

TOWN OF ARIETTA
October 1, 2024
Regular Town Board Meeting
Piseco School Meeting Room

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

ROLL CALL:

Chris Rhodes-present-Supervisor
Doug Stobo-present
Christy Wilt-present
Johnny Rajca-present
Jacqui Grier-absent
Craig Small-present-Highway Superintendent
Mel LaScola-present-Codes and Zoning

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marie Buanno
Stephen Woerhle

At 5:02 pm Supervisor Rhodes opened the Public Hearing for the #2 Local Law, Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for the Town of Arietta for 2025.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2024, Regular Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk. The motion was offered by Johnny Rajca and seconded by Doug Stobo, all members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

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

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Open Public Hearing: Local Law #2 of 2024 Overriding the Tax Cap Levy Limit
- Motion to approve minutes for the September 16, 2024 meeting

- Resolutions
 - **24-10-46** **NYSERDA Benchmarking**
 - **24-10-47** **2025 Preliminary Budget**
 - **24-10-48** **Confidentiality and Data Use Agreement**

- **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**
 - Boat Launch - Lower Arietta

- **New Business**
 - Begin Budget Process October 1, 2024 Meeting
 - Reminder Budget Workshops October 7th and October 15th at 5pm

- Motion to accept the bills
- Motion to accept the financial statements
- Public Comment
- Close Public Hearing
- **24-10-45 Local Law #2 of 2024 Overriding the Tax Cap Levy Limit**
- Designation of next Meeting Monday, October 7, 2024 **Motion to adjourn**

(11) “Portfolio Manager” shall mean ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, the internet-based tool developed and maintained by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to track and assess the relative Energy performance of buildings nationwide, or successor.

(12) “Utility” shall mean an entity that distributes and sells Energy to Covered Municipal Buildings.

(13) “Weather Normalized Site EUI” shall mean the amount of Energy that would have been used by a property under 30-year average temperatures, accounting for the difference between average temperatures and yearly fluctuations.

§2. APPLICABILITY

(1) This policy is applicable to all Covered Municipal Buildings as defined in Section 2 of this policy.

(2) The Commissioner may exempt a particular Covered Municipal Building from the benchmarking requirement if the Commissioner determines that it has characteristics that make benchmarking impractical.

§3. BENCHMARKING REQUIRED FOR COVERED MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

(1) No later than May 1, 2017, and no later than May 1 every year thereafter, the Commissioner or his or her designee from the Department shall enter into Portfolio Manager the total Energy consumed by each Covered Municipal Building, along with all other descriptive information required by Portfolio Manager for the previous calendar year.

(2) For new Covered Municipal Buildings that have not accumulated 12 months of Energy use data by the first applicable date following occupancy for inputting Energy use into Portfolio Manager, the Commissioner or his or her designee from the Department shall begin inputting data in the following year.

§4. DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF BENCHMARKING INFORMATION

(1) The Department shall make available to the public on the internet Benchmarking Information for the previous calendar year:

(a) no later than September 1, 2017 and by September 1 of each year thereafter for Covered Municipal Buildings; and

(2) The Department shall make available to the public on the internet and update at least annually, the following Benchmarking Information:

(a) Summary statistics on Energy consumption for Covered Municipal Buildings derived from aggregation of Benchmarking Information; and

(b) For each Covered Municipal Building individually:

(i) The status of compliance with the requirements of this Policy; and

(ii) The building address, primary use type, and gross floor area; and

(iii) Annual summary statistics, including site EUI, Weather Normalized Source EUI, annual GHG emissions, and an Energy Performance Score where available; and

(iv) A comparison of the annual summary statistics (as required by Section 5(2)(b)(iii) of this Policy) across calendar years for all years since annual reporting under this Policy has been required for said building.

§5. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

The Department shall maintain records as necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Policy, including but not limited to Energy bills and other documents received from tenants and/or Utilities. Such records shall be preserved by the Department for a period of three (3) years.

§6. ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

(1) The Commissioner or his or her designee from the Department shall be the Chief Enforcement Officer of this Policy.

(2) The Chief Enforcement Officer of this Policy may promulgate regulations necessary for the administration of the requirements of this Policy.

(3) Within thirty days after each anniversary date of the effective date of this Policy, the Chief Enforcement Officer shall submit a report to the Arietta Town Board including but not limited to summary statistics on Energy consumption for Covered Municipal Buildings derived from aggregation of Benchmarking Information, a list of all Covered Municipal Buildings identifying each Covered Municipal Building that the Commissioner determined to be exempt from the benchmarking requirement and the reason for the exemption, and the status of compliance with the requirements of this Policy.

§7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy shall be effective immediately upon passage.

§8. SEVERABILITY

The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of the aforementioned sections, as declared by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase, which shall remain in full force and effect.

the Town is able to make smarter, more cost-effective operational and capital investment decisions, reward efficiency, and drive widespread, continuous improvement; and desires to use Building Energy Benchmarking - a process of measuring a building's energy use, tracking that use over time, and comparing performance to similar buildings - to promote the public health, safety, and welfare by making available good, actionable information on municipal building energy use to help identify opportunities to cut costs and reduce pollution in the Town, and

WHEREAS: the Arietta Town Board desires to establish procedure or guideline for Town staff to conduct such Building Energy Benchmarking; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND DETERMINED: that the following specific policies and procedures are hereby adopted;

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

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier <u> x </u>
John Rajca <u> x </u>	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____
Douglas Stobo <u> x </u>	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____
Christy Wilt <u> x </u>	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____
Christian Rhodes <u> x </u>	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhode _____

<u>Laura Morehouse</u>	<u>10/1/2024</u>
Town Clerk	Date

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:

October 1, 2024, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 24 – 10 -47

Subject: **Accept 2025 Preliminary Budget**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta has reviewed the 2025 Tentative Budget as submitted by the Arietta Town Supervisor in September 2024, and

WHEREAS: the Arietta Town Board after review of the Tentative Budget will carry these numbers over with any noted changes for the Preliminary Budget and will accept them as the 2025 Preliminary Budget at the October 1, 2024 Town Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS: it is necessary to schedule a Public Hearing for the purpose of public comment on the proposed budget before adopting, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board of Arietta accepts the 2025 Preliminary Budget and will hold a Public Hearing to adopt the 2025 Budget on November 4, 2024, Town Board Meeting at 5 p.m.

Seconded by: Christy Wilt and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier <u> x </u>
John Rajca <u> x </u>	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____
Douglas Stobo <u> x </u>	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____
Christy Wilt <u> x </u>	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____
Christian Rhodes <u> x </u>	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

<u>Laura Morehouse</u>	<u>10/1/2024</u>
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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:

October 1, 2024, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 24 – 10 -48

Subject: **Health Insurance Confidentiality and Date Use Agreement and Employer Implementation for HRA Benefits for the Change to the Simply Blue Plus Bronze 4 Plan**

Resolution Offered By: Christy Wilt

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta has reviewed the options for 2025 employee health insurance and authorized changing from the current Simply Blue Plus Platinum 4 Plan to the Simply Blue Plus Bronze 4 Plan, and

WHEREAS: the Arietta Town Board has received the packet for the Simply Blue Plus Bronze 4 Plan which includes the Confidentiality and Data Use Agreement, and Employer implementation for HRA Benefits, and

WHEREAS: after review the Town Board will accept the agreement and move forward to set up the HRA Benefits, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board of Arietta approves the Confidentiality and Data Use Agreement and the Employer implementation for HRA Benefits and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute all documents necessary for the change to the Simply Blue Plus Bronze 4 Plan.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christy Wilt <input type="checkbox"/>	Christy Wilt <input type="checkbox"/>	Christy Wilt <input type="checkbox"/>
Christian Rhodes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christian Rhodes <input type="checkbox"/>	Christian Rhodes <input type="checkbox"/>	Christian Rhodes <input type="checkbox"/>

Laura Morehouse 10/1/2024
Town Clerk Date

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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:

October 1, 2024, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 24 – 10 -49

Subject: **New York State Department of Transportation Equitable Business Opportunity System for Civil Right Reporting Requirements**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta has to setup a user account with the New York State Department of Transportation Equitable Business Opportunity (EBO) System for Civil Right Reporting requirements as a sponsor to participate in contracts and other procurement opportunities awarded by NYSDOT or other Federal Aid subrecipients , and

WHEREAS: the Arietta Town Board will appoint the Town Supervisor as the Responsible Local Official (RLO), and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board of Arietta approves to apply for an New York State Department of Transportation Equitable Business Opportunity (EBO) System User Account and authorizes the Town of Arietta Supervisor as the Responsible Local Official (RLO) and to complete all necessary forms to request a user account.

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

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN

ABSENT:

Jacquelyn Grier	___	Jacquelyn Grier	___	Jacquelyn Grier	___	Jacquelyn Grier	___x
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 Rhode	___

Laura Morehouse

10/1/2024

Town Clerk

COMMITTEES:

Snowmobile Trails- Jacqui Grier was absent. Craig Small reported that there has been work done on the local snowmobile trails.

Town Buildings/Grounds- Doug Stobo had nothing new to report.

Recreation/Website/Campsite- Christy Wilt reported that she updated the Town’s website.

Lake/Dam/Cemetery- Johnny Rajca continues to try and contact Larry Smith to discuss the possibility of a boat launch in Lower Arietta. A discussion regarding the boards in the dam followed. It was decided to pull the boards by Columbus Day.

Finance/Internal Management/Airport/Insurance- Chris Rhodes reported that he has sent a draft of the contract to Lake Valley but has not heard back from them. A discussion followed. The DEC will be staging materials at the airport. The DEC will fly materials in the woods and place them where there are needed. Chris brought up to the board a suggestion regarding giving town employees an extra amount money with their hourly wage when they do jobs outside their job description. Example: welding, the BTI program and CDL Instructor. A discussion followed on what amount that should be given. Nothing was decided.

Superintendent of Highways- Craig Small reported the shoulder work on Haskell Road was finished today.

Codes and Zoning- Mel LaScola reported that Brad Parslow had been coming to the office to go over issuing permits. Mel would also like Brad’s name printed on the permit form to allow him to sign permits. Supervisor Rhodes stated that could be arranged.

OLD BUSINESS: The boat launch in Lower Arietta has already been discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: The board began the Budget Process tonight.

Our next meeting will be October 7, 2024. This ill be the first Budget Workshop. It will begin at 5:00 pm at the Piseco School Meeting Room.

BILLS:

General Fund: Vouchers #529-549 for a total of \$12512.53

Highway Fund: Vouchers#550-562 for a total of \$10,544.61

Utilities Fund: Vouchers#512,513,522 for a total of \$1279.87

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the bills as presented. Doug Stobo made the motion, Johnny Rajca seconded, and All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

Next the supervisor asked for a motion to accept the financial statements as presented. Christy Wilt made the motion and Johnny Rajca seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marie Buanno reported that the land line phone at the Community Hall did not work when needed for an emergency. She stated that someone was able to get the phone to work finally and the ambulance was called. Supervisor Rhodes stated he would order a new phone and see if that might be the problem. If not, the lines would be checked.

At 5:32 not having any questions or concerns on the #2 Local Law Resolution, the Public Hearing was closed by Supervisor Rhodes.

Resolution #24-10-45 was read. Resolution offered by Christy Wilt and seconded by Johnny Rajca. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed and law was passed.

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:

October 1, 2024 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 24-10-45

Subject: Local Law No. 2 of the year 2024 “A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for the Town of Arietta 2025 and Authorizing the Adoption by the Town of Arietta of a Budget for 2025 that Requires a Tax Levy that is Greater Than the Tax Levy Limit for the 2025 Fiscal Year”

Resolution Offered By: Christy Wilt

WHEREAS: Local Law No. 2 of the year 2024 “A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for the Town of Arietta 2025 and Authorizing the Adoption by the Town of Arietta of a Budget for 2025 that Requires a Tax Levy that is Greater Than the Tax Levy Limit for the 2025 Fiscal Year”, and

WHEREAS: the intention of this local law is to comply with the requirements of General Municipal Law section 3-c(5) prior to adopting the 2025 Town of Arietta Budget, and

WHEREAS: a responsible budget for 2025 will require a tax levy that is greater than the one calculated pursuant to applicable State Law, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board hereby overrides the tax levy limit for the Town of Arietta for 2025 and authorizes the Town of Arietta to adopt a budget for 2025 that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2025 pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal law, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town of Arietta Town Board, after a Public Hearing held on October 1, 2024, will hereby approve and accept Local Law No. 2 of the year 2024 “Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for the Town of Arietta 2025 and Authorizing the Adoption by the Town of Arietta of a Budget for 2025 that Requires a Tax Levy that is Greater Than the Tax Levy Limit for the 2025 Fiscal Year”.

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

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier <u> </u>	Jacquelyn Grier <u> </u>	Jacquelyn Grier <u> </u>	Jacquelyn Grier <u>x</u>
John Rajca <u>x</u>	John Rajca <u> </u>	John Rajca <u> </u>	John Rajca <u> </u>
Douglas Stobo <u>x</u>	Douglas Stobo <u> </u>	Douglas Stobo <u> </u>	Douglas Stobo <u> </u>
Christy Wilt <u>x</u>	Christy Wilt <u> </u>	Christy Wilt <u> </u>	Christy Wilt <u> </u>
Christian Rhodes <u>x</u>	Christian Rhodes <u> </u>	Christian Rhodes <u> </u>	Christian Rho <u> </u>

Laura Morehouse 10/1/2024
Town Clerk Date

STATE OF NEW YORK):
TOWN OF ARIETTA):
COUNTY OF HAMILTON):

I, Laura Morehouse Clerk of Town of Arietta, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this Resolution with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original Resolution and of the whole thereof, as duly adopted by said Town Board at a meeting duly called and held at the Piseco School Meeting Room
On October 1, 2024 by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the Resolution.

WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of Town of Arietta, New York, this 1st Day of October, 2024.

Laura Morehouse

(Town Clerk, Town of Arietta)

The next meeting will be on October 7, 2024, at the Piseco School Meeting Room at 5:00 p.m.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug Stobo made the motion, Johnny Rajca seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.