

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held September 4th, 2018 at the Piseco Town Offices located at the Piseco Common School building commencing at 6:00pm.

Others present: Craig Small – Highway Superintendent, Barry Baker, Mary Kiewicz, Paul Beaudoin, Donna Benkovich & Jim Tavers of Adirondack Speculator Regional Chamber of Commerce, Mel LaScola – Zoning Officer, Brian Rudes, Robert Thomson, Marie Buanno, Eric Murdock P.E. of ONSITE.

Supervisor Wilt opened the meeting at 6:05pm.

Roll Call:

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

Motion was offered by: J. Grier

To accept the minutes of the August 6th, 2018 Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

Ayes: Grier, 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, 1722 State Route 8 in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

September 4, 2018 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 18-09-26

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

\$ 1,860.00 to #A0-8160-200, Refuse & Garbage Equipment 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:		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 September 4th, 2018

Mr. Wilt gave the floor to Eric Murdock P.E. of ONSITE who gave a presentation on septic system issues of old systems or improperly installed systems especially around lakes, streams and drinking water from ground water. He said he would be willing to sit down with a work group set up by the Town to go over and answer the hard questions of setting up a plan to implement a protocol of septic system inspections. Mr. Wilt asked Mary Kiewicz – Planning Board chairperson to get people to be on the work group and set up a time with Mr. Murdock to figure what the best way to set up this program and how to implement it.

Jim Tavers of Adirondack Speculator Regional Chamber of Commerce gave an update on what the Chamber has been doing this year with events and their plans going forward.

Committee reports:

Snowmobile Trails & Town Buildings: Mr. Knapp reported the new door has been installed at the Airport bathrooms. It just needs a threshold and the closer. Mr. Wilt reported that the Town has been trying to purchase a Skandic snowmobile for a couple of years, but there weren't any available. There are two in Speculator now and he asked the board if he could advertise for both of them. One is a 2017 and the other is a 2018. There is money in the budget for one and there is enough in the budget to purchase the other machine.

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

To allow the Supervisor to go out the bid for a new 2017 Skandic snowmobiles and a new 2018 Skandic snowmobile to be used for grooming snowmobile trails in Town.

Second was offered by: J. Grier

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

Internal Management & Insurance: Mrs. Grier reported she will be contacting the representative from the insurance company to discuss the Town's insurance for the 2019 budget.

Recreation, Website & Chamber: Mrs. Wilt reported Hamilton County gives money each year to do the Adirondack snowmobile trail map. She said this year they are cutting back the amount of maps they purchase and are just getting a map that is Hamilton County specific and shows trails, gas, gear and food. They should be by the end of this month.

Lake, Dam & Invasive: Mrs. Rudes reported Paul Smith Adirondack Water Shed Institute stopped the boater education washing, boat steward program September 3rd. This year was the last year of the three year grant program. DEC has written a five year contract with Paul Smiths to continue the program. Neither entity contacted the previous grant recipients that this was taking place. Mrs. Rudes is trying to track down the contract between DEC and Paul Smiths to see what the impact will be for the next five years.

New business:

Mr. Wilt said he will send a copy of what the tentative budget for 2019 will look like for the board members to look at.

Old business:

Mr. Wilt reported there are two things that need to be done at the Piseco Lake dam. They are installation of the fence and cutting some trees. He asked the Highway Superintendent to remove them after he marks them and when he has more time. He asked Mrs. Rudes to reach out to the fence company to try to schedule them for 2019 to get the fence installed.

Mr. Wilt reported between Bill Grier and himself they have found two of the point markers for the cemetery by looking at a copy of the survey map. They didn't find the ones they actually need so he will have the surveyor come up and mark where they are.

Mr. Wilt brought up the highway garage issues and Mr. LaScola said that to try to make that old building it is usually better to build new and the savings could recoup much of the costs in heat savings. Mrs. Rudes asked if maybe CHIPS money can be used for something like that and Mr. Wilt and Mr. Small said there is a possibility. She also said the wiring looks very poor and the lighting is terrible. Mr. Wilt said that the lights will be put up as soon as they get released from the port. He said that the Town needs to get an engineer to look at the building to see what the best option is.

Mrs. Rudes asked if anything has been done by the Town attorney to move forward with making the Highway Superintendent position an appointed position. Mr. Wilt said he asked him to write a resolution and he will know tomorrow as his computer has had issues receiving emails, but he has it fixed.

Mrs. Rudes reported that if the Town goes ahead with the new LED street lights that a concern was raised at the Piseco Lake Association about light pollution. She suggested that it be stipulated the lights have to shine down. Mr. Wilt said that he is still waiting for a cost proposal from National Grid.

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp

To pay the bills of the month as follows:

General fund: no.522 to no.533 in the amount of \$85,583.29

Highway fund: no.534 to no.540 in the amount of \$94,420.54

Second was offered by: J. Grier

Ayes: Grier, 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 August 2018 as submitted.

Second was offered by: S. Rudes

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

The next regular meeting will be October 1st, 2018.

Motion was offered by: J. Grier

To adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm

Second was offered by: C. Wilt

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

Entered by:

Kenneth Parslow

Town Clerk