

TOWN OF ARIETTA  
August 7,2023  
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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kevin Kennedy  
Judy Ford  
Barry Baker  
John Rajca  
Steve Woerhle  
Marie Buanno

At this time (5:04 pm) Supervisor Rhodes opened the public hearing regarding the Local Law #3 of 2023- Authorizing the Town of Arietta to Opt-Out of Providing Real Property Tax Exemption for Solar, Wind, or Waste Energy Systems.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the July 17,2023 minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Doug Stobo offered the motion and Jacqui Grier seconded the motion. All members present were in favor. Motion passed.

**Agenda**  
**August 7, 2023**  
at School  
**Town of Arietta**

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Open Public Hearing
- Motion to approve minutes for the July 17, 2023 meeting
- Resolutions
  - **23-08-40       Snowmobile Grant and Contract**
  - **23-08-42       Multiforce Support Agreement**
  
- **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
  - Veterans- Roll of Honor and Memorial
- **New Business**
  - Motion to accept the bills
  - Motion to accept the financial statements
  - Public Comment
  - Close Public Hearing
  - **Resolution 23-08-41 Local Law #3 Opt-Out Solar Energy**
  - Designation of next Meeting August 21, 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 in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

August 7, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 23-08-40

Subject: **Snowmobile Grooming Contracts and Apply for Grant Funding**

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board, Town of Arietta has applied in the past for grant funding for the grooming and maintenance of the Arietta Snowmobile Trails with the NY Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board, Town of Arietta has decided to reapply for the 2023/2024 snowmobile season and continue to contract out four (4) different sections of trail and hire employees to maintain the remaining sections of trail, and

**WHEREAS:** these annual contracts are a necessary part of the Town’s application requesting grant money from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historical Preservation for trail clearing, maintenance and grooming, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town Board authorizes to issue the contract agreements for the 2023/2024 grooming season to the two snowmobile clubs and the Town of Inlet for four (4) trail sections and give the Town Supervisor permission to sign the necessary documents to apply for grant funding and execute the contracts.

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 08/07/2023  
Town Clerk 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:

August 7, 2023, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 23-08-42

Subject: **Multiforce Systems Corporation Customer Software License and Support Services (CSS) Agreement**

Resolution Offered By: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta has received an Agreement for professional services from Multiforce Systems Corporation as outlined in the attached agreement, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town in 2022 had to update the software of the fuel system at the Piseco Airport to be in compliance with FuelServe, who outsources to Multiforce the costs, labor, and daily administration of operating the FuelForce® Fuel Management Hardware, and

**WHEREAS:** for Customers licensing the on-premises version of the Software, Customers who pay for software maintenance will have access to software updates and general enhancements, and

**WHEREAS:** this Agreement is effective as of the date of the last signature to this Agreement and shall have a duration of one year. The Agreement shall automatically renew for subsequent one-year terms unless either party, at least 30 days prior to the expiry of a term, provides written notice to the other party of its intent not to renew the Agreement, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town Board of the Town of Arietta hereby approves the attached Agreement with Multiforce to provide professional services as outlined in the attached Agreement and authorizes the Supervisor to execute all documents to enter into the Agreement.

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk Date

**AFTER DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MULTIFORCE SYSTEMS AGREEMENT THE TOWN BOARD DECIDED TO TABLE THIS RESOLUTION AT THIS TIME.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SNOWMOBILE TRAILS:** Jacqui Grier- There was a discussion regarding the Veterans Memorial in front of the school. Judy Ford has compiled a list of Veterans. It was decided that the names will be of Veterans who entered the service while living here in Arietta. Supervisor Rhodes has gotten a price of \$2500.00 for 20 names to be added. The list will be finalized and given to Supervisor Rhodes.

**TOWN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS-** The Riley House roof is almost completed. The old Highway Garage has been put up on Auction International.

**INTERNAL MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE, RECREATION, WEBSITE & CHAMBER-** Christy Wilt reported that we have out grown our Web Site. She proposed that we have Zach Small help design a site that will be bigger more user-friendly site and thus add more information for the public about the Town of Arietta. It can include the Fire Department/ Ambulance Corps, Piseco Lake Association etc. After discussion Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to hire Zach Small and pay him \$600.00 for his help in designing a new Web Site for the Town of Arietta. The motion was offered by Doug Stobo and seconded by Jacqui Grier. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

**LAKE/DAM/INVASIVE/CAMPSITESUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** nothing new to report.

**CODES AND ZONING:** Mel LaScola was absent.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** Craig Small reported that the road work on Haskells Road is on hold until September. He also heard from Stacy Purdy-Co Owner of Spy Lake Road that the road signs have been taken. After a discussion it was decided that Craig would be looking into getting signs to be put back up on the Spy Lake Road.

**AIRPORT AND FINANCE:** Supervisor Rhodes stated that he spoke to a person in the FAA and it is favorable we will be getting the grant for the work that needs to be done on the SRE building up at the airport.

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE AT THIS TIME

**NEW BUSINESS:** - Was already addressed.

**BILLS**

HIGHWAY FUND-# 456-462 for a total of \$8,703.54

GENERAL FUND-# 435-455 for a total of \$83,357.38

UTILITIES FUND-# 411-413,428,429,431,433, 434 for a total of \$5,081.72

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

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the financial statements as presented by the Town Clerk. Christy Wilt made the motion and Sarah Rudes seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

**There was no public comment.**

At this time Supervisor Rhodes closed the public hearing regarding the Local Law #3- Opt-Out Solar Energy. Resolution 23-08-41 was read. A motion to accept the resolution was offered by Sarah Rudes and seconded by Doug Stobo. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

Supervisor Rhodes brought to the Board that Almina Baker, past Hamilton County Democratic Committeeman was going to be 100 years old on Friday August 11, 2023 and would the board like to send her flowers. All board members agreed. A motion was offered by Jacqui Grier to send flowers and seconded by Sarah Rudes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Next regular meeting will be on August 21,2023 at 5:00pm.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn, Jacqui Grier made the motion and Christy Wilt seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk

**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:

August 7, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 23-08-41

**Subject: LOCAL LAW #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: Sarah Rudes

**WHEREAS:** 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, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board of the Town of Arietta 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 as per the attached, and

**WHEREAS:** The Town Board of the Town of Arietta finds and hereby determines that the Local Law 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 is in the best interest of the Town, and

