

TOWN OF ARIETTA  
June 20,2023  
Regular Town Board Meeting

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

Roll Call:

Jacqui Grier present  
Douglas Stobo present  
Sarah Rudes absent  
Christy Wilt present  
Chris Rhodes present  
Highway Superintendent- Craig Small- absent  
Mel LaScola- Zoning and Code Enforcement  
William Hotaling-Assessor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Woerhle  
Kevin Kennedy  
Judy Ford  
Marie Buanno  
Barry Baker

**AGENDA**  
**June 20,2023**  
**at School**  
**TOWN OF ARIETTA**

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the June 5, 2023 meeting
- **Resolutions:**
  - 23-06-33 Set Public Hearing Local Law #3
  - 23-06-34 Tax Collector
  - 23-06-35 Riley Tavern Roof
- **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**
- **Assessor – Bill Hotaling**
- **Old Business:**
  - Frontier Lease
  - Comprehensive Plan Application
- **New Business:**
  - Airport ACIP

- Motion to accept the bills
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting July 3, 2023
- **Motion to adjourn**

**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:

June 20, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 23-06-33

**Subject: AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2023 “A LOCAL LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 487 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ARIETTA TO OPT-OUT OF PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR, WIND, OR WASTE ENERGY SYSTEMS”**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2023 titled "A LOCAL LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 487 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ARIETTA TO OPT-OUT OF PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR, WIND, OR WASTE ENERGY SYSTEMS" attached hereto and made a part hereof, be, and the same hereby is introduced before the Town Board, Town of Arietta, and in order to give interested members of the public the opportunity to be heard thereon, the Arietta Town Board shall hold a public hearing at the Meeting Room in the Piseco School on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., on the matter of the adoption of said proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2023, entitled "A LOCAL LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 487 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ARIETTA TO OPT-OUT OF PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR WIND, OR WASTE ENERGY SYSTEMS", and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to give notice of such public hearing in the manner provided by law.

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 _____	Sarah Rudes _____	Sarah Rudes ___	Sarah Rudes x_____
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 June 20, 2023  
 Town Clerk Date

**Town of Arietta**  
**LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2023**

**A LOCAL LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 487 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW  
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ARIETTA TO OPT-OUT OF PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY  
TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR, WIND, OR WASTE ENERGY SYSTEMS.**

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

Section 1. Title: This Local Law shall be known as "Opt-Out of Real Property Tax Law Section 487 Exemption for Qualified Solar, Wind or Waste Energy Systems Law of 2023".

Section 2. Declaration of Intent: The intent is to opt-out and disallow any real property tax exemption for Town taxation purposes contained in New York State Real Property Tax Law Section §487 for qualified solar, wind or waste energy systems.

Section 3. Removal of Exemption: The Town Board hereby removes any exemption provided by New York State Real Property Tax Law Section §487 for qualified solar, wind or waste energy systems for the purposes of Town taxation.

Section 4. Severability: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this local law is for any reason declared unconstitutional or invalid, in whole or in part, by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable, and such unconstitutionality or invalidation shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this law, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Filing: In addition to filing with the Secretary of State, this local law shall be filed with the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services, and an additional copy shall be provided to the President of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

Section 6. Effective Date: This local law shall take effect upon the date on which a certified copy of this local law is filed in the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

**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:

June 20, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution #        23-06-34

Subject: **Appointment Tax Collector**

Resolution Offered By:     Doug Stobo    

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta has received Sharon Matthew's resignation for the elected position of the Town of Arietta Tax Collector to take effect June 30, 2023, and

**WHEREAS:** it is necessary that the Arietta Town Board appoint Marie Buanno from the position of appointed Deputy Tax Collector to the vacant Tax Collector position to finish out the term ending December 31, 2023, and

**WHEREAS:** the Arietta Town Board will authorize compensation to Marie Buanno for the duties of the Tax Collector position in 2023 for the remaining balance of the original salary authorized in 2023, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town Board, Town of Arietta, does hereby appoint Marie Buanno to fill the vacant Tax Collector position for the elected term ending December 31, 2023, as outlined above, effective July 1, 2023.

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 _____	Sarah Rudes _____	Sarah Rudes ___	Sarah Rudes x_____
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 June20,2023  
Town Clerk Date

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:

June 20, 2023, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 23-06-35

Subject: **Replace Riley Tavern Roof**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta has received from the Piseco Lake Historical Society two (2) quotes for the replacement of the Riley Tavern Roof, which were the only vendors to respond for the project, and

**WHEREAS:** the Piseco Lake Historical Society is overseeing this project as the lead, with the Town of Arietta providing two-thirds of the project expense, and

**WHEREAS:** the Piseco Lake Historical Society will provide the Town of Arietta copies of the project documentation to keep on file, as it is a town building, and

**WHEREAS:** Thomson Construction was chosen as the lowest quote in the amount of \$21,500.00. The Town of Arietta shares \$14,333.34 and the Piseco Lake Historical Society shares \$7,166.66 of the project expense as outlined in the attachment, and

**WHEREAS:** the town will pay Thomson Construction once the project has been completed and the Piseco Lake Historical Society has signed off the project, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town Board, Town of Arietta, does hereby approve paying two-thirds of the project expense to Thomson Construction to replace the Riley Tavern Roof per the quote as attachment submitted from the Piseco Lake Historical Society.

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 _____	Sarah Rudes _____	Sarah Rudes __	Sarah Rudes x_____
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

June 20,2023

Date

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SNOWMOBILE TRAILS:** Jacqui Grier-reported that Frontier is open to negotiations. The board feels we need more information before a rental price is proposed. There was also a discussion on the Veterans Memorial, Judy Ford has done some research. There will be more discussion at the July meeting regarding names, times served and any other questions.

**TOWN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS-**Doug Stobo-had questions regarding the old Highway equipment storage building. Discussion followed.

**INTERNAL MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE, RECREATION, WEBSITE & CHAMBER-**Christy Wilt reported that she had 9 children sign up for golf lessons, the most she has had. She also reported that the Parade Committee in Speculator asked if the town could rent a portable toilet for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. They stated that it will cost \$200.00 for rental. After discussion a motion was made by Christy Wilt and seconded by Jacqui Grier to rent a portable toilet and pay no more than \$200.00 for the rental. All members present were in favor. Motion passed.

**LAKE/DAM/INVASIVE/CAMPSITESUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Sarah Rudes was absent for meeting.

**CODES AND ZONING:** Mel LaScola reported he had a complaint on another sign issue. Discussion followed.

**AIRPORT AND FINANCE:** Supervisor Rhodes discussed the Airport Capitol Improvement Program for future improvements. There was discussion regarding the Runway 4 Obstruction removal.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

Comprehensive Plan Application- after discussing the application it was unanimous that the town will not do a new application at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Runway 4- Obstruction Removal- Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to approve the Obstruction removal- Motion made by Christy Wilt seconded by Doug Stobo all members present were in favor- Motion passed.

**BILLS:**

HIGHWAY FUND-#353-355 FOR A TOTAL OF \$4573.54

GENERAL FUND-#352 FOR A TOTAL OF \$138,655.00

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to pay the bills as presented by the Town Clerk. Jacqui Grier made the motion and Doug Stobo seconded. All members were in favor. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kevin Kennedy inquired about a portable toilet being put at the Popular Point Campsite, there are no bathroom facilities for the public to use.

There were no more comments.

The next regular meeting will be July 3,2023 at 5pm at Piseco School Town Offices

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was made by Jacqui Grier and seconded by Christy Wilt; Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk