

TOWN OF ARIETTA
Town Board Meeting
April 1, 2024

Supervisor Rhodes opened the meeting at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Fred Knapp

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the March 18,2024 meeting as presented by the Town Clerk. The motion was offered by Doug Stobo and seconded by Johnny Rajca. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

Agenda
April 1, 2024
at Piseco Common School
Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the March 18, 2024 meeting

- Resolutions
 - **24-04-20 Handbook Update**
 - **24-04-21 Groomer Bid Award**

- **Snowmobile Trails – Grier**
- **Town Buildings / Grounds - Stobo**
- **Recreation / Website / Campsite - Wilt**
- **Lake / Dam / Cemetery - Rajca**
- **Finance / Airport / Internal Management / Insurance - Rhodes**
- **Superintendent / Report – Small**
- **Codes and Zoning – Lascola**
- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
 - TOA 2024 Subdivision Form Update
 - Hangar Lease

- Motion to accept the bills
- Motion to accept the financial statements
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting Monday, April 15, 2024
- **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:

April 1, 2024 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 24 – 04 - 21

Subject: **Authorize to Accept and Award the Bid for a 2008 Tucker Snow Cat Groomer**

Resolution Offered By: Johnny Rajca

WHEREAS: the Town Board received and opened bids at the regular meeting on March 18, 2024, for a used groomer, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta has reviewed all bids submitted and will award the contract to Tweed Valley Travelers the lowest bidder for \$81,500.00 in accordance with the conditions of the award stipulated in their bid for a 2008 Tucker Snow Cat Model 2000 D1-28-6, Serial No. 2008R222, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: The Town Board, Town of Arietta does authorize the Town Supervisor to execute all necessary documents and contracts on behalf of the Town of Arietta with Tweed Valley Travelers for the purchase of the 2008 Tucker Snow Cat.

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

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacquelyn Grier <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacquelyn Grier <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacquelyn Grier <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John Rajca <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Rajca <input type="checkbox"/>	John Rajca <input type="checkbox"/>	John Rajca <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 type="checkbox"/>	Christy Wilt <input type="checkbox"/>	Christy Wilt <input type="checkbox"/>	Christy Wilt <input checked="" 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>4/1/2024</u>
Town Clerk	Date

It was decided by the board to table the Resolution 24-04-20 Update Employee Handbook there is more to be worked out for the handbook.

COMMITTIES:

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS: J. Grier -absent Craig reported he had seen and ran the used Snowmobile Trail

Groomer that was approved by the board. He and Supervisor Rhodes felt that it was satisfactory for what the town needs.

TOWN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Discussion regarding the old Equipment Storage Building, after inspection Craig and Doug made a list of the repairs to be done before any outside painting is started.

RECREATION, WEBSITE CAMPSITES: Christy Wilt was absent. Supervisor Rhodes stated that DEC is developing a plan to do work on the Poplar Point Boat Launch.

LAKE/DAM/INVASIVE/CAMPSITES: Johnny Rajca led a discussion on rules for the cemetery, Chris assured him that there were stipulations regarding the cemetery. Chris explained what projects that are planned for the cemetery this year.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Reported Brendon Whitkovits is currently taking the class on BTI application. Craig reported on the trucks that are available to the town. After discussion Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to allow Craig to call and put these trucks on hold. Doug offered the motion and Johnny Rajca seconded, all members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

Craig stated that due to increased traffic on 4/8/2024 due to the Eclipse that he would like to get the garbage runs done as early as possible on that morning.

AIRPORT AND FINANCE: Chris reported that Bob Thomson is getting materials and getting set up to start the work on the SRE Building at the airport. If the weather permits, he could get started in the next couple of weeks.

He will be meeting with the Lake Valley EMS-fly car provider to be negotiating a new contract for 2025 on April 11,2024 at the Wells Meal Site.

He reported that he was assured by the stone engravers that the additional names on the Memorial Monument in front of the school will be finished by May 27,2024, for Memorial Day.

CODES AND ZONING: Mel LaScola reported that Brad Parslow will be taking over for him while he is on vacation. Mel has reviewed possible upcoming projects with Brad.

OLD BUSINESS: Still nothing new from Frontier on the phone building lease.

NEW BUSINESS: Doug and Johnny reviewed the subdivision application that the town uses now. A new application offered tonight will replace any old applications. Johnny Rajca made a motion to accept the new application and Doug Stobo seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

Next was a discussion regarding the hanger lease agreement. There were concerns expressed about insurance coverage and responsibility. Chris had talked to the person/persons interested in building their own hanger on the airport, nothing was decided so this will be tabled at this time. Chris asked Craig if he had gotten the information from Soil and Water regarding a grant for \$2000.00 Craig spoke about what the Town of Arietta might use it for. The information was shown to Johnny and Doug, no decision was made regarding this grant.

BILLS:

Utilities Fund: Vouchers #179,182,193,194 for a total of \$1611.08

Highway Fund: Vouchers 113-234 for a total of \$6949.43

General Fund: Vouchers 181,182,191,192,195-222 for a total of \$18,959.30

The supervisor called for a motion to pay the bills as presented. Doug Stobo offered the motion and Johnny Rajca seconded; all were in favor.

Motion passed.

The supervisor called for a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Johnny Rajca offered the motion and Doug Stobo seconded; all were in favor. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Fred Knapp inquired if Craig had gotten a book that the Superintendents receive with vendors information. He is interested in being in that book. As of now he had not received the book. He was happy to know that the DEC is making plans for the Popular Point boat launch.

Town Clerk Morehouse stated that a person had stopped by the office to let the town know he was interested in grooming next year. His information was given to Supervisor Rhodes.

The next regular meeting will be on April, 15, 2024 at 5:00 pm
A motion to adjourn was offered by Johnny Rajca and seconded by Doug Stobo. Meeting adjourned at 5:31pm

Respectfully submitted, Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk