

TOWN OF ARIETTA
October 7, 2024
Town Board Budget Workshop 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-absent
Johnny Rajca-present
Jacqui Grier-absent
Craig Small-present-Highway Superintendent
Mel LaScola-absent-Codes and Zoning

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marie Buanno
Christine Hughes
Michael Hughes
Diane Holiat
Judy Hilton

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2024, Regular Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk. Doug Stobo offered the motion, which Johnny Rajca seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. The motion passed.

Agenda
October 7, 2024
at Piseco Common School
Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the October 1, 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**

- **New Business**
 - Review of 2025 Budget

- Motion to accept the bills
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting Tuesday, October 15, 2024, **Motion to adjourn.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Snowmobile Trails—Jacqui Grier reported that she is waiting to hear from the State regarding the cleanup of the storm damage on the snowmobile trails. A discussion followed.

Town Buildings and Grounds- Doug Stobo reported that the Fireman’s Auxiliary was finished with their activities for the year. Doug shut the appliances off to save on electricity.

Recreation/Website/Campsite- Christy Wilt was absent.

Lake/Dam/Cemetery- Johnny Rajca reported the boards have been taken out of the dam. The highway department removed them on October 3, 2024.

Finance/Internal Management/Airport/Insurance- Chris Rhodes had nothing new to report.

Superintendent of Highways- Craig Small reported that the driveway at the highway garage will be paved. There will not be any expense to the town. The state will pay for the entire job.

Codes and Zoning- Mel LaScola was absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board began the Budget Review. Supervisor Rhodes did a line-by-line review of the budget.

Johnny Rajca suggested the supervisor get more of a raise than the 2.5% cost of living raise. A discussion followed, and no change in the amount was approved.

Double longevity payment was suggested by Highway Superintendent Small for Highway Employees who have been at the highway department for the most time. These people do not have any room for advancement. This was discussed and agreed it would be appropriate.

Insurance buyout for those employees who are not enrolled in the town's insurance plan will be increased to \$5,000.

The town historian Victoria Fish has resigned. The town will be looking for a replacement.

When the activities for the children were reviewed, Christine Hughes was concerned about the swimming lessons. She would like to see them continued. The board stated they were going to leave the money in the budget for the lessons, the instructors were not available for this last summer. The town will do more promoting of this position to see if instructors or someone who would like to be certified is interested.

After the budget was reviewed and the board agreed to the changes, Supervisor Rhodes stated there would not be a need for a second budget workshop.

The next regular meeting will be on October 21, 2024, at 5:00 pm

BILLS:

General Fund: Vouchers #563-572 for a total of \$13,526.46

Highway Fund: Vouchers#573-577for a total of \$61,025.05

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christine Hughes volunteered to put information on the two (2) Piseco Facebook pages regarding the need for swimming instructors for 2025. She had concerns about the town sign laws. She is in real estate and makes her job difficult with the existing sign laws.

Mike Hughes- was interested in the Snowmobile Club workday for the trails.

Diane Holiat- Had questions regarding the progress of the Emergency Communications tower for Piseco. Supervisor Rhodes explained what was being done. She also expressed her displeasure with the Frontier phone company and its services.

At this time Supervisor Rhodes reminded the board the next meeting would be October 21, 2024, at 5:00 pm in the Piseco School Meeting room.

He asked for a motion to adjourn, Jacqui Grier offered the motion and it was seconded by Johnny Rajca. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted by
Laura Morehouse-Town Clerk