TOWN OF ARIETTA

Piseco School Meeting Room January 6, 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-present
Johnny Rajca-present
Jacqui Grier-present
Craig Small-present-Highway Superintendent
Mel LaScola-absent-Codes and Zoning
William Hotaling- Assessor

OTHERS PRESENT: Fred Knapp, Stephen Woehrle

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the minutes of December 30, 2024, the Regular Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk. Doug Stobo offered the motion, and Johnny Rajca seconded it. All members in attendance were in favor. The motion passed.

TOWN OF ARIETTA

in
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Agenda

January 6, 2025
5pm at Piseco Common School
Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- ➤ Roll Call
- ➤ Motion to approve minutes for the December 30, 2024 meeting
- > Resolutions

25-01-01	Organizational
25-01-02	Procurement Policy
25-01-03	Investment Policy
25-01-04	Brennan Memorial Agreement
25-01-05	LP Senior Center 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**
- > New Business
 - Annual Review of Financial Records at the January 21, 2025 Meeting
- Motion to accept the bills
- Motion to accept financial statements
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting Tuesday, January 21, 2025
- Motion to adjourn

RESOLUTIONS:

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:

January 6, 2025

Resolution # 24-01-01

Subject: Organizational Meeting of the Arietta Town Board for the Year 2025

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

WHEREAS: the Town Board of Arietta will approve and/or establish the following appointments and designations:

Chris Rhodes------Budget Officer
Christy Wilt------Deputy Supervisor

Mel LaScola------Code Enforcement Officer Mel LaScola------Building/Safety Inspector

Brad Parslow------Deputy Building/Safety Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Laura Morehouse---Animal Control Officer

Laura Morehouse---Registrar of Vital Statistics

Charles Morehouse Deputy Tax Collector

Marion Parslow-----Deputy Town Clerk

William Hotaling---Town Historian

Joyce Page-----Justice Clerk

Craig Small-----Refuse & Recyclable Foreman

Craig Small-----Safety Coordinator

Craig Small-----Parks & Recreation, Grounds & Buildings

Matthew Wilt-----Deputy Highway Superintendent

All town employees, and elected and appointed officials will be paid on a bi-weekly basis.

All town equipment and property will be identified and labeled as such.

The regular monthly meetings of the Town Board will be held on the first Monday and third Monday of each month at 5:00 pm unless otherwise noted, and all bills will be submitted by noon on the Friday before the Board Meeting

NBT, or any commercial bank designated by the Board in resolution will be the official bank of the Town of Arietta

The Hamilton County Express and the Leader Herald of Gloversville will be designated as the official newspapers of the Town of Arietta

The Town Board will review the financial books of the Supervisor, Justices, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector at the January 21, 2025 meeting

The Supervisor is authorized to invest idle town funds in NBT Bank Certificates of Deposit or Money Market Accounts

Any Town Official (authorized by the Town Board) may attend the Association of Towns Meetings in New York City and other meetings & training pertaining to Town business and the town will reimburse any official charges.

The Supervisor is authorized to pay utility and water testing bills, postage, and payroll before the audit of the Town Board and these bills will be audited at the following Town Board Meeting

The reimbursable mileage rate for approved charges is 67 cents per mile.

Salaries for Elected Officials and Appointed Personnel are set forth as established in the 2025 Town Budget:

2.5 % increase in the Wage and Salary Structure adopted by the Town Board (see attached) in 2025 for the following Grade 1-30 positions:

Laborers (General, Highway & Airport) Account Clerk, Account Clerk/Typist

Motor Equipment Operator

Heavy Equipment Operator Automotive Mechanic

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board, Town of Arietta approves the above appointments, salaries, wages, and standards.

Seconded by resulted as foll	Doug Stobo		_ and put to a vote, which
AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier	xJacquelyn Grier	 Jacquelyn Grier	Jacquelyn Grier
John Rajca	x John Rajca	 John Rajca	John Rajca
Douglas Stobo	xDouglas Stobo	 Douglas Stobo	Douglas Stobo
Christy Wilt	x Christy Wilt	 Christy Wilt	Christy Wilt

Laura	Marchana		1/6/2025	
	Morehouse	Town Cle	1/6/2025 erk Date	
		TO	OWN OF ARIETTA	
_	•	Arietta Town Boar County, New York		ool on 1722 State Route 8 in the
January 6, 20	25 at 5:00pm			
Resolution #	24-01-02			
Subject:	Procuremen	t Policy		
Resolution O	ffered By:	Christy Wilt		
policies and p	orocedures gove		nent of goods and services no	s every town to adopt internal of subject to the bidding
WHEREAS:	comments ha	ve been solicited fr	rom those officers of the Tow	on involved with procurement, and
	RE, LET IT BI		hat the Town of Arietta does	hereby adopt the following
purchasing au equipment ne history to dete	of GML~103. athority (herein eded in a given ermine the like	Every Town Offic after Purchaser) sh a fiscal year. That ly yearly value of the	eer, Board, Department Head, nall estimate the cumulative a estimate shall include the carthe commodity to be acquired	be evaluated to determine the or other personnel with the requisite mount of the items of supply or avass of other town departments and I. The information gathered and umentation supporting the purchase
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All estimated purchases of:

 \sim Less than \$20,000 but greater than \$10,000 requires a written **request for a proposal** (RFP) and written/fax/email quotes from three vendors.

- ~ Less than \$10,000 but greater than \$6,000 requires an oral request for the goods and written/fax/email quotes from three vendors.
- \sim Less than \$6,000 but greater than \$2,500 requires an oral request for the goods and oral/written/fax/email quotes from two vendors.
 - ~ Less than \$2,500 is left to the discretion of the Purchaser.

All estimated public works contracts of:

- \sim Less than \$35,000 but greater than \$15,000 requires a written RFP and written/fax/email proposals from three contractors.
- \sim Less than \$15,000 but greater than \$3,000 requires a written RFP and written/fax/email proposals from two contractors.
 - ~ Less than \$3,000 is left to the discretion of the Purchaser.

Any written RFP shall describe the desired goods, quantity, and the particulars of delivery. The Purchaser shall compile a list of all vendors/contractors from whom written/fax/email/oral quotes have been requested and the written/fax/email/oral quotes offered.

All information gathered in complying with the procedures of this Guideline shall be preserved and filed with the documentation supporting the subsequent purchase or public works contract.

Guideline 3 The lowest responsible proposal or quote shall be awarded the purchase or public works contract unless the Purchaser prepares a written justification providing reasons why it is in the best interest of the Town and its taxpayers to make an award to other than the low bidder. (For example: the second low bidder is a business in town, paying property taxes and their quote was within 5% of the low bidder which is an out of state business or supplier.). If a bidder is not deemed responsible, facts supporting that judgment shall also be documented and filed with the record supporting the procurement.

Guideline 4 A good faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations. If the Purchaser is unable to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations, the Purchaser shall document the attempt made at obtaining the proposals. In no event shall the inability to obtain the proposals or quotes be a bar to the procurement.

Guideline 5 Except when directed by the Town Board, no solicitation of written proposals or quotations shall be required under the following circumstances:

- a). Acquisition of professional services
- b). Emergencies
- c). Sole source situations
- d). Goods purchased from agencies for the blind or severely handicapped
- e). Goods purchased from correctional facilities
- f). Goods purchased from another governmental agency
- g). Goods purchased at auction
- h). Goods purchased for less than \$2,500
- i). Public works contacts for less than \$3,000

Guideline 6 or as soon thereas	This policy shall be revie fter as is reasonably practicable	2 2	pard at its organizational meeting
Seconded by: Johnny Rajca		and put to	a vote, which resulted as follows
AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
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La	aura Morehouse	1/6/2025	
	Town Cler	rk Date	
	TOV	WN OF ARIETTA	
•	Hamilton County, New York of at 5:00 pm		on 1722 State Route 8, in the
•	ed By: Jacqui Gri	ier	
WHEREAS: Ge governing investor	neral Municipal Law (GML) rement procedures	equires every town to adopt in	ternal policies and procedures
THEREFORE, investment policy	TO	at the Town of Arietta does he WN OF ARIETTA ESTMENT POLICY	ereby adopt the following
	This investment policy applient on its own behalf or on behalf	•	
II. OBJECT order, a. b. c. d.	order, a. to conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements (legal); b. to adequately safeguard principal (safety); c. to provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements (liquidity); and		

<u>DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY</u> – The governing board's responsibility for administration of the

investment program is delegated to the Town Supervisor, who shall establish written procedures for the

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operation of the investment program consistent with these investment guidelines. Such procedures shall include an adequate internal control structure to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based on a database or records incorporating description and amounts of investments, transaction dates and other relevant information and regulate the activities of subordinate employees.

- IV. PRUDENCE All participants in the investment process shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but or investment, considering the safety of the principal as well as the probable income to be derived. All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.
- **V.** <u>**DIVERSIFICATION**</u> It is the policy of the Town of Arietta to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution, by investment instrument, and by maturity scheduling.
- VI. <u>INTERNAL CONTROLS</u> It is the policy of the Town of Arietta for all moneys collected by any officer or employee of the government to transfer those funds to the Supervisor within 30 days of deposit, or within the time period specified in law, whichever is shorter. The Supervisor is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that deposits and investments are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly and are managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

VII.	DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITA	RIES - The banks and trust co	mpanies authorized for the deposit of			
	monies up to the following maximum amounts are:					
	Depository Name	Maximum Amount	Officer			
	NBT Bank	\$4,000,000.00				
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- VIII. <u>COLLATERALIZING OF DEPOSITS</u> In accordance with the provisions of the General Municipal Law, ~10, all deposits of the Town of Arietta, including Certificates of Deposit and special time deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the provision of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be secured:
 - 1. By a pledge of "eligible securities" with an aggregate "market value", or provided by General Municipal Law, ~10, equal to the aggregate amount of deposits from the categories designated in Appendix A to the policy.
 - 2. By an eligible "irrevocable letter of credit" issued by a qualified bank other than the bank with the deposits in favor of the government for a term not to exceed 90 days with an aggregate value equal to 140% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any. A qualified bank is one whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization or by a bank that is in compliance with applicable federal minimum risk based capital requirements.
 - 3. By an eligible surety bond payable to the government for an amount at least equal to 100% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any, executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in New York State, whose claims paying ability is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

- IX. **SAFEKEEPING AND COLLATERALIZATION** - Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits shall be held by NBT Bank and The Bank of New York Mellon (BNY Mellon) and/or a third party bank or trust company subject to security and custodial agreements. The security agreement shall provide that eligible securities are being pledged to secure local government deposits together with agreed upon interest, if any and any costs or expenses arising out of the collection of such deposits upon default. It shall also provide the conditions under which the securities may be sold, presented for payment, substituted or released and the events, which will enable the local government to exercise its rights against the pledged securities. In the event that the securities are not registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, such securities shall be delivered in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment in blank to the custodial bank. The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company or agent of and custodian for the local government, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement should also describe that the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the securities. The agreement shall provide for the frequency of revaluation or eligible securities and for the substitution of securities when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the local government a perfected interest in the securities.
- X. <u>PERMITTED INVESTMENTS</u> As authorized by General Municipal law ~11, the Town of Arietta authorizes the Town Supervisor to invest moneys not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following investments:

Special time deposit accounts

Certificates of deposit

Obligations of the United States of America

Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America;

Obligations of New York State

Obligations of issued pursuant to LFL~24.00 or 25.00 with approval of the State Comptroller by any municipality, school district or district corporation other than the Town of Arietta;

Obligations of public authorities, public housing authorities, urban renewal agencies and industrial development agencies where the general State statutes governing such entities or whose specific enabling legislation authorizes such investments;

Certificates of Participation (COP) issued pursuant to GML ~6-c,6-d,6-e,6-g,6-h,6-j,6-k,6-l,6-m, or 6-n:

All investment obligations shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Town of Arietta within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the moneys were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Town of Arietta within two years of the date of purchase.

XI. <u>AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS</u> – The Town of Arietta shall maintain a list of financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes and establish appropriate limits to the amount of investments, which can be made with each financial institution or dealer. All financial institutions with which the local government conducts business must be credit worthy. Banks shall provide their most recent Consolidated Report of Condition at the request of the Town of Arietta. Security dealers not affiliated with a bank shall be required to be classified as reporting dealers affiliated with the New York Federal Reserve Bank, as primary dealers. The

Supervisor is responsible for evaluating the financial position and maintaining a listing of proposed depositaries, trading partners and custodians. Such listing shall be evaluated at least annually.

XII. PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS - The Supervisor is authorized to contract for the purchase of investments:

- 1. Directly, including through a repurchase agreement, from an authorized trading partner.
- 2. By participation in a cooperative investment program with another authorized governmental entity pursuant to Article 5G of the General Municipal Law where such program meets all the requirements set forth in the Office of the State Comptroller Opinion #88-46, and the specific program has been authorized by the governing board.
- 3. By utilizing an ongoing investment program with an authorized tracking partner pursuant to a contract authorized by the governing board.

All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, shall be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company. Such obligations shall be purchased, sold or presented for redemption or payment by such bank or trust company only in accordance with prior written authorization from the officer authorized to make the investment. All such transactions shall be held pursuant to a written custodial agreement as described in General Municipal Law ~10.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, as agent of and custodian for, the local government, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement shall describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of the securities. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the local government a perfected interest in the securities.

XIII. <u>REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS</u> – Repurchase agreements are authorized subject to the following restrictions:

All repurchase agreements must be entered into subject to a Master Repurchase Agreement.

Trading partners are limited to banks or trust companies authorized to do business in New York State and primary reporting dealers.

Obligations shall be limited to obligations of the United States of America and obligations of agencies of the United States of America where principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America.

No substitution of securities will be allowed.

The custodian shall be a party other than the trading partner.

Seconded by: resulted as follows:	Doug Stobo	and put to a vote, which	
AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier x John Rajca x Douglas Stobo x Christy Wilt x Christian Rhodes x	John Rajca Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt	Jacquelyn Grier John Rajca Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt Christian Rhodes	Jacquelyn Grier John Rajca Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt Christian Rhodes
Laur	ra Morehouse	1/6/2025	
	Town Clerk	Date	

State of New York)
) SS: County of Hamilton)
I, <u>Laura Morehouse</u> , Clerk of the 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, Town of Arietta at a meeting on January 6, 2025 by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the Resolution.
Witness My Hand of the Official Seal of Town of Arietta, NY this _January _six_,2025
Laura Morehouse
Town Clerk
TOWN OF ARIETTA
At a regular Meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School, 1722 State Route 8 Piseco in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:
January 6, 2025, at 5:00 pm
Resolution # 25-01-04
Subject: Agreement with James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society
Resolution Offered By:
WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Animal Control Officer, on various occasions, needs to take stray, unclaimed dogs to a Humane Society, and

WHEREAS: to use this service when needed, it is necessary to enter into an agreement with an agency, and

WHEREAS: an annual Agreement for the James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society has been reviewed by the Town of Arietta Town Board in the amount of \$750.00 to be paid out of #A3520.400 Animal Control Contractual Expense Account, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Arietta Town Board will give the Supervisor permission to sign the annual agreement for 2025 with the James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society.

Seconded by: <u>Doug</u>	g Stobo	and put	to a vote, which resulted as follows
AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier x John Rajca x Douglas Stobo x Christy Wilt x Christian Rhodes x	John Rajca Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt	Jacquelyn Grier John Rajca Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt Christian Rhodes	Jacquelyn Grier John Rajca Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt Christian Rhodes
Laura Morel	nouse	1/6/2025	
	Town C	Clerk Date	
January 6, 2024 Resolution # 25-0		Lake Pleasant Senior Citizer	ns Group Inc.
Resolution Offered	By: Doug S	tobo	
WHEREAS: the T Group Inc., and	own of Arietta has to rev	iew the annual agreement with	the Lake Pleasant Senior Citizens
		no changes were made for the , and the sum of \$2,000.00 rec	term of the lease for the period from uested remains the same, and
· ·			f Arietta does authorize the Town ake Pleasant Senior Citizens Group
Seconded by:	Jacqui Grier	and put	to a vote, which resulted as follows
AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier x John Rajca x Douglas Stobo x Christy Wilt x Christian Rhodes x	John Rajca Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt	Jacquelyn Grier John Rajca Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt Christian Rhodes	Jacquelyn Grier John Rajca Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt Christian Rhodes
Laura Morel		1/6/2025	
	Town (Clerk Date	

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Snowmobile Trails: Jacqui Grier reported the trails are not open for snowmobiles. There is not enough snow cover.

Town Buildings and Grounds: Doug Stobo had nothing new to report.

<u>Recreation/Website/Campsite-</u> Christy Wilt had nothing new to report <u>Lake/Dam/Cemetery-</u> Johnny Rajca had nothing new to report

<u>Finance/Internal Management/Airport/Insurance</u>- Chris Rhodes reported that Sheila Crouse, Youth Recreation Director had given him a list of the activities for 2025 and the cost of each. The board reviewed and approved the activities. He also reported he was asked about having roller skating in the Community Hall. It was discussed and the board felt that the floor would not hold up against skates. The idea of taking a bus to High Rollers in Amsterdam was also discussed and was thought to be a better idea.

Adult activities, for Example: basket or wreath making, class, and materials should be paid for by the person, not the town.

<u>Superintendent of Highways</u> Craig Small reported that the Tucker Trail Groomer will be taken to Powley Road on 1/7/2025 to start grooming.

<u>Codes and Zoning</u>—Mel LaScola reported he had gotten the percentages for the land use in Arietta. 45% residential, 5% commercial, and 50% other. He reported he had issued 88 permits of several types in 2024.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: The Annual Review of the Financial Records will be done at the January 21, 2025 meeting.

BILLS:

General Fund: Vouchers #743-764,773 for a total of \$7336.59 Highway Fund: Vouchers #765-772 for a total of \$7065.77 Utilities Fund: Vouchers # 738,740-742 for a total of \$1045.22

At this time, the Supervisor asked for a motion to pay the bills as presented. Johnny Rajca offered the motion, which Christy Wilt seconded. All members in attendance were in favor, and the motion passed. A motion was asked to accept the financial statements as presented. Doug Stobo offered the motion to accept the financial reports and Jacqui Grier seconded. All members in attendance were in favor, and the motion passed.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u> Fred Knapp asked if Mr. Vedder is still agreeing to have the snowmobile trail on his property. Supervisor Rhodes stated yes, he is in total agreement with the trail crossing his property.

The next regular meeting will be on January 21, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

Jacqui Grier motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Johnny Rajca. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Laura Morehouse-Town Clerk