

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held March 15, 2017 at the Piseco Town Offices located at the Piseco Common School building commencing at 5:00pm.

Others present:

Supervisor Wilt opened the meeting at 5:05pm.

Roll Call:

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

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To go out to bid for the purchase of a boat wash station for use to at a boat launch check point on Piseco Lake.

Second was offered by: B. Baker

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

Mr. Wilt reported he has the secondary letter for people who don't have a deeded right of way at the Piseco Airport runway access know that the Town of Arietta will fight for them to the FAA to get them as part of the applicants of the Residence Through The Fence at the airport. He said that the FAA feels that if the people whose property originally had a deeded right of way to the airport could go to court and get those rights back if they chose to. Mrs. Rudes said she thought the board was going to send only one letter revised from the original draft. Mr. Wilt asked her to rewrite it and send it to him. She gave him a copy already revised and he said he would get it rewritten tomorrow and he will send it out Friday of this week.

Mr. Wilt reported the Request For Proposal for an engineering firm to do the Piseco Lake Dam project is finished and needs to be sent out. Mr. Baker has received a list of all engineering firms who are licensed to do this type of work in New York State. Mr. Wilt said it will be sent out to the list and also published in the newspaper. The board will put the old dam report on the Town's website and will refer applicants to the website so they can view it. Mr. Wilt suggested if enough proposals are received that the board will pick three to interview.

Mrs. Rudes reported that Bernier-Carr sent back the redesign of the Piseco Community Hall roof project. Mr. Wilt said if the fluff like the engineer oversight of the project and the contingency that amounts to \$30,000. If that is deducted from the estimate of \$109,000 it brings it down to about \$80,000 for an estimate.

Mr. Wilt reported on the exit audit meeting he had with the State of New York Office of the State Comptroller's Office auditors. He reported that what they are looking for is two things. One a written response by April 3rd, 2017. The second is a corrective action plan for recommendations made in the audit findings. He said that one issue was reserve accounts. The auditors would like the Town to set up reserve accounts for things that have been projected out over a few years. These would be like a reserve account for projected projects at the airport, projected future highway equipment purchases, ect. Mr. Wilt said that Mr. Baker will write a response letter to send to the Comptroller's Office so it can be sent out by the end of March. Mrs. Rudes suggested possibly hiring an outside source to look at the Town's capital assets and have them try to come up with a capital plan for future projects and purchases to aquatically deal with the fund balance. It will also help to create a more accurate budget.

Mrs. Rudes asked about the new pickup which was purchased 50/50 cost share between the general and highway fund, if it could be kept at the Town offices at the Piseco School. If the highway needs the pickup they could call and ask if it was available. Mr. Grier isn't using it more and he is still using his personal vehicle at work. Mr. Wilt said it is easier for Mr. Grier to go to the highway and get it. She said that at an earlier Town board meeting that Mr. Grier was supposed to be using a Town vehicle instead of his own vehicle. She asked if the general fund should purchase their own truck for Mr. Grier to use. Mr. Baker suggested discussing the issue at the next Town Board meeting.

Mr. Wilt reported that the snow blower at the airport is broken down. He said that the side shaft going to the blower, sprocket and the tension reliever all broke. He said the parts are on back order. They are going to have to plow the runway until it can be fixed.

Mr. Knapp reported he has found a number of street lights out again and he will send the list to National Grid.

Motion was offered by: B. Baker

To adjourn the meeting at 5:56pm.

Second was offered by: S. Rudes

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

Entered by:

Kenneth Parslow, Town Clerk