

TOWN OF ARIETTA  
November 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 present  
Christy Wilt absent  
Chris Rhodes present  
Craig Small- Superintendent of Highways-present  
Mel LaScola- Zoning Officer-absent  
Bill Hotaling-Assessor- absent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marie Buanno  
Steve Woehrle

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6,2023 meeting. Sarah Rudes offered the motion and Jacqui Grier seconded. All member in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

**Agenda**  
**November 20, 2023**  
at Piseco Common School  
**Town of Arietta**

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the November 6, 2023 meeting
- **Resolutions:**
  - 23-11-51 Transfer of Funds
  - 23-11-52 Deferred Comp Roth
  - 23-11-53 Appointment PB
  - 23-11-54 Appointment PB Chair
  - 23-11-55 Appointment ZBA
- **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**
- **Superintendent report– Craig Small**
- **Codes and Zoning – Mel Lascola**
  
- **Old Business**
  - Frontier Lease
- **New Business**
  
- Motion to accept the bills
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting December 4, 2023
- **Motion to adjourn**

**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:

November 20, 2023, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 23-11-51

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**

\$ 12,000.00 to #A0-5132-100 Garage Personnel Expense  
                   from #A0-1990-400 Contingent Contractual Expense  
 \$ 38,000.00 to #A0-5132-420 Garage Contractual Expense  
                   from #A0-1990-400 Contingent Contractual Expense

**Highway Fund**

\$ 52,000.00 to #DA-5112-220 Improvement Contractual Expense  
                   from #DA-0909 Fund Balance Expense

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

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	_____	Christy Wilt	_____	Christy Wilt	_____	Christy Wilt	x _____
Christian Rhodes	x _____	Christian Rhodes	_____	Christian Rhodes	_____	Christian Rhodes	_____

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Laura Morehouse Town Clerk	November 20, 2023 Date
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**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:

November 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Resolution # 23 – 11 - 52

**Subject: Amendment to the Town of Arietta New York State Deferred Compensation Plan Adding Voluntary Participation in ROTH Contributions to Employees**

Resolution Offered By: Sarah Rudes

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta currently offers the New York State Deferred Compensation Plan (NYSDCP) for voluntary participation to all eligible employees, and

**WHEREAS:** on December 29, 2022, the Secure 2.0 Act was signed into law, which includes new regulations related to retirement plans, including the New York State Deferred Compensation Plan, and

**WHEREAS:** Under the Secure 2.0 Act, several key provisions are designed to help promote increased savings and strengthen financial security for more Americans, and

**WHEREAS:** NYSDCP Secure 2.0 Act has mandated that a ROTH contribution option (after-tax) be offered to all eligible employees by December 31, 2023, and

**WHEREAS:** ROTH contributions are deducted from employees’ pay on an after-tax basis, unlike pretax deferral contributions that reduce your gross taxable income, and

**WHEREAS:** ROTH contributions grow tax deferred, and when a distribution is qualified, it is not subject to federal or New York State income taxes, which is what makes the ROTH tax-free distribution feature attractive, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town of Arietta elects to offer ROTH contributions to eligible employees, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Town of Arietta Town Board approves and authorizes the implementation of offering ROTH contributions to all eligible employees effective December 31, 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 _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt x _____
Christian Rhodes x _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

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November 20, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 23-11-53

Subject: **Appointment Planning Board Member**

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

**WHEREAS:** Bob Thomson will resign as member of the Arietta Planning Board effective December 31, 2023, and

**WHEREAS:** it is necessary that the Arietta Town Board fill the vacant position effective January 1, 2024, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board, after review, will appoint Mike Cullen to fill the vacancy for the duration of Bob Thomson's term as a member of the Arietta Planning Board effective January 1, 2024 and ending February 29, 2024, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town of Arietta Town Board does hereby appoint Mike Cullen as a member of the Arietta Planning Board effective January 1, 2024 and ending February 29, 2024.

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 _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt x_____
Christian Rhodes x_____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

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November 20, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 23-11-54

Subject: **Appointment Planning Board Chairperson**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

**WHEREAS:** the current chairperson of the Arietta Planning Board, Mary Kiewicz, will resign as chairperson and member of said Planning Board effective December 31, 2023, and

**WHEREAS:** it is necessary that the Arietta Town Board fill the vacant position of chairperson of the Arietta Planning Board effective January 1, 2024, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board, after review, will appoint Eric Greiner to fill the vacancy of chairperson for the duration of his term as a member of the Arietta Planning Board effective January 1, 2024 and ending February 29, 2028, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town of Arietta Town Board does hereby appoint Eric Greiner as chairperson of the Arietta Planning Board effective January 1, 2024 and ending February 29, 2028.

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 _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt x_____
Christian Rhodes x_____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

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November 20, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 23-11-55

Subject: **Appointment Zoning Board of Appeals Member**

Resolution Offered By:  Sarah Rudes

**WHEREAS:** Daniel Fish’s current term as a member of the Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals will end December 31, 2023, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta will reappoint Daniel Fish to the Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals, and

**WHEREAS:** it is necessary that the Arietta Town Board reappoint Daniel Fish to a term of five (5) years that ends December 31, 2028, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town of Arietta Town Board does hereby reappoint Daniel Fish to the Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of five (5) years effective January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2028.

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 _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt x _____
Christian Rhodes x _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SNOWMOBILE TRAILS:** Jacqui Grier had nothing new to report.

**TOWN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Doug Stobo had nothing new to report.

**INTERNAL MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE, RECREATION, WEBSITE:**

Christy Wilt was absent. In her absence Supervisor Rhodes read information regarding grants available for updating the Comprehensive Plan. No decision was made.

**LAKE/DAM/INVASIVE/CAMPSITES:** Sarah Rudes reported that she had sent an e-mail to DEC reporting the sand build up on the boat launch.

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

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** Craig Small reported that the snowmobile trails are being cleared.

**AIRPORT AND FINANCE:** Chris Rhodes reported on the sale of the scrap metal, the update on the PAPI lights at the airport and the Health Insurance options. The board members in attendance wanted to leave the Health Insurance as it is now. No changes currently.

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**OLD BUSINESS:** Jacqui Grier has not heard from Frontier regarding the lease on the building.

**No New Business:**

**BILLS:**

General Fund-Voucher # 635-for a total of \$ 3,890.00

Highway Fund- Voucher #636-642 for a total of \$ 4,933.12

**Pay Bills:** At this time Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the bills presented. Sarah Rudes offered the motion and Jacqui Grier seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Marie Buanno congratulated Laura Morehouse on the election results. She spoke about possibly a thank you to Mary Kiewicz for her years of dedication of service on the Planning Board. She will be retiring December 31,2023 Discussion followed.

The next regular meeting will be on December 4, 2023 at 5pm.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn, Jacqui Grier made the motion and Doug Stobo seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 5:37pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk