

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held March 4th, 2019 at the Piseco Town Offices located at the Piseco Common School building commencing at 5:00pm.

Others present: Bob Jenny, Barry Baker, Chris Laver

Supervisor Wilt opened the meeting at 5:05pm.

Roll Call:

Jacqui Grier 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 February 4th, 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 on 1722 State Route 8 in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

March 4, 2019 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 19 – 03 - 12

Subject: Agreement with Schnabel Engineering Overseeing the Installation of a Fence and Buoys for the Piseco Lake Outlet Spillway

Resolution Offered By: _____ S. Rudes _____

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta, Town Board has received from Schnabel Engineering an Agreement for overseeing the installation of a fence to deter trespassing and a buoy system upstream of the Route 10 Bridge to warn boaters of the spillway hazard at the Piseco Lake Outlet Spillway located on Route 10, and

WHEREAS: the document states the scope of work Schnabel Engineering will provide to the Town of Arietta for said project as outlined per the attached Agreement at the estimated fee of Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$14,500), and

WHEREAS: the Agreement notes that it does not included the cost and installation of the fence and buoy system, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board, Town of Arietta will enter into the agreement as outlined in the attachment with Schnabel Engineering of New York and authorize the supervisor to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town of Arietta.

Seconded by: _____ J. Grier _____ and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:

Jacquelyn Grier X
Sarah Rudes X
Michael Knapp X
Christy Wilt X
Richard Wilt X

NOES:

Jacquelyn Grier _____
Sarah Rudes _____
Michael Knapp _____
Christy Wilt _____
Richard Wilt _____

_____, Town Clerk Date March 4th, 2019

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:

March 4, 2019 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 19 – 03 - 13

Subject: **In Support of Snowmobiling and Increasing Snowmobile Trail Miles in the Adirondacks**

Resolution Offered By: M. Knapp

WHEREAS, snowmobiling is a critically important part of the Adirondack winter economy; and,

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1972, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller issued a press release upon signing the Adirondack State Land Master Plan (SLMP), that states in part that about 20 miles of snowmobile trails in areas classified as Wilderness by the SLMP will be closed, and replaced in areas outside the Wilderness and Primitive classified land, and that an additional 930 miles of snowmobile trails located in other classifications will remain; and,

WHEREAS, since the SLMP was adopted in 1972, the State of New York has purchased nearly 350,000 additional acres of Forest Preserve land, which at the time of purchase had many miles of community Snowmobile trails that were not part of the State snowmobile trail system; and,

WHEREAS, the State Land Master Plan does not create a cap on snowmobile trail mileage, but states there will be no material increase in snowmobile trail mileage that existed in 1972, allowing for snowmobile trails on newly acquired State lands to remain; and,

WHEREAS, the arbitrary 848.88 miles of snowmobile trails miles that DEC and APA use as a cap is not supported by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller’s promise to the people of the State of New York in 1972, which assured the people of the State of New York that they would have a minimum of 950 miles of snowmobile trails in the Adirondacks; and,

WHEREAS, DEC has, during Unit Management Plan adoption called for the closing of snowmobile trails for various reason, while identifying replacement snowmobile trails; and,

WHEREAS, upon adoption of the Unit Management Plans the targeted snowmobile trails are closed, leaving the people of the State of New York waiting years in some cases for the replacement trails to be built;

RESOLVED, the Town of Arietta, Town Board hereby calls upon DEC and APA to abandon the snowmobile mileage cap, allowing any snowmobile trails on State Lands acquired after 1972 to remain as long as those lands are not Wilderness or Primitive; and it is further,

RESOLVED, the Town of Arietta, Town Board calls upon DEC to stop the practice of closing snowmobile trails identified in Unit Management Plans, for replacement, until the new trails are built and ready for use; and it is further,

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos, Senate Leader Majority Stewart-Cousins, Senate Minority Leader Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Heastie, All Adirondack State Legislators and Town Supervisors, All Adirondack Counties, the Association of Adirondack Towns & Villages.

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

AYES:		NOES:	
Jacquelyn Grier	<u>X</u>	Jacquelyn Grier	_____
Sarah Rudes	<u>X</u>	Sarah Rudes	_____
Michael Knapp	<u>X</u>	Michael Knapp	_____
Christy Wilt	<u>X</u>	Christy Wilt	_____
Richard Wilt	<u>X</u>	Richard Wilt	_____

_____, Town Clerk Date March 4th, 2019

Committee reports:

Town Buildings & Grounds: Mr. Knapp reported the SRE building at the Airport will need a coat of stain this summer. Mrs. Rudes also suggested that the bathrooms need some painting and cleaning of the stains in sinks. Mr. Wilt reported Mr. LaScola and Mr. Small met with Michael Stieger from SMSA Architectural Services to talk about the new Highway garage building. They recommend him to draw up plans for the new building. Mr. Wilt will write up a resolution for the next Town Board meeting.

Snowmobile Trails: Mr. Knapp reported that there weren’t any bad complaints about the trails this month. Mr. Knapp talked with Mike Kello and asked him to look for used groomers with low hours to replace the BR on the Powley road trail. Most used machines have 6000 to 7000 hours on them and they cost around

\$100,000. The BR has 5400 hours on it so it might be better to have the BR fixed up for now. Mrs. Wilt will look for grants to help with the purchase of a groomer. They are usually an 80% - 20% match grant. Bob Jenny said that the BR is a good machine and can be fixed up and treated with care to make it last for a while.

Website & Chamber: Mrs. Wilt reported the Chamber contacted the Irondequoit Club about holding their dinner there in May and they were told the Club won't be serving food until June so they will be looking for another venue. The Chamber hired Bonnie Reisinger last fall and she will be taking over the farmers market coordinating.

Highway: Mr. Small reported they have been busy with snow, fixing some insurance recommendations to fix in the garage. The new sander is on order. They have had some significant brake downs this past month they had to deal with.

Lake/ Dam/ Invasive: Mrs. Rudes reported Schnabel is asking for the easement and Right of Way for State Route 10. She asked if Mr. Wilt knows which boat wash station machine will be used at Popular Point. He said he was told they can't meet to find out until the end of March with DEC.

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp

To allow the Supervisor to go out to bid for AV Gas, Propane and Fuel Oil. Bids will be opened at the April regular meeting.

Second was offered by: J. Grier

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

Mr. Wilt reported that Fulton County Ambulance closed their doors on February 8th, 2019 and with that we lost the fly car for the ambulance. Chris Laver said right now GAVAC is giving us ALS support 24 hours a day 7 days a week in the interim as they have been given an emergency CON for 60 days. Mr. Wilt said the cost of these services is going up a lot. The cost of these services to be split between Arietta, Speculator & Wells will be \$161,018.00. They are still in negotiations to pay based on usage. Presently costs are looking like \$53,672.60 for the Town of Arietta without prorating it or the cost of a fly car. There are a lot of details to be worked out, but there is \$15,000.00 in the total figure for the fly car. Mr. Wilt said funding for these services goes from the Town to the Fire department and they send it on to the Ambulance. He said in order to fund this the Town will have to set up an ambulance tax district and then the Town can give the money directly to the district. It would have to be done as a local law process which would have to be started in June so it could be completed by December to be in the 2020 budget.

Mr. Baker reported the Septic Law Project committee didn't hold their meeting last week. They had Lenny Croote come in and gave a presentation previously and he is willing to come help as needed. The committee is working on creating a tiered system to present owners in this tier would need this type action and people in each tier the type of actions they would need.

Mr. Knapp asked if anyone contact someone about purchasing more property to expand the Higgins Bay Cemetery. Mr. Wilt said he contacted the property owners and he was informed they were going to hire a professional to sell the property.

Motion was offered by: J. Grier

To pay the bills of the month as follows:

General fund: no.118 to no.153 in the amount of \$20,011.50.

General fund utilities: no.105 to no. 107 in the amount of \$871.51.

General fund utilities: no.104 in the amount of \$1965.50.

Highway fund: no.154 to no.167 in the amount of \$13,381.97.

Second was offered by: S. Rudes

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

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:

March 4, 2019 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 19-03-14

Subject: **Transfer of Funds**

Resolution Offered By: _____ R. Wilt _____

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

General Fund

\$ 2,000.00 to #A0-1910-400, Insurance-Unallocated
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:

Jacquelyn Grier X
Sarah Rudes X
Michael Knapp X
Christy Wilt X
Richard Wilt X

NOES:

Jacquelyn Grier _____
Sarah Rudes _____
Michael Knapp _____
Christy Wilt _____
Richard Wilt _____

_____, Town Clerk Date March 4th, 2019

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp
To accept the financial statement of the Supervisor for the month of February 2019 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 April 1st, 2019.

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp
To adjourn the meeting at 5:53pm.

Second was offered by: J. Grier
Ayes: Grier, Knapp, Rudes, C. Wilt and R. Wilt. **Nays:** none

Entered by:
Kenneth Parslow, Town Clerk