

Town of Arietta
January 17, 2023
Town of Arietta Special Town Board Meeting

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held January 17, 2023 at the Piseco Town Offices located at the Piseco Common School building commencing at 5 PM.

Others present: Craig Small- Highway Superintendent
Mel LaScola- Zoning Officer
Steve Woehrle

Supervisor Rhodes opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

Roll Call:

Jacqui Grier	present-X
Sarah Rudes	present-X
Douglas Stobo	present-X
Christy Wilt	present - X
Chris Rhodes	present -X

The PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SENIOR TAX EXEMPTION was opened by Supervisor Rhodes at 5:01

At this time Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the January 3,2023 meeting. Motion was offered by Doug Stobo, Seconded by Sarah Rudes. All members were in favor. Motion passed.

Next Mel LaScola- Zoning Officer gave a presentation on the changes in the Permits Forms. He reported that he had done 86 permits in 2022. He explained what the meanings of the placards that will be placed on new buildings. These will tell firemen about the structure. There will also be more subjects added to the building permits. Example: **Permit renewal, Auxiliary heat (pellet stoves), Auxiliary Electricity Example: solar power, and wind power.**

A discussion followed regarding these additions.

RESOLUTIONS

**Agenda
January 17, 2023
at School
Town of Arietta**

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Open Public Hearing Senior Tax Exemption
- Motion to approve minutes for the January 3, 2023 meeting
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- Resolutions:
 - 23-01-08 Review 2022 Books**
 - 23-01-09 Meal Reimbursement Policy**
 - 23-01-10 Deputies for Supervisor & Highway**
 - 23-01-11 Demolition Fees**

23-01-12 Reappoint
23-01-13 Hire Audit Firm

Committee Reports

Snowmobile Trails –Grier
Town Buildings and Grounds - Stobo
Internal Management / Insurance,
Recreation, Website & Chamber- C Wilt
Finance / Airport-C. Rhodes
Lake / Dam / Invasive/campsite -Rudes

- **Old Business:**
 - NYMIR Letter PCH Use
 - Community Hall
- **New Business:**
 - Motion to accept the bills
 - Motion to accept the financial statements
 - Public Comment
 - Close Public Hearing
 - **23-01-14 Senior Tax Exemption**
 - Designation of next Meeting February 6, 2023
 - **Motion to adjourn**

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a special 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:

January 17, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 23 – 01 - 08

Subject: **Review of the 2022 Arietta Financial Records**

Resolution Offered By: _____ Jacqui Grier _____

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta, Town Board have been presented with the 2022 financial records for the Town of Arietta at the January 17, 2023 meeting as required by Town Law Section 123, and

WHEREAS: these records include the Justices, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does approve the 2022 Town of Arietta financial records as presented.

Seconded by: Sarah Rudes 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 x__	Douglas Stobo ____	Douglas Stobo ____	Douglas Stobo ____
Christy Wilt x__	Christy Wilt ____	Christy Wilt ____	Christy Wilt ____
Christian Rhodes x__	Christian Rhodes ____	Christian Rhodes ____	Christian Rhodes ____

Laura Morehouse January 17, 2023
Town Clerk Date

TOWN OF ARIETTA

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January 17, 2023

Resolution # 23-01-09

Subject: **Resolution by the Town Board of the Town of Arietta to Establish a Meal Reimbursement Policy for Employees**

Resolution Offered By: Christy Wilt

WHEREAS: the Town Board of the Town of Arietta desires to establish a meal reimbursement policy when employees are traveling on behalf of the Town of Arietta, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that:

- I. Individual in-county (Hamilton County, NY) meals are not reimbursable, with the exception of training and conferences.
- II. Meals are reimbursable in conjunction with out-of-county travel as follows (including tax & tip):
 - A. With receipts, the Town will reimburse up to:
Breakfast - \$15.00
Lunch - \$20.00
Dinner - \$35.00
 - B. Without receipts, the Town will reimburse up to the per diem amounts (including tax & tip):
Breakfast - \$4.00
Lunch - \$6.00
Dinner - \$15.00
 - C. The guidelines for meal reimbursement will also include the following timing requirements which apply to day trips and the day of departure and the day of return for overnight travel:

the Piseco Common School, Piseco, NY, on January 17, 2023, by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the Resolution.

Witness My Hand of the Official Seal of Town of Arietta, NY, this 17 day of January 2023.

Laura Morehouse

Town Clerk

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January 17, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 23 – 01 - 10

Subject: **Appointment for the Positions of the Deputy Supervisor and the Deputy Highway Superintendent**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta, Town Board have received the candidates chosen from the Town Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent for the 2023 Deputy positions, and

WHEREAS: the Supervisor presented Christy Wilt to fill the 2023 Deputy Supervisor position and the Highway Superintendent presented Matthew Wilt to fill the 2023 Deputy Highway Superintendent position, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta will appoint Christy Wilt as the 2023 Deputy Supervisor and Matthew Wilt as the 2023 Deputy Highway Superintendent retroactive as of January 2, 2023.

Seconded by: Sarah Rudes 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 x___	Douglas Stobo ___	Douglas Stobo ___	Douglas Stobo ___
Christy Wilt x	Christy Wilt ___	Christy Wilt ___	Christy Wilt ___
Christian Rhodes x___	Christian Rhodes ___	Christian Rhodes ___	Christian Rhodes ___

Laura Morehouse

Town Clerk

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Date

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January 17, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 22 – 01 - 11

Subject: **Revise the Fee and Guidelines for the Disposal of Demolition Material**

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

WHEREAS: the current fee schedule and guidelines needs to be reviewed and updated for the disposal of demolition debris, and

WHEREAS: this fee will affect anyone with a demolition permit, contractors, and town residents for the removal of all building material, whose monthly accumulative excess weight of 500lbs or more, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta does approve establishing a new fee for all town residents, contractors, and demo permit holders whose monthly accumulative excess building material is over weight of 500lbs that is generated in the town. With a fee schedule as follows: \$71.00 per ton or amount as designated by Hamilton County Solid Waste, and

WHEREAS: additional guidelines are as follows:

1. Debris Fees will be paid by check and made payable to the Town of Arietta.
2. A Demo permit and fees will be issued by the Town of Arietta Zoning Officer
3. Transfer Station attendees will require a copy of Demo permit given by Zoning Officer before dumping any debris, or
4. Transfer Station Attendees will note the tare slip with the resident’s information and will be billed by the Town of Arietta accordingly per monthly accumulative excess weight of 500lbs or more that does not require a demo permit.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta hereby rescinds all past resolutions for the fees set for Disposal of Demolition Material and guidelines and will approve and follow the above guidelines and fee for the disposal of debris to the Lake Pleasant Transfer station with a demolition permit.

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 x ___	Douglas Stobo ___	Douglas Stobo ___	Douglas Stobo ___
Christy Wilt x ___	Christy Wilt ___	Christy Wilt ___	Christy Wilt ___
Christian Rhodes x ___	Christian Rhodes ___	Christian Rhodes ___	Christian Rhodes ___

Laura Morehouse January 17, 2023
Town Clerk Date

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January 17, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 23-01-12

Subject: **Appointment Planning Board**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

WHEREAS: it is necessary that the Arietta Town Board reappoint Bryan Rudes to the Arietta Planning Board because his term ends February 28, 2023, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board after review will reappoint him to a term of five (5) years on the Arietta Planning Board effective March 1, 2023 and ending February 29, 2028, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta, does hereby reappoint Bryan Rudes to the Arietta Planning Board for a term of five (5) years as outlined above.

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 x__	Douglas Stobo ____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo ____
Christy Wilt x__	Christy Wilt ____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt ____
Christian Rhodes x__	Christian Rhodes ____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes ____

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Resolution # 23 – 01 - 13

Subject: **Accept Independent Auditor**

Resolution Offered By: Sarah Rudes

WHEREAS: Town of Arietta, Town Board has received a new agreement from Drescher & Malecki, LLC. to provide professional auditing services for the year ending December 31, 2022, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board of Arietta has reviewed and accepted the agreement from Drescher & Malecki, LLP for audit of the 2022 Annual Financial Reports required by the New York State Comptroller and authorizes the Supervisor to execute all documents to enter into said agreement.

Seconded by: Jacqui Grier 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 x__	Douglas Stobo ____	Douglas Stobo ____	Douglas Stobo ____
Christy Wilt x__	Christy Wilt ____	Christy Wilt ____	Christy Wilt ____
Christian Rhodes x__	Christian Rhodes ____	Christian Rhodes ____	Christian Rhodes ____

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PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2023
State of New York
Town of Arietta

A LOCAL LAW entitled “Senior Tax Exemption”, amending Local Law #1 of 2010, which amended Local Law #1 of 2009, which amended Local Law #2 of 2004, which amended Local Law #1 of 1982, which amended Local Law #1 of 1980, which amended Local Law #2 of 1977, which amended Local Law #2 of 1974

BE IT ENACTED, by the Town Board of the Town of Arietta as follows:

Section 1. The purpose of this Local Law is to permit partial exemption from real property taxation, real property owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, or real property owned by husband and wife, one of whom is 65 years of age or over and whose income or combined annual income does not exceed \$36,000.00 pursuant to §467 of Real Property Tax Law.

Section 2. Real Property situate in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York, owned by one or more persons, each of whom is sixty-five years of age or older, or real property owned by husband and wife, one of whom is sixty-five years of age or older, shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of fifty percent (50) of the assessed valuation thereof.

Section 3. No exemption shall be granted:

- (a) If the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption exceeds the sum of \$36,000.00 income tax year shall mean the 12-month period for which the owners filed a Federal Personal Income Tax Return, or if no such return is filed, the calendar year. Where title is vested in either the husband or wife, their combined income may not exceed such sum. Such income shall include social security and retirement benefits, interest, dividends, net rental income, salary of earnings and net income from self-employment, but shall not include gifts or inheritances;
- (b) Unless the title of the property shall have been vested in the owner or all of the owners of the property for at least sixty consecutive months prior to the date of making application for exemption, provided, however, that in the event of the death of either a husband or wife in whose name title of the property shall have been vested at the time of death and then becomes vested solely in the survivor by virtue of devise by or descent from the deceased husband or wife, the time of ownership of the property by the deceased husband or wife shall be deemed also a time of ownership by the survivor and such ownership shall be deemed continuance for the purposes of computing such period of sixty consecutive months provided further, that in the event of a transfer by either a husband or wife to the other spouse of all or part of the title to the property the time of ownership of the property by the transfer of spouse shall be deemed also a time of ownership by the transferee spouse and such ownership shall be deemed continuous for the purposes of computing such period of sixty consecutive months and provided further that where property of the owner or owners has been acquired to replace property formerly owned by such owner or owners and taken by eminent domain or other involuntary proceeding, except a tax sale, and further provided that where a residence is sold and replaced with another within one year and is in the same assessment unit the period of ownership of the former property shall be combined with the period of ownership of the property for which application is made for exemption and such periods of ownership shall be deemed to be consecutive for purposes of this section;
- (c) Unless the property is used exclusively for residential purposes;
- (d) Unless the real property is the legal residence of and is occupied in whole or in part by the owner or by all of the owners of the property.

Section 4. Application for such exemption must be made by the owner, or all of the owners of the property, on the forms prescribed by the state board to be furnished by the Assessors of the Town of Arietta and shall furnish the information and be executed in the manner required or prescribed in such forms, and shall be filed in such Assessors office on or before the 1st of May.

Section 5. At least 60 days prior to the 1st day of May the Assessors of the Town of Arietta shall mail to each person who is granted an exemption pursuant to this Law on the latest completed assessment roll an application form and notice that such application must be filed on or before the 1st day of May and be approved in order for the exemption to be granted. Failure to mail any such application form and notice or the failure of such person to receive the same shall not prevent the levy, collection and enforcement of the payment of the taxes on property owned by such person.

Section 6. Any conviction of having made any willful false statement in the application for such exemption, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00 and shall disqualify the applicant or applicants from further exemption for a period of five (5) years.

Section 7. This Local Law shall take effect immediately, as required by law.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Snowmobile Trails- J. Grier had nothing to report. Not enough snow on trails.

Town Buildings and Grounds- D. Stobo had nothing to report

Internal Management/Insurance/Recreation/Website & Chamber- C. Wilt met with the Chamber of Commerce Board. A discussion regarding the future of the Chamber and what it means to the Town of Arietta.

Lake /Dam/Invasive/ Campsite- S. Rudes had nothing to report.

Finance/Airport- C. Rhodes A discussion followed on a proposed agreement with the Lake Pleasant/Speculator Senior Citizens group. The board would like information on how many Arietta tax payers actually use the Services they provide.

Supervisor Rhodes also asked the board for permission to start the necessary paperwork needed for the new Fencing at the Higgins Bay Cemetery.

A motion was made by Sarah Rudes and seconded by Christy Wilt. All members were in favor of the Supervisor request. Motion passed.

C. Wilt and C. Rhodes met with the Hudson Wireless Company who have shown interest in the new Emergency Communication tower. At this time there still has to be permits issued by the FAA and APA before this can move forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

A letter from NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) gave a guide line on how the Community Hall can be leased/rented to the public.

A proposed new Network Storage/Backup System that the towns ITT Manager found to be more economical and help the town with better information storage was discussed. A motion to purchase this system was made by Doug Stobo and seconded by Jacqui Grier. All members were in favor of the purchase. Motion was passed.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to pay the bills as presented. Christy Wilt made the motion and Jacqui Grier seconded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

At this time Supervisor Rhodes closed the Public Hearing on the Senior Tax Exemption. The time 5:57 p.m. There was no comment from the public regarding this subject.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be on February 6,2023 at 5:00pm

J. Grier offered the motion to adjourn and C. Wilt seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk.