

TOWN OF ARIETTA
March 6,2023
Regular Town Board Meeting

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held March 6,2023 Piseco Town Offices located at the Piseco Common School.

Supervisor Rhodes opened the meeting at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Craig Small- Highway Superintendent
Larry Smith
Steve Woehrle
Marie Buanno
John Rajca
Barry Baker

Roll Call:

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

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the February 6,2023 minutes as presented by the Town Clerk.

Motion to accept minutes was offered by Sarah Rudes, seconded by Jacqui Grier. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

Agenda
March 6, 2023
at School
Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the February 6, 2023 meeting
- Resolutions

23-03-15 Post Road Weight Restriction for 2023
23-03-16 Brennan Memorial Humane Society Agreement 2023
23-03-17 Appoint Planning Board Member

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
Superintendents report– Craig Small
Codes and Zoning – Mel Lascola

- **Old Business**
 - Re-word senior agreement
 - Chamber
- **New Business**
 - Cemetery Fence Bid Opening April 3, 2023
 - Bi-weekly meetings
- Set public hearing date - land use amendment zone 34
- Motion to accept the bills
- Motion to accept the financial statements
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting April 3, 2023
- **Motion to adjourn**

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2023 Special Town Board Meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.
Motion was offered by
Seconded by
All in Favor- Motion passed

RESOLUTIONS:

TOWN OF ARIETTA

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

March 6, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 23-03-15

Subject: **REQUESTING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO POST WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON TOWN ROADS FOR THE YEAR 2023**

Resolution Offered By: Christy Wilt

WHEREAS: Vehicle and Traffic Law Article 41, Section 1660 gives authority to the Town Board to post weight limits on Town Roads when the Board deems necessary to protect roads from harm during spring breakup, and

WHEREAS: Vehicle and Traffic Law Article 40, Section 1650 gives authority to the county superintendent of highways to post weight limits on County Roads when the superintendent deems it necessary to protect County roads from harm during spring breakup, and

WHEREAS: the Town would need to place an ad in the local newspaper notifying the public of such postings, and

WHEREAS: the County Superintendent places a legal ad in the local newspaper notifying the public of such posting on County highways, and

WHEREAS: the Town roads are typically posted for the same duration as the County roads, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board and Town Highway Superintendent believes that it would be in the interest of the Town if the County Superintendent post weight restrictions on the Town roads in conjunction with the County Roads during spring breakup, be it

RESOLVED: the Town Board of the Town of Arietta hereby requests and authorizes the County Superintendent of Highways post weight restrictions on Town roads within the Town of Arietta when he deems necessary for the calendar year 2023.

Seconded by: Doug Stobo 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

March 6, 2023

Date

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:

March 6, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 23-03-16

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

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

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 \$750.00 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 2023 with James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society.

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 March 6,2023
Town Clerk Date

TOWN OF ARIETTA

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

March 6, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 23-03-17

Subject: **Appointment Planning Board**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

WHEREAS: it is necessary that the Arietta Town Board fill the position that is vacant due to the resignation of Bryan Rudes to the Arietta Planning Board effective March 1, 2023, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board after review, will appoint Eric Greiner to fill the vacancy for the term of five (5) years on the Arietta Planning Board effective March 6, 2023 and ending February 29, 2028, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta, does hereby appoint Eric Greiner to fill vacancy on the Arietta Planning Board for a term of five (5) years as outlined above.

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 March 6, 2023

Town Clerk Date

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March 6, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 23-03-18

Subject: **Transfer of Funds**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

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

General Fund

\$ 100,000.00 to #A0-5132.410, Garage Contractual Expense
from #A0-0909 Fund Balance

Highway Fund

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

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

March 6, 2023

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Snowmobile Trails- J. Grier had nothing new to report from Frontier regarding the building.

Town Buildings and Grounds- D. Stobo reported there was a leak in the Community Hall roof. This will be addressed.

Internal Management/Insurance/Recreation/ Website and Chamber. C. Wilt reported there will be a JOB FAIR at Oak Mountain on February 22, 2023 from 4-8pm. The Birding Festival registration opened this morning and it is almost already full. C. Rhodes reported that Mary Hyde from the Piseco Yacht Club suggested possible activities for this summer, a Sailboat Parade around the lake, and a Moonlight Paddle from Poplar Point in July, being there will be a full moon.

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

Finance/Airport- C. Rhodes and board had a discussion regarding the siding for the Snow Removal Equipment Building on the Airport. At this time Supervisor Rhodes commended Superintendent Small for the job that he and his crew have been doing on the roads. They have done an excellent job.

Highways-Superintendent Craig Small was asked if he had anything to report. Craig stated that he had received no bids on the new trucks. He will continue to work on getting bids. He asked about the Settlement Agreement and Final Release of Rights for employees. Doug Stobo made a motion to accept, seconded by Jacqui Grier, AYES: D. Stobo, J. Grier, C. Wilt, C. Rhodes, S. Rudes abstained. Motion was passed. He has one full time employee retiring, Pete Doherty.

Zoning- Mel LaScola was absent

OLD BUSINESS:

Chris Rhodes and Jacqui Grier met with the Chamber of Commerce director they gave a report on that meeting. A discussion followed on the town's future with the Chamber.

Sarah Rudes will work on the re-wording of the Senior Center agreement.

New Business:

Supervisor Rhodes stated that the bids for the new cemetery fence will be opened on April 3, 2023 at the April board meeting.

The APA has approved the land use amendment for parcel 34. we will have a public hearing on this at the May1,2023, 5 p.m. at the Piseco School Offices.

Supervisor Rhodes asked the board what they felt about have Bi-Monthly meetings the first and third Monday of the month. Discussion followed. All board members were in favor. We will have the next meeting on March 20, 2023 at 5pm.

GENERAL FUND: no# 121-147,149-150 FOR A TOTAL OF \$151,430.36

HIGHWAY FUND: no# 151-159 FOR A TOTQL OF \$19,741.70

UTILITIES FUND: no# 112, 116-120 FOR A TOTAL OF \$4313.78

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the bills.

Motion was offered by Jacqui Grier

Seconded by Christy Wilt

All Members were in favor- Motion passed.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to Accept the financial report.

Motion offered by Doug Stobo

Seconded by Sarah Rudes

All Member were in favor- Motion Passed

Public Comment:

Larry Smith-had a question whether there could be a launch site for small watercraft added to the parking area by the lower Sacandaga Bridge. A discussion followed and the general consensus thought that the State had to be contacted regarding this. Also, Stratford had closed their snowmobile trails and it has basically shut off lower Arietta trails thus affecting business and trails in Lower Arietta.

Marie Buanno- Had questions whether the Chamber of Commerce will still be printing a calendar of events. They contact her for information on what the Piseco Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will be having for the year. Discussion followed

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At this time Supervisor Rhodes reported there may be four candidates taking the Basic EMT course in Speculator.

Next regular board meeting will be March 20 ,2023 at Piseco Town Offices- Piseco Common School.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion was offered by Jacqui Grier

Seconded by Christy Wilt

Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm