

**TOWN OF ARIETTA**  
**September 3, 2024**  
**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  
Jonny Rajca           present  
Christy Wilt           present  
Chris Rhodes         present  
Craig Small- Superintendent of Highways-present  
Mel LaScola- Codes and Zoning- present  
William Hotaling-present

OTHERS PRESENT:

Judy Ford  
Marie Buanno  
Fred Knapp  
Steve Woerhle

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the minutes from August 19, 2024, as presented. Doug Stobo stated he could not open the email holding the minutes. All other members had reviewed the minutes. Christy Wilt offered the motion, which was seconded by Johnny Rajca. The motion passed.

**Town of Arietta**

**Agenda**

**September 3, 2024**

at Piseco Common School Meeting Room

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the August 19, 2024 meeting
- Resolutions
- **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
  - Land Lease Hangar
- **New Business**
  - Health Insurance
  
- Motion to accept the bills
- Motion to accept the financial statements

- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting Monday, September 16, 2024 **Motion to adjourn**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **SNOWMOBILE TRAILS:**

Jacqui Grier reported that Jeremy Tassel, homeowner on Rt 8 has been working on the snowmobile trail that runs through his property. The snowmobile club appreciates his help and he has saved them a lot of time in cleanup. They will see about reimbursing him for fuel, etc. Jacqui has had messages that the trails have quite a lot of clean-ups after the storms.

**TOWNS BUILDINGS /GROUNDS:** Doug Stobo reported that the person he contacted regarding the spring cleaning of the Community Hall is working on an estimate.

**RECREATION/WEBSITE/CAMPSITE:** Christy Wilt reported that the Northville-Lake Placid 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was a great success. Supervisor Rhodes commended her on a job well done.

**LAKE/DAM/CEMETERY:** Johnny Rajca reported he had researched a possible boat launch in Lower Arietta, before going ahead with this project he needs to meet with Larry Smith. Larry was the person who initially inquired about this boat launch.

**FINANCE/AIRPORT/INTERNAL MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE:** Supervisor Rhodes reported that he and Craig Small had worked on the fuel pump at the airport. The problem was caused by the power being out for so long. The program had to be reprogrammed. Chris has ordered a battery backup for this, to hopefully prevent this from happening again.

The NYS Department of Transportation inspection of the Airport was done and the Airport passed inspection. That same day the Homeland Security inspection was done, and the Airport passed that inspection also. They were happy to see the new cameras. Chris remarked on how well the Lions Club did on the clean-up after the Fly-In. Chris worked on the gate so it would close and be locked. He thanked Johnny Rajca for his work on the boat launch project in Lower Arietta.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Craig Small reported that the crew is finishing the last of the ditching on town roads. They are working on the apron at the new shop. The paving will resume on September 16<sup>th</sup>. He has received the new track for the trail groomer. It has been lettered with the Town of Arietta decals and the track will be installed. He will put the old groomer on Auction International.

**CODES AND ZONING:** Mel LaScola had nothing to present.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The boat launch had been discussed prior. Chris stated he had given the Land Lease for a hanger to the person interested, they were happy with the lease. Chris asked for a motion to allow him to send the lease to the town attorney for review. Doug Stobo made the motion, Christy Wilt seconded and all members were in favor. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chris led a discussion regarding new Health Insurance. He explained the benefits of changing. After the discussion, the board was in favor of the change. Chris asked for a motion to move forward in switching Health Insurance Plans from Platinum 4 to Bronze 4 with an employee match of 10%. Johnny Rajca made the motion Christy Wilt seconded and all members were in favor. Motion passed.

Chris stated that the approval of the Local Law by the state had been received. Christy will add the Local Law to the website.

**BILLS:**

General Fund: Vouchers #484-489, 495-508 for a total of \$8664.82

Highway Fund: Vouchers #490-492,509-510 for a total of \$13,133.08

Utility Fund: Vouchers #472-477,493-494 for a total of \$4970.84

Chris asked for a motion to accept the bills as presented. Doug Stobo made the motion and Johnny Rajca seconded all members were in favor. Motion passed.

Chris asked for a motion to accept the financial statements as presented. Christy Wilt made the motion and Jacqui Grier seconded. All members were in favor. Motion passed.

Chris stated he had heard at a meeting that there may be changes in the Dog Kennel Mandates coming in 2025. He asked Laura Morehouse to contact the Agricultural and Markets office regarding possible changes.

Johnny Rajca stated he has had inquiries regarding the “cell tower.” The supervisor led a discussion on the subject.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bill Hotaling stated that the Lions Club served 831 breakfasts at the Fly-In and had over 50 airplanes land at the airport. Great Job

The next regular meeting will be on September 16, 2024, at 5:00 pm at the Piseco School.  
The board will set up dates for the Budget Workshops at that time.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn, Jacqui Grier made the motion, and Johnny Rajca seconded. All members were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

Respectfully submitted;

Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk