_\_\_ M. Knapp \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta Town Board after reviewing the compensation and meeting schedule that the Zoning Board of Appeals receives for Meetings/Hearings has decided that a change is necessary, and

**WHEREAS:** at this time the Zoning Board of Appeals does not meet unless there is a hearing scheduled. The current board would like to meet on a monthly basis to go over training and discuss planning and zoning as outlined in the Arietta Land Use Code Book. The Zoning Board of Appeals would like to set a meeting each month on the second Monday at 6:00pm, and

**WHEREAS:** when a variance is submitted for a hearing to the ZBA it would be scheduled for the second Monday of the month at 6:00pm, and

**WHEREAS:** the current the compensation is \$50.00 per ZBA Hearing which will remain the same and no compensation for the regular scheduled monthly meeting, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does rescind all past Resolutions and/or Motions and authorizes the above compensation and meeting changes for the Zoning Board Appeals Board.

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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Town Clerk

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**Mr. Knapp** reported that three snowmobile trail groomers took the chainsaw safety course on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and all passed. The Town will have to purchase safety equipment (chaps, helmet and visor) for each employee.

He also reported he was told the snowmobile bridge behind Piseco Lake Lodge is sagging. He will inspect it to see what it needs.

**Mr. Wilt** reported that one hanger at the Piseco Airport is vacant, three are rented annually, the fourth one is rented year round, but the renter would like to only rent it for six months as he doesn't use it in the winter. Mr. Wilt said he doesn't have a list of people who would like to rent it annually. He will look into it before making any decisions.

**Mr. Wilt** reported that the Town passed the Agriculture and Markets inspection. The dog holding facility is now in the downstairs of the Community Hall and it only cost a couple of hundred dollars to purchase a cage. He said the old dog pen at the Piseco Airport will be removed.

**Mr. Wilt** reported that the Town board needs to come up with some type of employee evaluation form. He feels it needs to be as simple as possible. Mrs. Wilt said she would try to come up with something.

**Mr. Wilt** reported he contacted Senator Schumer's office about their progress on the Residents Through The Fence issue at the Piseco Airport. They told him they are working on it and they should have an answer by the end of this week.

**Mr. Wilt** reported the grants from DEC one was executed the first of September and the other one was executed the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Mr. Wilt** reported the spillway issues are ongoing at the Piseco Lake Dam. He said that the surveyor has all the points he needs to do and he will be here at the end of this week or the beginning of next week. He also said the engineer should be here the week of the 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Wilt** reported the Capital Reserves Projects can be addressed during the budget meetings.

**Mr. Wilt** reported he met with school about signage at the school building. The school asked if the costs could be shared. It was proposed that the Town pay for signage for the inside of the building and the school pay for signage on the outside of the building. Mrs. Rudes reported that Boni Signs for a sign over the fish tank just inside the main entrance directing people to Town offices, school offices and other areas of the building. It will be a plain white sign with black lettering. There would also have signs next each office doors stating the office title and name of the person holding that position. The total cost is \$855.00 and that includes installation. It also covers the installation of a sign at the Piseco Community Hall to direct people to the Piseco School and also state that the Piseco Court is still in the downstairs of the Community Hall. It also includes a sign for the downstairs back door of the Community Hall.

**Mrs. Rudes** reported she talked to Mr. Boni about the signs at the Piseco Lake Dam and he said he could fix them to state the Town is the authority of the signage and he said he can fix them at a negligible cost.

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To hire Boni Signs to make and install signs for the inside of the Piseco School Town offices and for signage at the Piseco Community Hall directing people to all Town offices for a cost of \$855.00 contingent on Piseco Common School board approval.

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

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

**Mr. Wilt** reported he has contacted Terminix in Johnstown about the Post Powder Beetle at the Riley Tavern at the Piseco Museum. They said they will look it at the end of this week and will give a quote on doing the job.

**Mr. Wilt** reported the 911 center project at Hamilton County is coming well, but the turn on date has been set back from November to probably December or January.

**Mrs. Rudes** reported the Town board should follow up on the cleaning of the Community Hall now that the Town offices have been moved. Feedback from Fire Department Auxiliary was whether people using the hall are responsible to do all cleaning or if the Town is going to have someone taking care of it and the supplies. The board will discuss this during the budget meetings and make up a set of rules. Marie Buanno asked if she could take care of the bulletin board at the Community Hall and the board said yes.

**Mrs. Rudes** reported that a letter was sent from Jill Cuthbertson of Bonnie Brea trailer park asking when the Town would be fixing the dumpster at the park. Mr. Wilt said he talked to the highway superintendent and when he will look at it when he gets back from vacation. He also said this is an issue just like the sanding of driveways issue and the Town shouldn't be going on private property with Town equipment unless it is an emergency. The board needs to make decisions before he sends the letter out. Mrs. Rudes feels looking into the Town picking up garbage from dumpsters in light of animals getting into garbage left out in garbage pails is necessary and look at what kinds of issues this could create.

The Town board reviewed the 2017 Town of Arietta Tentative Budget.

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:

October 3, 2016 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 16 – 10 -36

Subject: **Accept 2017 Preliminary Budget**

Resolution Offered By: B. Baker

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board, Town of Arietta has reviewed the 2017 Tentative Budget as submitted by the Arietta Town Supervisor in September 2016, and

**WHEREAS:** the Arietta Town Board after review of the Tentative Budget will carry these numbers over with any noted changes for the Preliminary Budget and will accept as the 2017 Preliminary Budget at the October 3, 2016 Town Board Meeting, and

**WHEREAS:** it is necessary to schedule a Public Hearing for the purpose of public comment on the proposed budget before adopting, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town Board of Arietta accepts the 2017 Preliminary Budget and will hold a Public Hearing at the regular scheduled Town Board meeting being held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for the purpose of adopting the 2017 Budget.

Seconded by: C. Wilt and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:		NOES:	
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	_____

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Town Clerk

Date October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

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

To pay the bills of the month as follows:

- General fund: no. 515 to no. 520 (utilities) in the amount \$2,408.83
- General fund: no. 521 to no. 522 (utilities) in the amount of \$1,720.76
- General fund: no. no. 529 (utilities) in the amount of \$11.39
- General fund: no. 544 to no. 575 in the amount of \$22,978.32
- Highway fund: no. 530 to no. 543 in the amount of \$5,446.40

**Second was offered by:** B. Baker

**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 September 2016 as submitted.

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

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

**Mr. Wilt** asked Christopher Laver to talk about the issues with the ambulance corps. Mr. Laver reported that there are 4 EMT's who work on the ambulance. Two of those are EMT's who also work on the Fulton County Ambulance service full time and they are only available to Piseco when they are off of their regular shifts in Fulton County. The other two are himself and Lynn Rappa. He said Mrs. Rappa is going to be out of service starting November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 for approximately five weeks and as of the second week of November Mr. Laver will be out of service for six to eight weeks. Something will need to be done during that time to staff the ambulance with EMT's. He also said there has been an increasing issue with other ambulance personal and also fire department personal not responding to calls when help is needed. He was the only person from the ambulance to respond to a call today and there was only one fire department personal to show up and he made two calls for help. He said if he is the only person who shows up to a call he can't drive the ambulance and work on the person in the back of the ambulance. He said he has talked with the ambulance department and he will be bringing it up at the next fire department meeting also. The Town board said they will also look into it to try to come up with some kind of a solution.

The Town board gave the Piseco Lake Association Garden Group permission to redo the garden at the Piseco Airport.

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp

To go into executive session for the purpose of an employee performance matter at 8:03pm.

**Second was offered by:** B. Baker

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

Motion was offered by: B. Baker

To enter back into regular session at 8:20pm.

**Second was offered by:** C. Wilt

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

**Mr. Wilt** reported that no decisions were made during the executive session.

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp

To adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm.

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

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

**Entered by:**

**Kenneth Parslow, Town Clerk**