

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held October 17, 2022 at the Piseco Community Hall, commencing at 5:00pm.

Roll Call

Others Present

Chris Rhodes- Supervisor- present
Sarah Rudes-present
Jacquelyn Grier-present
Christy Wilt-present
Doug Stobo- absent

Craig Small – Highway Superintendent
Matt Wilt
Steve Woehrle
William Hotaling
Barry Baker
Joyce Page-Account Clerk

Purpose of this meeting was a Public Meeting, Budget Workshop and any other town business.
At this time Supervisor Rhodes opened the Public Meeting regarding the Tax Cap.

RESOLUTION:

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a special 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:

October 17, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 22-10-64

Subject: **Authorize One Time Buy Out for Vacation for the Town of Arietta Employees**

Resolution Offered By: Sarah Rudes

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta at the September 6, 2022 meeting, passed a motion to allow a vacation buy out for any unused vacation time in the last payroll in December, which the town board sets by resolution, and

WHEREAS: it was necessary to change the employee handbook wording to reflect said change at the October 3, 2022, town board meeting, and

WHEREAS: after more discussion regarding the vacation buy out by the Arietta Town Board the decision was made to make the vacation buy out available only for 2022 and will revisit it again in 2023, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board will rescind the resolution done at the October 3, 2022 meeting making a change to the wording in the employee handbook and will revert back to the wording prior to this resolution, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town of Arietta, Town Board will rescind both the motion made at the September 6, 2022 meeting and resolution #22-10-59 from the

October 3, 2022 meeting, and will authorize a one-time buy out for unused vacation for the Arietta Employees in 2022 payable in the last check issued in December 2022.

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

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier x__	Jacquelyn Grier ____	Jacquelyn Grier ____	Jacquelyn Grier ____
Sarah Rudes x__	Sarah Rudes ____	Sarah Rudes ____	Sarah Rudes ____
Douglas Stobo ____	Douglas Stobo ____	Douglas Stobo ____	Douglas Stobo x__
Christy Wilt x__	Christy Wilt ____	Christy Wilt ____	Christy Wilt ____
Christian Rhodes x__	Christian Rhodes ____	Christian Rhodes ____	Christian Rhodes ____
<u>Laura Morehouse</u>		<u>10-17-22</u>	
	Town Clerk	Date	

There was a discussion regarding the changes in the General Fund Budget suggested during the October 10, 2022 meeting.

Sarah Rudes asked Supervisor Rhodes about a summary that Joyce Page (Clerk) had given the board a summary of the estimated unexpended fund balance during the last Budget workshop (October 10, 2022). A summary of the ESTIMATED UNEXPENDED BALANCE was given to all the board members for 2022/2023.

Sarah Rudes requested a separate line under personal services for the vacation buy back for 2023 for all the eligible employees.

Sarah Rudes led a discussion regarding the cost-of-living raise percentage. There was a suggestion of 9.5% across the board for Employees and Elected Officials.

Regarding the difference in Town of Arietta and Lake Pleasant highway employee salary and benefits Christy Wilt would like to revisit the salaries and benefits next year and Supervisor Rhodes would like to revisit the steps vs longevity to get a clearer picture of how wages and benefits are figured.

The Highway Fund portion of the budget was gone over by Superintendent Craig Small.

A question was raised by Sarah Rudes regarding the amount in the budget for Insurance buy outs. Craig stated there had to be enough money in the budget to cover the insurance buy out if an employee changes Health plans leaves with the town.

Supervisor Rhodes asked if there were any comments on the Tax Cap, there were no questions or concerns offered. He closed the public hearing at this time 5:46pm.

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a special 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:

October 17, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 22-10-63

Subject: Local Law No. 1 of the year 2022 “A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for the Town of Arietta 2023 and authorizing the Adoption by Town of Arietta of a Budget for 2023 that Requires a Tax Levy that is Greater Than the Tax Levy Limit for the 2023 Fiscal Year”

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

WHEREAS: Local Law NO.1 of the year 2022 “A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for the Town of Arietta 2023 and Authorizing the Adoption by Town of Arietta of a Budget for 2023 that Requires a Tax Levy that is Greater Than the Tax Levy Limit for the 2023 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 2023 Town of Arietta Budget, and

WHEREAS: it is clear that a responsible budget for 2023 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 2023 and authorizes the Town of Arietta, to adopt a budget for 2023 that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2023 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 17, 2022 will hereby approve and accept Local Law No. 1 of the year 2022 “Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for the Town of Arietta 2023 and Authorizing the Adoption by Town of Arietta of a Budget for 2023 that Requires a Tax Levy that is Greater Than the Tax Levy Limit for the 2023 Fiscal Year”.

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

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier x__	Jacquelyn Grier ____	Jacquelyn Grier ____	Jacquelyn Grier ____
Sarah Rudes x__	Sarah Rudes ____	Sarah Rudes ____	Sarah Rudes ____
Douglas Stobo ____	Douglas Stobo ____	Douglas Stobo ____	Douglas Stobo x__
Christy Wilt x__	Christy Wilt ____	Christy Wilt ____	Christy Wilt ____
Christian Rhodes x__	Christian Rhodes ____	Christian Rhodes ____	Christian Rhodes ____

Laura Morehouse

Town Clerk

10-17-2022

Date

STATE OF NEW YORK):

TOWN OF ARIETTA):

COUNTY OF HAMILTON):

I, Laura Morehouse Clerk 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 Arietta Town Board at a meeting duly called and held at the Piseco Common School

On October 17, 2022 by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the Resolution.

WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of Arietta, New York, this 17th Day of October, 2022.

Laura Morehouse
(Town Clerk, Town of Arietta)

The next meeting will be another Special Meeting for Budget workshop #3 on October 24,2022 at 5:00 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

William Hotaling had a question regarding a possible rental tax for short term rentals in Arietta.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Jacqui Grier

Seconded by Christy Wilt.

All members were in favor

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm

Respectfully submitted:

Laura Morehouse

