

TOWN OF ARIETTA
August 21,2023
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	absent
Douglas Stobo	absent
Sarah Rudes	present
Christy Wilt	present
Chris Rhodes	present

Mel LaScola- Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kevin Kennedy
Judy Ford
Marie Buanno
Jim Horan
John Rajca

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the August 7,2023 minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Sarah Rudes offered the motion and Christy Wilt seconded the motion. All members present were in favor. Motion passed.

Agenda
August 21, 2023
at Piseco School
Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the June 20, 2023 meeting
- Resolutions
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- **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**
 - Veterans- Roll of Honor and Memorial
- **New Business**

- Motion to accept the bills
- Motion to accept the financial statements
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting September 5, 2023
- **Motion to adjourn**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS: Jacqui Grier- was absent. In Jacqui Grier’s absence Supervisor Rhodes reported that the list of names for the Memorial Monument has been finalized. There are 29 names to be added. Supervisor Rhodes thanked Judy Ford for her help with this project.

TOWN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS-Doug Stobo-was absent. In his absence Supervisor Rhodes reported that the Auction for the old Equipment Building was closed the final bid was \$220.00 The person who was awarded the bid intends on dismantling the entire building. A discussion followed regarding the Community Hall Use form. There is a small fee of \$75.00 and it was suggested that we charge a fee for cleaning deposit. The renter will get the fee back if the Community Hall is taken care of as the form states.

INTERNAL MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE, RECREATION, WEBSITE & CHAMBER-Christy Wilt reported that that AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association) web site needs to be updated as it shows no restaurants or activities etc. She will do an update on the AOPA website.

LAKE/DAM/INVASIVE/CAMPSITESUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Sarah Rudes asked what the lake level was, Chris checked it today and it was +5. She also mentioned needing a light at the Community Hall that would come on after the interior lights are turned off. Supervisor Rhodes will investigate the lighting problem. We also need to check the light that illuminates the flag to see if it is coming on at night.

CODES AND ZONING: Mel LaScola reported that he has had quite a few permits requests.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Craig Small was absent

AIRPORT AND FINANCE: Supervisor Rhodes reported that he had spoken to Barney's Signs regarding refurbishing the large signs coming into Arietta and had received an estimate of \$2500.00 per sign. After discussion it was suggested that one sign per year be done, starting with the sign at the end of Rt. 10, Rt 8 intersection. There was a discussion on the Multiforce agreement which is a program that allows us to change the price on the fuel pump at the airport. A suggestion was made that the contract be allowed to expire and be renewed if there is a need for it in the future. Chris expressed a need for a drop box at the Airport that pilots would use to put their tie down fees as there is no one there to collect them in person. Chris stated he would get a locked box and install it at the airport. Supervisor Rhodes also reported that the Hamilton County Express will no longer be mailed. Discussion followed. Marie Buanno stated that lower Arietta would also like the paper have a drop off place also.

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OLD BUSINESS: Previously discussed the Veterans Memorial.

Supervisor Rhodes reported that the new site for the Emergency Cell Tower is advancing. The balloon has been scheduled for Monday August 28th flying at 150feet. The APA and Engineering staff will be available that day to collect data on how well it may work. Verizon and Hudson Valley Wireless are both interested in the tower. Public support by letting the APA know that this is needed by the community would be greatly appreciated.

BILLS:

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the bills presented. Sarah Rudes made the motion and Christy Wilt seconded; all members present were in favor. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Horan asked what the status of the Poplar Point Campsite was. He stated that the looks of the property is unsightly. Sarah explained that there are many hurdles in the process of the DEC letting Arietta take over the campsite. She will try and contact them again when the busy summer season is over.

Marie Buanno asked that all activities be put on the calendar at the Community Hall. There was an event last weekend and it was not noted on the calendar. She also suggested that there be a sign placed by or on the Community Hall with the 911 number and address for people that are having difficulty finding the hall. She expressed that something be done with the Community Hall as the Lake Placid trail goes by the building and while working over there she has been asked where the nearest restaurant or store might be. People driving on Old Piseco Road may not know there is a store at Piseco Lake Lodge. A discussion followed regarding this problem. During the conversation there were suggestions as to what some of the uses of the Community Hall could be set up.

Christy Wilt shared that the Associations of Towns is collecting data regarding problems that people have had/having with Frontier Communications. Complaints can be filed with the Public Service Commission or give the information to the Office of Tourism (Christy Wilt-Director).

The next regular meeting will be September 5,2023 at 5:00pm

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn, Sarah Rudes made the motion and Christy Wilt seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk