



TOWN OF ARIETTA

in

HAMILTON COUNTY, NY

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1722 State Route 8

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Agenda

December 2, 2024

5pm at Piseco Common School

Town of Arietta

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

- Resolutions
 - **24-12-62 Holiday Schedule 2025**
 - **24-12-63 Establish Last Payroll 2024**
 - **24-12-64 NYSERDA Grant**
 - **24-12-65 Transfer of Funds**
 - **24-12-66 ZBA Appointment**

- **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**
 - Lake Valley EMS Services

- Motion to accept the bills
- Motion to accept the financial statements
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting Monday, December 14, 2024
- **Motion to adjourn**

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:

December 2, 2024 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 24 - 12 -62

Subject: Holiday Schedule 2025

Resolution Offered By: _____

WHEREAS: Hamilton County has set its Holiday schedule for the year 2025, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta has followed the County's schedule in the past years, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Town Board, after review of the Hamilton County Holiday Schedule as submitted by the Arietta Town Supervisor, will set up the 2025 calendar year for Town Holidays as follows:

New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	Monday, January 20
President's Day	Monday, February 17
Good Friday	Friday, April 18
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26
Juneteenth	Thursday, June 19
Independence Day	Friday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 1
Columbus Day	Monday, October 13
Veterans Day	Tuesday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 27
Black Friday	Friday, November 28
Christmas Eve – Half Day	Wednesday, December 24 (Half Day)
Christmas	Thursday, December 25

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town of Arietta Town Board, after review of the 2025 Hamilton County Holiday Schedule, as submitted by the Town Supervisor, will accept the above outline for the Town of Arietta 2025 calendar year.

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

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____
John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____
Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____
Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____
Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

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:

December 2, 2024 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 24- 12 - 63

Subject: **Establish Last Payroll 2024**

Resolution Offered By: _____

WHEREAS: the Arietta Town Board will close the payroll for the year 2024, and

WHEREAS: the last date of payroll for 2024 bi-weekly General and Highway payroll will be at 12 midnight on Friday, December 27, 2024, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board, Town of Arietta will start the first bi-weekly General and Highway payroll period of the year 2025 on Saturday, December 28, 2024.

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

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____
John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____
Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____
Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____
Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

Town Clerk

Date

TOWN OF ARIETTA

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

December 2, 2024 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 24 – 12 - 64

Subject: **New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Grant Application**

Resolution Offered By: _____

WHEREAS: the Town has completed the benchmarking process for New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta received notice recently that the town has completed enough high-impact actions to be eligible for a \$10,000.00 grant under NYSEDA's Clean Energy Communities Program and the next step is to submit a grant application on line, and

WHEREAS: the project would be one hundred percent (100%) funded through NYSEDA's Clean Energy Communities Program, and

WHEREAS: the grant project would be to install heat pumps in the lower barn and purchase electric landscape equipment, and

WHEREAS: after consideration the Town Board would like to apply for and accept the grant, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to execute all necessary documents to apply and accept the NYSEDA's Clean Energy Communities Program Grant.

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

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____
John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____
Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____
Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____
Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

Town Clerk

Date

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:

December 2, 2024, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 24-12-65

Subject: **Transfer of Funds**

Resolution Offered By: _____

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta will give the Town Supervisor permission to make the following transfer of money:

General Fund

\$15,500.00 to #A0-5670-420, Airport Contractual Expense

from #A0-5670-410 Airport Contractual Expense

\$ 1,000.00 to #A0-1380-400, Fiscal Agent Fees Expense

from #A0-1990-400 Contingent Contractual Expense

\$10,500.00 to #A0-5132-100, Garage Personnel Expense

from #A0-1990-400 Contingent Contractual Expense

Highway Fund

\$ 300.00 to #DA-9010-800, NYS Retirement Expense

from #DA-9040-800 Workman Compensation Expense

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does approve the above transfers of money.

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

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____
John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____
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Town Clerk

Date

TOWN OF ARIETTA

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

December 2, 2024, at 5:00pm

Resolution # 24-12-66

Subject: **Appointment Zoning Board of Appeals**

Resolution Offered By: _____

WHEREAS: it is necessary that the Arietta Town Board reappoint Barry Baker to the Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals because his term ends December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board, after review, will reappoint him to a term of five (5) years on the Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals, effective January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2029, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta, does hereby reappoint Barry Baker to the Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of five (5) years as outlined above.

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

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____
John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____
Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____
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Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

Town Clerk

Date

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
TOWNS OF ARIETTA, LAKE PLEASANT AND WELLS
AND

PRIORITY AMBULANCE NEW YORK, LLC D/B/A LAKE VALLEY EMS

THIS AGREEMENT, as of the _____ day of _____, 2024, between the TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ARIETTA a municipal corporation with its offices located at 1 722 State Route 8, Piseco, N.Y. 12139, the TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PLEASANT a municipal corporation with its offices located at 2679 State Route 8, Lake Pleasant, NY 12108, and the TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WELLS a municipal corporation with its offices located at 1438 State Route 30, Wells, NY 12190 (hereinafter collectively "TOWNS") and PRIORITY AMBULANCE NEW YORK, LLC d/b/a LAKE VALLEY EMS a limited liability company located at 24 Gardner Place, Amsterdam, New York 12010 (hereinafter "LAKE VALLEY EMS");

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, LAKE VALLEY EMS operates an emergency medical and ambulance service and as part of such organization has sufficient trained and experienced personnel for the operation, maintenance and repair of such emergency medical service or ambulance vehicles and for the furnishing of prehospital emergency treatment and has the ability and resources to supply, staff and equip emergency medical service or ambulance vehicles including an Advanced Life Support ("ALS") fly car service suitable for such purposes, and operates such vehicles for the furnishing of prehospital emergency treatment and ALS Fly Car services; and

WHEREAS, the TOWNS may jointly, pursuant to General Municipal Law 122-b, provide for emergency medical services or a general ambulance service for the purpose of providing prehospital emergency medical treatment or transporting sick or injured persons found within the boundaries of the TOWNS to a hospital, clinic, sanatorium or other place for treatment of such illness or injury, and

for that purpose may contract with one or more individuals, municipal corporations, associations, or other organizations, having sufficient trained and experienced personnel, for operation, maintenance and repair of such emergency medical service or ambulance vehicles and for the furnishing of prehospital emergency treatment and may contract with one or more individuals, municipal corporations, associations, or other organizations to supply, staff and equip emergency medical service or ambulance vehicles suitable for such purposes and operate such vehicles for the furnishing of prehospital emergency treatment; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the foregoing, the TOWNS desire to engage LAKE VALLEY EMS to provide ALS fly car service within the TOWNS.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises recited herein and other good and valuable consideration stated herein the TOWNS do hereby contract with LAKE VALLEY EMS to furnish ALS fly car service to and within such TOWNS, and LAKE VALLEY EMS agrees to furnish such ALS fly car service, subject to the following provisions:

1. TERM:

This AGREEMENT is for an initial term of three (3) years commencing on the effective date of January 1, 2025.

2. CONSIDERATION:

a. For the services hereunder, the TOWNS shall equally pay an annual base fee to Lake Valley EMS as follows:

Year of Service	Total Annual Fee	Prorated for Each Town
01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025	\$350,000.00 ("Base Fee")	\$116,666.67
01/01/2026– 12/31/2026	\$364,000.00 (4% Increase)	\$121,333.33
01/01/2027– 12/31/2027	\$382,200.00 (5% Increase)	\$127,400.00

Each TOWN may receive credit for any TWIGS money or billing revenue paid to LAKE VALLEY EMS on an annual basis. LAKE VALLEY EMS shall retain all revenue recovery obtained by LAKE VALLEY EMS. Only TOWN(S) that have billing revenue will receive credit for Lake Valley EMS's collections on such revenue. Each TOWN will receive a quarterly invoice reflecting the amount owed for that quarter and providing credit, if any, for TWIGS money and/or billing revenue received by LAKE VALLEY EMS on behalf of each TOWN.

b. Should one or more of the TOWNS become unable to pay the obligations described above, such TOWN is required to provide thirty (30) day's written notice to all other parties. Upon receipt of such a notice, the remaining parties shall renegotiate the fees to be paid by each TOWN for continuation of service. If a new agreement regarding allocation of fees cannot be reached within thirty (30) days, LAKE VALLEY EMS shall have the right to terminate this Agreement.

c. Such fees due LAKE VALLEY EMS under this AGREEMENT from TOWNS shall be paid by the TOWNS to LAKE VALLEY EMS quarterly and shall be due and payable in advance on April 1, July 1, October 1 and January 1. A voucher or other documentation shall be required for payment hereunder.

d. During any renewal term past the initial term of this Agreement, the Total Annual Fee (and each TOWN's prorated share) shall be subject to an annual increase of 5% over the previous year's fee.

3. LAKE VALLEY EMS'S OBLIGATIONS:

a. LAKE VALLEY EMS will provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) fly car service to residents of the TOWNS and to non-residents for medical emergencies occurring in the TOWNS. LAKE VALLEY EMS will conduct and commence its operations under the authority conferred upon LAKE VALLEY EMS by means of an Operating Certificate obtained from the New York State Department of Health pursuant to Article 30 of the Public Health Law. LAKE VALLEY EMS will be solely responsible for supplying, maintaining, and equipping its personnel and fly car

vehicle and for providing sufficient and properly trained personnel for the provision of such ALS fly car service and shall comply with the lawful mandates of the State of New York Department of Health and the Regional Emergency Medical Organization for the operation of such ALS fly car service.

b. As the agency engaged by the TOWNS to provide ALS fly car service within the TOWNS, pursuant to the provisions of General Municipal Law 122-b, LAKE VALLEY EMS has and will maintain at all times under this AGREEMENT all licenses, permits certifications and other required qualifications for delivery of such ALS fly car services, including without limitation, authorizations for the use and storage of all narcotics required and authorized for an ALS fly car service and shall obtain and maintain all legal and regulatory records, training, facilities, controls and otherwise for the use and storage of such narcotics as may be required by federal, state and regional authorities as the agency contracted by the TOWNS for ALS fly car services.

c. LAKE VALLEY EMS will seek revenue recovery from persons utilizing the ALS fly car service through patient billing and revenue recovery procedures in general practice within the industry and as more fully set forth in Paragraph 5 and otherwise.

4. TOWNS' OBLIGATIONS:

a. To the fullest extent permitted by law, TOWNS assign and delegate to LAKE VALLEY EMS the authority and responsibility necessary to provide ALS fly car services pursuant to General Municipal Law §122-b.

b. The TOWNS will enact such lawful resolutions as necessary to effect the intent and purposes of this AGREEMENT.

c. The TOWNS will set rates for ALS fly car service within the TOWNS pursuant to LAKE VALLEY EMS'S recommendations and hereby establishes the rates as set forth in Schedule A hereto.

d. The TOWNS will provide emergency call answering and ambulance dispatching through the Hamilton County 911 Center. TOWNS will direct that all calls for all ALS fly car originating in the TOWNS be dispatched to LAKE VALLEY EMS and to such other fire or ambulances service based emergency medical services providers as existing or revised dispatch protocols dictate.

e. For the duration of this AGREEMENT, TOWNS authorize LAKE VALLEY EMS to pursue the collection of fees and charges (hereinafter "revenue recovery") from the users of the services provided pursuant to this AGREEMENT, as well as from such users' insurers, guarantors, and legally responsible representatives.

f. Upon the recommendation of LAKE VALLEY EMS as to amount and rate of fees and charges that are usual and customary for the services provided, TOWNS will adopt a schedule of fees and charges pursuant to General Municipal Law §122-b(2). Such schedule of fees and charges may be amended from time to time as warranted and as authorized by the TOWNS. Such schedule of fees and charges is annexed hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule A, provided however, that any future diminution or reduction in fees shall be sufficient basis for LAKE VALLEY EMS to cancel this AGREEMENT immediately upon implementation of such reduced or diminished fees.

g. Pursuant to the express terms of this AGREEMENT and to the fullest extent permitted by law, TOWNS delegate and assign to LAKE VALLEY EMS all of TOWNS' authority, rights, and responsibilities to pursue and obtain revenue recovery from those persons and entities lawfully responsible for the payment of charges for ambulance and emergency medical services (including BLS and ALS related charges of every sort), provided in TOWNS, as and for the compensation to LAKE VALLEY EMS under this AGREEMENT generally and as specifically referenced previously in Paragraph 2(b) hereof.

5. REVENUE RECOVERY:

a. If and to the extent allowed by applicable law, LAKE VALLEY EMS as the contracted ALS fly car agency will bill patients, their insurers (including private insurers, Medicare and Medicaid) and guarantors at the usual and customary rates as recommended by LAKE VALLEY EMS and as approved by the TOWNS for the provision of ALS fly car services.

b. If and to the extent allowed by applicable law, in the event that an ambulance service other than LAKE VALLEY EMS transports any patient for which LAKE VALLEY EMS has provided ALS fly car services, LAKE VALLEY EMS shall issue the only bill for services, which may include charges for ambulance services and transport of such patient, subject to a written agreement between LAKE VALLEY EMS and the other agency, and as otherwise provided for by law. The expenses incurred for pursuing revenue recovery shall be borne by LAKE VALLEY EMS and LAKE VALLEY EMS may contract with a vendor(s) to supply revenue recovery services.

c. The expenses incurred for pursuing revenue recovery shall be borne by LAKE VALLEY EMS with a billing vendor(s) selected solely by LAKE VALLEY EMS (whether LAKE VALLEY EMS or other service provider) to supply revenue recovery services. All proceeds received from revenue recovery will be deemed to be the consideration pursuant to this AGREEMENT due and owing to LAKE VALLEY EMS by TOWNS who engage in billing revenue. Such proceeds may be remitted directly to LAKE VALLEY EMS by the billing vendor with appropriate documentation and accounting as provided for herein and pursuant to the ancillary agreement between the billing vendor, if any, and LAKE VALLEY EMS.

d. To the extent TOWNS, who engage in billing revenue, may reasonably request additional reporting, accounting, or documentation of revenue recovery efforts for services provided in those TOWNS, LAKE VALLEY EMS agrees to provide such additional information directly or from its billing vendor in a timely fashion and provide same to TOWNS.

6. **INDEMNITY:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, LAKE VALLEY EMS will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the TOWNS in any claim for personal injuries, damages, or

administrative enforcement arising out of LAKE VALLEY EMS'S operations, actions, or obligations under the AGREEMENT. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the TOWNS will indemnify and hold harmless LAKE VALLEY EMS in any claim for personal injuries, damages, or administrative enforcement arising out of the TOWNS' operations, actions, or obligations under this AGREEMENT.

7. INSURANCE: LAKE VALLEY EMS shall procure and maintain general liability insurance including EMS practitioner's liability coverage with limits of liability of no less than \$1 million dollars primary coverage per occurrence and \$3 million dollars in annual aggregate, and shall add the TOWNS as additional insureds on a primary basis under such policy(ies) for any claims arising out of the operations, actions, or obligations of LAKE VALLEY EMS in providing ALS fly car services. LAKE VALLEY EMS will provide commercial or business vehicle coverage on all vehicles with minimum limits of \$1 million dollars primary coverage, \$3 million dollars in annual aggregate. LAKE VALLEY EMS will provide a certificate(s) of insurance to the TOWNS evidencing the existence of the procured coverages and blanket additional insurance endorsements required herein.

8. AUDIT AND FINANCIAL CONTROL: LAKE VALLEY EMS recognizes that the TOWNS have a fiduciary responsibility to monitor the financial reporting and transactions associated with the provision of ambulance and ALS fly car services and given the requirements of the New York State Comptroller's Office that impose oversight obligations on insurance revenue recovery programs.

On a quarterly basis LAKE VALLEY EMS will provide the TOWNS, who engage in billing revenue, with the following:

i. Access to reports prepared by LAKE VALLEY EMS or its billing vendor evidencing the number of calls generating bills, the amounts billed, revenue received, accounts deemed uncollectible, and such other non-privileged information as the parties may agree.

ii. Nothing in the reports and documentation required herein to be provided to the TOWNS shall require LAKE VALLEY EMS to disclose a patient's identity or other protected health information as governed by HIPAA or other governmental statute, rule or regulation.

On an annual basis, LAKE VALLEY EMS will have an audit of its financial statements performed by a certified public accountant and a copy of such audit, including the management letter, shall be provided to the TOWNS.

Donations, with the exception of TWIGS money, made to LAKE VALLEY EMS shall not be considered revenue for purposes of this paragraph.

9. SEVERABILITY: To the extent permitted by law, if any provision of this AGREEMENT is deemed by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be void or voidable, all other provisions shall remain enforceable and effective.

10. VENDOR STATUS: LAKE VALLEY EMS is a contract vendor to the TOWNS. LAKE VALLEY EMS is neither an agent nor a department of the TOWNS. Nothing herein should be deemed to infer that an employment or agency relationship exists between the parties.

11. CONTINUITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDMENTS: It is the intent of the parties that all terms and conditions set forth in this AGREEMENT shall continue and be deemed uninterrupted and such new or amended terms as included herein shall be given retro-active effect to the date of original agreement unless expressly stated otherwise.

12. MODIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT: This AGREEMENT may be modified in writing upon the consent of all parties. Pursuant to General Municipal Law § 109, this contract may not be assigned or transferred by LAKE VALLEY EMS without the prior written consent of TOWNS.

TOWN OF ARIETTA

By: _____

TOWN OF LAKE PLEASANT

By: _____

TOWN OF WELLS

By: _____

PRIORITY AMBULANCE NEW
YORK D/B/A LAKE VALLEY EMS

By: _____