

TOWN OF ARIETTA TOWN BOARD MEETING

Piseco School Meeting Room

December 2, 2024

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-present-Codes and Zoning

William Hotaling- present- Assessor

OTHER PRESENT: none

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

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**

RESOLUTIONS:

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: Doug Stobo

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: 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	<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"/>

Laura Morehouse Town Clerk Date 12/2/2024

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: _____ Doug Stobo _____

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: _____ Johnny Rajca _____ 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

Laura Morehouse 12/2/2024

 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 Offered By: Johnny Rajca

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 NYSERDA’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 NYSERDA’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 NYSERDA’s Clean Energy Communities Program Grant.

Seconded by: Doug Stobo 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 _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt x_____
Christian Rhodes x_____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

Laura Morehouse 12/2/2024
 Town Clerk Date

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School, 1722 State Route 8 1722 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: Johnny Rajca

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
 \$ 7,000.00 to #A0-7620-400, Adult Recreation 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: Doug Stobo 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 _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt x_____
Christian Rhodes x_____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

Laura Morehouse 12/2/2024
 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 to Zoning Board of Appeals**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

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: 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 _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt x_____
Christian Rhodes x_____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

Laura Morehouse

12/2/2024

Town Clerk

Date

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Snowmobile Trails: Jacqui Grier was absent from the meeting. Craig Small reported that all the trails are finished being cleared and ready for snow.

Town Buildings and Grounds - Doug Stobo reported that Marie Buanno had unplugged the soda machine in the Community Hall.

He also stated that there was a significant amount of dirt against the concrete building in the cemetery. Craig will check on this concern.

Recreation/Website/Campsite- Christy Wilt was absent from the meeting.

Lake/Dam/Cemetery- Johnny Rajca had nothing to report.

Finance/Internal Management/Airport/Insurance- Chris Rhodes stated that he has been continuing to work on airport projects.

Superintendent of Highways Craig Small reported that the snowmobile trails are finished. They have been working on projects for the new equipment storage building.

Codes and Zoning: Mel LaScola had nothing new to report.

Assessor: William Hotaling had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Rhodes stated that a copy of the Lake Valley EMS Contract was sent to the town board members for review. He asked if there were any questions, the members in attendance had no questions regarding the contract. Chris will bring a resolution to our next meeting to sign the contract for EMS services.

BILLS:

General Fund: Vouchers #653-677,679-683,700-703-Total-\$56,639.35

Highway Fund: Vouchers #678,684-699 -Total-\$115,905.70

Utilities Fund: Vouchers #646-652- Total-\$0a 3,302.62

At this time, the Supervisor asked for a motion to pay the bills as presented. Doug Stobo offered the motion, which Johnny Rajca seconded. All members in attendance were in favor, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

At this time Laura Morehouse asked Craig Small if the two trucks that were up for auction had been sold. He said yes that the town had gotten what they were worth. She asked Supervisor Rhodes where that money was used. He responded that there is a line item in the budget for equipment that is no longer used or needed.

The next regular meeting will be on December 14, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

Supervisor Rhodes moved to adjourn the meeting. Doug Stobo made the motion, and Johnny Rajca seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Laura Morehouse-Town Clerk