

TOWN OF ARIETTA
Town Board Meeting
February 5, 2024

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
John Rajca present
Christy Wilt present
Chris Rhodes present
Craig Small- Superintendent of Highways-present
Mel LaScola- Zoning Officer-present
Bill Hotaling-Assessor- absent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marie Buanno
Fred Knapp

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the minutes for January 16th and January 23rd.
Johnny Rajca made the motion and Doug Stobo seconded. All members were in favor-motion passed.

Agenda
February 5, 2024
at Piseco Common School
Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the January 16 and 23, 2024 meetings
- Resolutions
 - **24-02-13 Appoint Planning Board Member**
 - **24-02-14 Agreement Piseco Common School Bus Storage**
 - **24-02-15 2024 Training & 2025 Stipend for Deputy Fire & Building Code Inspector**
- **Snowmobile Trails –Grier**
- **Town Buildings and Grounds - Stobo**
- **Internal Management / Insurance, C. Rhodes**
- **Recreation, Website, Chamber & Campsite- C Wilt**
- **Cemetery , J.Rajca**
- **Finance / Airport-C. Rhodes**
- **Lake / Dam, Rajca**
- **Superintendent report– Craig Small**
- **Codes and Zoning – Mel Lascola**
- **Old Business**
 - Frontier Lease

- **New Business**
 - **Set date and time to open bids only:** for the Piseco Airport Rehabilitate SRE-Terminal Building Façade - all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at **4:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, February 14, 2024**
- Motion to accept the bills
- Motion to accept the financial statements
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2024 (*Monday is a Holiday*)
- **Motion to adjourn**

RESOLUTIONS:

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School at 1722 State Route 8 in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

February 5, 2024, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 24-02-13

Subject: **Appointment Planning Board Member**

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

WHEREAS: Michael Cullen’s current term as a member of the Town of Arietta Planning Board will end on February 29, 2024, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta will reappoint Michael Cullen to the Town of Arietta Planning Board, and

WHEREAS: it is necessary that the Town of Arietta Town Board reappoint Michael Cullen to a term of five (5) years that ends February 28, 2029, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta Town Board does hereby reappoint Michael Cullen to the Town of Arietta Planning Board for a term of five (5) years effective March 1, 2024, and ending February 28, 2029.

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 _____
John Rajca x_____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca ____	John Rajca _____
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 2/5/2024
 Town Clerk Date

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School at 1722 State Route 8, in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

February 5, 2024, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 24-02-14

Subject: Agreement for Bus Storage Between the Piseco Common School and the Town of Arietta

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta has determined that a portion of the premises of the lower highway storage building are not needed for town purposes, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board has determined that the use of a portion of its property, to be used by the Piseco Common School for bus storage, would be beneficial to the taxpayers and would not disrupt the normal town operations, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the necessary papers to execute the agreement with the Piseco Common School to use a portion of the lower highway storage building for bus storage.

Seconded by: Johnny Rajca and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier x_____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier ____	Jacquelyn Grier _____
John Rajca x_____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca ____	John Rajca _____
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 _____

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February 5, 2024, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 24-02-15

Subject: 2024 Training and 2025 Stipend for Deputy Fire and Building Code Inspector

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta intends to have its current Deputy Fire and Building Code Inspector, Bradley Parslow, gain work experience by job shadowing the current Town of Arietta Fire and Building Code Inspector in anticipation and expectation of taking over the position of Fire and Building Code Inspector in the future as there becomes a need, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta further intends to provide the necessary training for said Deputy through the New York Department of State Code Enforcement Basic Training Program beginning February 13, 2024, and ending July 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta, in order to accomplish the above intentions, plans to compensate the Deputy Fire and Building Code Inspector at the Grade 3 Step 1 hourly rate of \$22.04 for the remainder of 2024 for training and job shadowing, and

WHEREAS: in the 2025 budget, the Town Board will establish a stipend for the Deputy Fire and Building Code Inspector to replace the hourly rate due to the completion of training, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta Town Board does hereby approve the compensation of the Deputy Fire and Building Code Inspector, Bradley Parslow, for 2024 at the hourly rate of \$22.04, effective immediately, for the above-stated training and job shadowing, and

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta Town Board will establish a stipend in the 2025 budget for the Deputy Fire and Building Code Inspector to replace the hourly rate due to the completion of training.

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 _____
John Rajca x_____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca ____	John Rajca _____
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 _____

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS: Jacqui Grier- had nothing new to report as our trails are in need of snow cover. She did request the town donate \$500.00 to the fireworks display being held at the Annual Christmas Tree Burning, at the Oxbow Inn.

Christy Wilt made the motion and Johnny Rajca seconded- all member in favor- motion passed.

TOWN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Doug Stobo reported that there was a water stain on the ceiling tile in the community hall possibly a leak. Discussion followed.

INTERNAL MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE, RECREATION, WEBSITE CAMPSITES: Christy Wilt reported on upcoming events- Making charcuterie boards at the Community Hall on February 11,2024 at 3p.m. there is no charge all are welcome.

LAKE/DAM/INVASIVE/CAMPSITES: Johnny Rajca reported that the lake is frozen but not recommending anyone to be on the lake.

CODES AND ZONING: Mel LaScola had nothing to report,

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Craig Small had nothing new to report.

AIRPORT AND FINANCE: Chris Rhodes reported that plans for the work to be done on the airport have been picked up. He stated the bids would be opened on 2/14/24 at 4:00p.m. at the town offices.

FINANCIAL:

General Fund: Voucher #'s78, 82-104- for a total of \$20,239.82

Highway Fund: Voucher #'s105-110 for a total of 5,941.46

Utilities Fund: Vouchers #'s 62,63,70,76,77. For a total of \$2886.27

He asked at this time for a motion to accept the bills as presented.

Johnny Rajca made the motion and Christy Wilt seconded. All members in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was needed to accept the financial report as presented.

Doug Stobo made the motion and Jacqui Grier seconded. All members were in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment:

Fred Knapp asked if there was any word on DEC cleaning the sand off the boat launch at Poplar Point. Supervisor Rhodes stated he would contact Sarah Rudes former board member and find out who her contact person was at the DEC and see if he can contact them.

Fred also asks if the town had given the town employees a stipend for all the work they did on the new Highway Equipment Storage Building. He felt the men saved the town a lot of money by not having it hired out and a little extra stipend would show the towns appreciation. Discussion followed.

Marie Buanno had no comment.

Laura Morehouse thanked Mr. Knapp for thinking of the employees and the work they did for the town had saved the taxpayers significant revenue.

Supervisor Rhodes stated that the next meeting would be February 20, 2024 at 5:00 at the Piseco School.

Jacqui Grier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Johnny Rajca seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk