

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held October 7th, 2019 at the Piseco Town Offices located at the Piseco Common School building commencing at 5:00pm.

Others present: Doug Stobo, Mary Kiewicz – Chairperson of the Planning Board, Marie Buanno, Fred Knapp.

Supervisor Wilt opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Wilt opened the Public hearing for the Town of Arietta Law #1 for 2019 to override New York State's 2% tax cap for the 2020 town budget.

Mr. Wilt asked Mary Kiewicz-Chairperson of the Planning Board to inform the board of the progress of the update to the town septic system regulations. She handed the board a copy of the Queensbury, NY septic law and the septic committee's draft. She said that Queensbury doesn't do a town wide system inspection they do a property transfer system inspection. The inspections done by Queensbury personal costs \$250.00 and takes about 1 ½ to 2 hours. The wrote in their law that the Town board acts as the board for variance in these cases, it doesn't go to the Zoning board. It is like the Town board is acting kind of like the board of health. They make people put \$2,000.00 in escrow if the inspection can't be done due to weather or some other circumstance or other factors. The people will get the money back after the inspection is completed. The money is kept in escrow account with the Town board. The assessor sends the inspector of any deed changes so he can contact them and let them know what needs to be done. The sale of the property can't be finalized until this inspection is completed and the system fixed if needed and the Town gives a letter stating the sale can be completed. **Mr. Wilt** would like Hamilton County Soil & Water to do the inspections. He said there are some things that need to be changed to meet our Town's issues so he will give the board a week to review and give him suggestions. After the week he will send the draft to the Town Attorney for him to review and write up the local law.

Motion was offered by: J. Grier
To set up budget workshop meeting dates for the 2020 Town budget on October 15th, 22nd, and 29th at 5:00pm at the Town offices.

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

Mr. Wilt closed the public hearing for Local Law #1 for 2019.

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Community Hall on Old Piseco Road in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

October 07, 2019 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 19-10-32

Subject: **Local Law No. 1 of the year 2019 "A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for the Town of Arietta 2020 and authorizing the Adoption by Town of Arietta of a Budget for 2020 that Requires a Tax Levy that is Greater Than the Tax Levy Limit for the 2020 Fiscal Year"**

Resolution Offered By: M. Knapp

WHEREAS: Local Law NO.1 of the year 2019 "A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for the Town of Arietta 2020 and Authorizing the Adoption By Town of Arietta of a Budget for 2020 that Requires a Tax Levy that is Greater Than the Tax Levy Limit for the 2020 Fiscal Year", and

WHEREAS: the intention of this local law is to comply with the requirements of General Municipal Law section 3-c(5) prior to adopting the 2020 Town of Arietta Budget, and

WHEREAS: it is clear that a responsible budget for 2020 will require a tax levy that is greater than the one calculated pursuant to applicable state Law, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board hereby overrides the tax levy limit for the Town of Arietta for 2020 and authorizes the Town of Arietta, to adopt a budget for 2020 that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2020 pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal law, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town of Arietta, Town Board after a Public Hearing held on October 07, 2020 will hereby approve and accept Local Law No. 1 of the year 2020 “Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for the Town of Arietta 2020 and Authorizing the Adoption By Town of Arietta of a Budget for 2020 that Requires a Tax Levy that is Greater Than the Tax Levy Limit for the 2020 Fiscal Year”.

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

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

_____, Town Clerk Date October 7th, 2019

STATE OF NEW YORK)

) SS:

COUNTY OF)

I, Kenneth Parslow Clerk of Town of Arietta, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this Resolution with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original Resolution and of the whole thereof, as duly adopted by said Town of Arietta Town Board at a meeting duly called and held at the Piseco Common School On October 7th, 2019 by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the Resolution.

WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of The Town of Arietta, New York, this 7th Day of October, 2019.

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 7, 2019 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 19 – 10 -33

Subject: **Accept 2020 Preliminary Budget**

Resolution Offered By: J. Grier

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta has reviewed the 2020 Tentative Budget as submitted by the Arietta Town Supervisor in September 2019, 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 2020 Preliminary Budget at the October 7, 2019 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 2020 Preliminary Budget and will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of adopting the 2020 Budget.

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

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

_____, Town Clerk Date October 7th, 2019

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:

October 7, 2019 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 19-10-34

Subject: **Transfer of Funds**

Resolution Offered By: C. Wilt

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

General Fund

\$ 245.00 to #A0-7450-400, Museum Contractual Expense
from #A0-1990-400, Contingent Contractual Expense
\$7,500.00 to #A0-5132-410, Garage Contractual Expense
from #A0-0909, Fund Balance

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does approve the above transfers of money.

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

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

_____, Town Clerk Date October 7th, 2019

TOWN OF ARIETTA

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

October 4, 2018 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 19-10-35

Subject: **Agreement with James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society**

Resolution Offered By: M. Knapp

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Animal Control Officer, on various occasions, has a need to take stray, unclaimed dogs to a Humane Society, and

WHEREAS: in order to use this service when needed, it is necessary to enter into an agreement with an agency, and

WHEREAS: an annual Agreement for the James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society has been reviewed by the Town of Arietta Town Board in the amount \$500.00 to be paid out of #A3520.400 Animal Control Contractual Expense Account, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Arietta Town Board will give the Supervisor permission to sign the annual agreement for 2020 with James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society.

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

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

_____, Town Clerk Date October 7th, 2019

Snowmobile Trails: Mr. Knapp reported he is waiting on actual price of steel beams for the Piseco Lake Inlet snowmobile bridge, but the preliminary price is \$8400.00. Another issue is they have no way to set them so it looks like they will use the wood poles as they cost \$1200.00 apiece. He said they may be able to shore up the existing bridge for this winter and replace it next year.

Website & Chamber: Mrs. Wilt reported there were 410 people who attended the chambers beer and wine festival. She added the APA GIF form to the Town's website. They are looking at not doing the triathlon in Arietta next year. They will be looking for another event to hold in its place.

Lake/ Dam/ Invasive: Mr. Wilt reported there is nothing new. He has a scheduled meeting with the engineer, Bill Parslow and himself to go over the placement of the fence.

Highway: Mr. Small reported they just paving and waiting for the county's shoulder machine.

Mr. Wilt reported they will start taking the boards out of the dam probably tomorrow.

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp

To pay the bills as follows:

General Fund no. 563 to no. 598 for a total of \$33,023.12.

General Fund no. 601 for a total of \$631.90.

General Fund Utilities no. 528 to no. 529 & no. 538 for a total of \$2,746.62.

Highway Fund no. 540 to no. 562 and no. 599 to no. 600 for a total of \$55,958.02.

Second was offered by: C. Wilt

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

Motion was offered by: J. Grier

To accept the financial statement of the Supervisor for the month of September 2019 as submitted by the Supervisor.

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

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

Mr. Wilt reported that DEC wants the boat wash station back. He said he hasn't sign off on that yet because it needs to be under the stipulation that if DEC's program fails then it comes back to the Town.

The next regular meeting will be November 4th, 2019.

Motion was offered by: J. Grier

To adjourn the meeting at 5:44pm.

Second was offered by: C. Wilt

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

Entered by:

**Kenneth Parslow
Town Clerk**