

**TOWN OF ARIETTA**  
**July 17,2023**  
**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 present  
Christy Wilt present  
Chris Rhodes present  
Highway Superintendent- Craig Small  
Mel LaScola- Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kevin Kennedy  
Judy Ford  
Barry Baker  
Marie Buanno  
Jodi Small  
Mary Kiewicz  
Kathy Garrett  
Fred Knapp

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the July 3,2023 minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Jacqui Grier offered the motion and Doug Stobo seconded the motion. All members present were in favor. Motion passed.

**July 17, 2023**  
at School  
**Town of Arietta**

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the July 3, 2023 meeting
- Presentation: Drescher & Malecli LLP Audit
- Resolutions
  - **23-07-37 Auction** the Equipment Storage Building
  - **23-07-38 ALS** Fly Car Service Agreement
  - **23-07-39 Independent** Audit Report
  
- **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**
  - Veterans- Roll of Honor and Memorial
  - Frontier Lease
  
- **New Business**
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- Motion to accept the bills
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting August 7, 2023
- **Motion to adjourn**

**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:

July 17, 2023, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 23-07-37

Subject: **Authorizing Disposition of the Town of Arietta Highway Garage**

Resolution Offered By:  Sarah Rudes

**WHEREAS:** with the construction of the new Equipment Storage Building, it is necessary to remove the current highway structure from the property, and

**WHEREAS:** since it is no longer needed by the Town of Arietta Highway Department, the Highway Superintendent has recommended that it be disposed of from the Town inventory, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town of Arietta Town Board authorizes the aforementioned structure to be listed for auction on 7/31/23 for fifteen (15) days with Auctions International and an advertisement to be placed in the newspaper to notify anyone interested to visit the Auction International website. The winner of said auction will be given access to remove the structure on 9/1/23, with full removal, down to the slab, no later than 9/30/23. Any proceeds of the auction shall be a revenue credit to Revenue Account A0-2665 Sale of Equipment, and

**FURTHER, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town Supervisor is to ensure that proper inventory notes be recorded when the transactions are completed.

Seconded by:  Doug Stobo  and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ___	Jacquelyn Grier <input type="checkbox"/> ___	Jacquelyn Grier <input type="checkbox"/> ___	Jacquelyn Grier <input type="checkbox"/> ___
Sarah Rudes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ___	Sarah Rudes <input type="checkbox"/> ___	Sarah Rudes <input type="checkbox"/> ___	Sarah Rudes <input type="checkbox"/> ___
Douglas Stobo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ___	Douglas Stobo <input type="checkbox"/> ___	Douglas Stobo <input type="checkbox"/> ___	Douglas Stobo <input type="checkbox"/> ___
Christy Wilt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ___	Christy Wilt <input type="checkbox"/> ___	Christy Wilt <input type="checkbox"/> ___	Christy Wilt <input type="checkbox"/> ___
Christian Rhodes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ___	Christian Rhodes <input type="checkbox"/> ___	Christian Rhodes <input type="checkbox"/> ___	Christian Rhodes <input type="checkbox"/> ___

<u> Laura Morehouse </u>	<u> 7/17/2023 </u>
Town Clerk	Date

**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:

July 17, 2023, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 23-07-38

Subject: **CONSENT, ASSIGNMENT, AND ASSUMPTION OF AGREEMENT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE by and among the TOWNS OF ARIETTA AND LAKE PLEASANT, MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS IN NEW YORK (“Towns”), GREATER AMSTERDAM VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS (“GAVAC”), and PRIORITY AMBULANCE NEW YORK, LLC d/b/a LAKE VALLEY EMS (“Lake Valley EMS”).**

Resolution Offered By:  Jacqui Grier

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta in April 2019 entered into an Agreement for emergency medical and ambulance services including prehospital emergency treatment and Advanced Life Support (“ALS”) fly car services for its residents and non-residents for medical emergencies occurring in the Town, and

**WHEREAS:** under General Municipal Law 122-b the Town may provide for such services, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town has received a new Consent, Assignment and Assumption of Agreement for Ambulance Service as GAVAC has agreed to sell substantially all its assets to Lake Valley EMS, and Lake Valley EMS will commence the provision of ambulance services in the same area previously served by GAVAC as per the attached Agreement, and

**WHEREAS:** the Assignor GAVAC hereby assigns, sells, transfers, and conveys to Assignee Lake Valley EMS, as of the Effective Date, all the Assignor's right, title, interest, and obligations under the Agreement, and

**WHEREAS:** the Assignee Lake Valley EMS hereby (a) assumes all of the Assignor's right, title, interest, and obligations under the Agreement, and (b) agrees to perform, and be bound by, all obligations and satisfy all conditions to be performed or satisfied by Assignor under the provisions of the Agreement, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta consents to this Assignment and Assumption and agrees that, commencing upon the Effective Date of this Assignment, it will look solely to Assignee Lake Valley EMS as its ambulance service provider under the Agreement, and

**THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:** the Town Board of the Town of Arietta hereby approves the Consent, Assignment, and Assumption of Agreement for Ambulance Service, as per the attachment, by and among the Towns of Arietta and Lake Pleasant, Municipal Corporations in New York ("Towns"), Greater Amsterdam Volunteer Ambulance CORPS ("GAVAC"), and Priority Ambulance New York, LLC d/b/a Lake Valley EMS ("Lake Valley EMS") and authorizes the supervisor to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town of Arietta.

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

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jacquelyn Grier <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacquelyn Grier <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacquelyn Grier <input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Rudes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Rudes <input type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Rudes <input type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Rudes <input type="checkbox"/>
Douglas Stobo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Douglas Stobo <input type="checkbox"/>	Douglas Stobo <input type="checkbox"/>	Douglas Stobo <input type="checkbox"/>
Christy Wilt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christy Wilt <input type="checkbox"/>	Christy Wilt <input type="checkbox"/>	Christy Wilt <input type="checkbox"/>
Christian Rhodes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christian Rhodes <input type="checkbox"/>	Christian Rhodes <input type="checkbox"/>	Christian Rhodes <input type="checkbox"/>

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**SNOWMOBILE TRAILS:** Jacqui Grier- reported that we cannot trade free phone service for Frontier’s lease on the phone building.

**TOWN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS-**Doug Stobo-had questions regarding the handicap ramp in front of the Community Hall. The raised blacktop is getting picked up by the plow trucks. One idea was suggested a wooden ramp that can be raised when the driveway must be plowed in winter. The dog kennel area had been sheet rocked and a door put on that room.

**INTERNAL MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE, RECREATION, WEBSITE & CHAMBER-** Christy Wilt had nothing new to report.

**LAKE/DAM/INVASIVE/CAMPSITESUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Sarah Rudes had questions regarding the boards in the dam. Supervisor Rhodes stated that ½ of the boards had been removed due to the excessive rain we have had recently. She would like to be notified when the boards are taken out and replaced.

**CODES AND ZONING:** Mel LaScola reported he had sent a letter to Janet Annan regarding the demolished house in Higgins Bay. She contacted him and stated it would be removed before the 30 days are up. A copy of the letter he sent was shown to the board. He also stated he had issued a stop work order to Piseco Company for doing work without a permit. There was a fine for this and the fine has been paid.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** Craig Small reported the work on Haskell Road is on hold for now. The paving company is in Vermont working on the road damage due to flooding. The local equipment is being used in Long Lake to help repair the washouts and road damage caused by flooding.

**AIRPORT AND FINANCE** Supervisor Rhodes had nothing new to report on the Airport.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Supervisor Rhodes reported that the Pickett Memorial Company came up and looked at the existing veterans memorial stone, he took measurements and said there is sufficient space for more names. A discussion followed regarding who's names should be on the stone.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business to be discussed.

**BILLS:**

HIGHWAY FUND-# 417-421 FOR A TOTAL OF \$6,157.14

GENERAL FUND-# 414-416 FOR A TOTAL OF \$60,547.83

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Fred Knapp had a question regarding the Lake Valley Ambulance and charging for transporting Arietta residents. Patients only get charged if Lake Valley brings an ambulance into Arietta and transport the patient to the hospital.

Marie Buanno stated that she has chosen Jodi Small to be her deputy tax collector.

Jodi Small inquired whether the town will be doing yearly audits.

Mary Kiewicz introduced Kathy Garrett. She gave information regarding the potential moving of invasive species if someone takes dirt/material from the "stump dump." She gave multiple examples of what those species are.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Motion was offered by Jacqui Grier, seconded by Doug Stobo. Meeting adjourned at 5:53.

Next meeting will be August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Piseco School Offices.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk