

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held February 7th, 2017 at the Piseco Community Hall, commencing at 6:00pm.

Others present: Fred & Susan Knapp, Marie Buanno, Mel Lascola – Zoning Officer.

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 January 4th and 19th, 2017 Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk with a correction in the January 19th, 2017. The January 19th, 2017 meeting minutes it read:

Mrs. Rudes requested as soon as Mr. Wilt receives correspondence addressed to the Town Board that he forward them on to the rest of the board. He said he would do that. He said that he just got them today and it was mailed on January 29, 2016.

The minutes should read instead of January 29, 2016:

Mrs. Rudes requested as soon as Mr. Wilt receives correspondence addressed to the Town Board that he forward them on to the rest of the board. He said he would do that. He said that he just got them today and it was mailed on December 29, 2016.

The minutes were accepted as corrected.

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:

February 6, 2017 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 17 – 02 - 06

Subject: Agreement for Legal Services

Resolution Offered By: B. Baker

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Town Board have been presented with the 2017 Agreement for Legal Services with the Town Attorney Wayne Judge, Esq. as outlined per the attachment, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does approve the 2017 Agreement for Legal Services as outlined in the attachment.

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	_____

Town Clerk

Date: February 6th, 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:

February 6, 2017 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 17– 02 - 07

Subject: Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

Resolution Offered By: _____

WHEREAS: it is a standard requirement by the New York State and Local Retirement System for all elected and appointed officials that are paid by salary and apply to have a membership in the New York State and Local Retirement System to keep a three month record of hours/activities that they perform for their position with the Town of Arietta, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials had a need to be updated as per the attached outline required by New York State Retirement, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta, Town Board will accept and approve the record of activities submitted on the attached documents as required and to be submitted to the New York State and Local Retirement System.

Seconded by: _____ 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	_____

Town Clerk

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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:

February 6, 2017 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 17 – 02 - 08

Subject: Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Compensation

Resolution Offered By: _____ C. Wilt

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Town Board completed a review of the compensation structures, meeting schedules and training requirements for all town offices and have concluded that certain modifications were warranted, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Planning Board (PB) members do not currently receive compensation for their service, and Town of Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) members are compensated at a rate of \$50.00 per member/per meeting, and

WHEREAS: the (PB) holds regular meetings at 6:00pm on the second Tuesday of every month, the (ZBA) conducts meetings and hearings on an as needed basis, and members of both boards are required to complete 4 hours of education training annually, and

WHEREAS: the Arietta Town Board determined the town will compensate each qualified member of the Arietta Planning Board and the Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals an annual salary of \$500.00 per each member payable in December, 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 for the Arietta Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Seconded by: _____ B. Baker and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:		NOES:		ABSENT:	
Barry Baker	<u> X </u>	Barry Baker	_____	Barry Baker	_____
Michael Knapp	<u> X </u>	Michael Knapp	_____	Michael Knapp	_____
Sarah Rudes	<u> X </u>	Sarah Rudes	_____	Sarah Rudes	_____
Christy Wilt	<u> X </u>	Christy Wilt	_____	Christy Wilt	_____
Richard Wilt	<u> X </u>	Richard Wilt	_____	Richard Wilt	_____

Town Clerk

Date February 6th, 2017

TOWN OF ARIETTA

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

February 6, 2017

Resolution # 17-02-09

Subject: Appointment Zoning Board of Appeals Member

Resolution Offered By: B. Baker

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta will reappoint Kevin Dorr to the Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals retroactive as of January 1, 2017, and

WHEREAS: it is necessary that the Arietta Town Board reappoint Kevin Dorr to a term of 5 years that ends December 31, 2022, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does hereby reappoint Kevin Dorr to the Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of 5 years effective immediately.

Seconded by: S. Rudes 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	_____

Town Clerk Date: February 6th, 2017

Mr. Wilt reported he received a correspondence from the Hamilton County Board of Elections and they are looking into the Town’s request to move elections from the community hall to the school building. He said they sent a request the Catskill Center for Independence for an access survey. Marie Buanno the republican election commissioner stated that an access survey needs to be done of the school building. She said everything needs to be done by May 1st, 2017 and she feels that it can be accomplished.

Committee reports:

Snowmobile Trails & Town Buildings: Mr. Knapp reported that the snowmobile trails are much better after the snow we have received over the past couple of weeks. Mr. Wilt reported that Mr. Knapp, Mr. Lascola and himself had a conference call with the engineers about the roof project at the community hall. Mr. Knapp said they talked about changing the materials to be used on the roof to lessen the cost and the amount of labor needed. He said the engineer will look at it and will get back to the Town. Mr. Wilt reported they also talked about scaling down the court room project to shrink it down to just one room instead of two. He said she will look that over also and get back to the Town. He also said that nothing can be done structurally until the Town receives a permit from the education department.

Internal Management & Insurance: Mr. Baker reported that Mrs. Wilt and he are still working on the employee performance appraisal and the changes to the handbook.

Recreation, Website & Chamber: Mrs. Wilt reported that she has not gotten any bills for doing the website they are only accessed online; they don’t mail them to her. She gave Marion the information for the website so she can access the information. She reported that the next meeting for the Chamber of Commerce will be held next Tuesday and she will attend. She said they want to be more of a chamber and not a tourism agency. The will help with the two racing events they have done in the past (Lane 10K & Triathlon), but will not be taking on anymore events.

Finance & Airport: Mr. Wilt reported he was expected to hear from Senator Schumer’s office about the Through the Fence issue, but since January he appears to be very busy so he isn’t expecting to hear from his office. He said that Mrs. Rudes and he will get together around the middle of next week, finalize the letter to the property owners and get ready to send it out. Mrs. Rudes asked Mr. Wilt what was going on with the lighting project. Mr. Wilt said it goes back two years to the design of the lighting system. The Town went out to bid and nobody bid on it because the FAA approved the specs but they didn’t meet FAA’s specifications. That meant the lights had to be redesigned, but the FAA won’t approve the new plans until the Through the Fence issue is finished. The FAA wants to close out the old grant so they will pay the Town off and they will put the new design costs in a new grant later.

Lake, Dam & Invasive: Mrs. Rudes reported that DEC has stated on their website that Popular Point campsite will not be open this summer. According to their website the boat launch at the campsite will be free to use this summer. She said hopefully the Town can get boat stewards to monitor the boat launch this summer. Mr. Wilt said that DEC didn’t follow their own procedures because before they can close the campsite they need to make some changes to the Unit Management Plan. He said it is in the process and has to go out for public review. He said that they usually take two to three months to finish so he doesn’t know what this will mean to the campsite closure. Mrs. Rudes said maybe they have already gotten the changes done to the UMP in the past. Susan Knapp talked someone in Albany and she was told this change to the UMP will take three months.

Mr. Wilt reported he would like to write up a new Request for Proposal for an engineer for the spillway design and evaluation services the Piseco Lake dam. Mr. Baker and Mrs. Rudes will work on the request. Mr. Wilt said that the firm the Town hires they need to have an engineer on staff that can do the structural portion of the work needed to be done on the dam.

Mrs. Rudes asked if two quarterly reports have been submitted for reimbursement. Mr. Wilt said yes they had, but they haven't been paid yet. Mrs. Rudes also asked if the Town of Arietta can pay the Town of Lake Pleasant for the new wash station that we are supposed to be purchasing so they don't have to pay and wait for the payment as the grant was through the Town of Lake Pleasant. Mr. Wilt said that he talked to Dan Wilt the Supervisor of Lake Pleasant and he is meeting with Elizabeth from Soil and Water tomorrow and he will get a quick MOU together with the Town of Arietta that specifies everything. That way we will know where the funds are going. He said we can pay as long as there is a canceled check showing that someone paid for the wash station, the money will then go through the Town of Lake Pleasant and they will reimburse the Town of Arietta.

Motion was offered by: C. Wilt

To go out to bid for heating fuel oil, propane and aviation gasoline. The bids will be opened at the March 6th, 2017 Town Board meeting.

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

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

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To pay the bills of the month as follows:

General fund: no.39 (utilities) \$1,480.96

General fund: no.44 to no.46 (utilities) \$803.88

General fund: no.52 to no.53 (utilities) \$770.16

General fund: no.56 to no.82 in the amount of \$18,731.15

Highway fund: no.83 to no.91 in the amount of \$15,240.93

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

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 January 2017 as submitted.

Second was offered by: B. Baker

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

Mr. Baker asked the Supervisor if the board could get the complete payroll from now on. Mr. Wilt said he would tell the office clerks to provide them.

Mr. Baker asked why the cost for a variance is so high. He feels that the fee is too much. The board will look into the issue and look at other town's variance fees and see if what is being charged is too high.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held on March 6th, 2017.

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm.

Second was offered by: B. Baker

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

Entered by:

Kenneth Parslow, Town Clerk