

**TOWN OF ARIETTA**  
**February 18, 2025**  
Town Board Regular 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-present  
Johnny Rajca-present  
Jacqui Grier-present  
Craig Small-present-Highway Superintendent  
Mel LaScola-present-Codes and Zoning  
William Hotaling-Assessor

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Steve Woehrle

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the February 3, 2025, Regular Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk. Johnny Rajca offered the motion, which Doug Stobo seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. The motion passed.

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## Agenda

**February 18, 2025**  
5 pm at Piseco Common School  
**Town of Arietta**

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the February 3, 2025 meeting
  
- Resolutions
  - **25-02-12 Appointment Planning Board Member**
  - **25-02-13 NYS SWD Report**
  - **25-02-14 Harris 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**



**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:

February 18, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25-02-13

Subject: **Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution**

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does hereby Certify the attached RS2417-A and RS2417-B to be reported as required by the NYS Retirement System.

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

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

Laura Morehouse  
Town Clerk

Date: February 18, 2025

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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:

February 18, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25-02-14

Subject: **Harris Local Government Version 4 Software Upgrade Agreement**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta has received an Agreement from Harris Local Government for the version 4 upgrade of the current software program with beta testing participation, and

**WHEREAS:** the database server was purchased and the version 4 upgrade has been formatted to work with the new server, and

**WHEREAS:** the town has been given the opportunity to take part in the beta testing and will receive the upgrade at no cost to the town as per the attached agreement, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does hereby after review will accept the agreement and will participate in the beta testing. The Town Board authorizes the supervisor to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town of Arietta.

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

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

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February 18, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25-02-15

Subject: **REQUESTING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO POST WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON TOWN ROADS FOR THE YEAR 2025**

Resolution Offered By: Christy Wilt

**WHEREAS:** Vehicle and Traffic Law Article 41, Section 1660 gives authority to the Town Board to post weight limits on Town Roads when the Board deems necessary to protect roads from harm during spring break up, and

**WHEREAS:** Vehicle and Traffic Law Article 40, Section 1650 gives authority to the county superintendent of highways to post weight limits on County Roads when the superintendent deems it necessary to protect County roads from harm during spring break up, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town would need to place an ad in the local newspaper notifying the public of such postings, and

**WHEREAS:** the County Superintendent places a legal ad in the local newspaper notifying the public of such posting on County highways, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town roads are typically posted for the same duration as the County roads, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board and Town Highway Superintendent believes that it would be in the interest of the Town if the County Superintendent post weight restrictions on the Town roads in conjunction with the County Roads during spring break up, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town Board of the Town of Arietta hereby requests and authorizes the County Superintendent of Highways post weight restrictions on Town roads within the Town of Arietta when he deems necessary for the calendar year 2025.

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

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

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Snowmobile Trails**—Jacqui Grier reported that the snowmobile trails were excellent and had received many compliments on their condition. The Christmas Tree Burning and Fireworks at the Oxbow was a great success for the snowmobile club.

**Town Buildings and Grounds**- Doug Stobo reported he had contacted the Orkin service and there have not been any problems with rodents at the community hall. There was a discussion regarding possibly discontinuing the service until spring. Supervisor Rhodes will check the contract.

**Recreation/Website/Campsite**- Christy Wilt gave the board members the new brochure from the NYS Encon Department regarding the campsites in the area, there was a discussion regarding the information, or lack of information, in the brochure.

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

**Finance/Internal Management/Airport/Insurance**- Chris Rhodes reported the new Skid Steer is working very well at the airport. He also had information on a company called “Spyglass” that will audit the Frontier and AT&T accounts and phone services to see if the town could save money on these utilities. After discussion, the board agreed to use this service.

**Superintendent of Highways**- Craig Small reminded the board there is no parking on town roadways and snow is not to be plowed or blown into/across the roads. During the storm, the plows had a very difficult time keeping the roads clear because of multiple problems with cars/trucks parked on the roadway. Suggestions of contacting the Sheriff's Department and putting “stickers” on vehicles were some of the ways to deter this from continuing. He asked that people spread the word regarding these problems. He reported that a new track has been installed on the Tucker Groomer and it was back in service on Powley Road. There are 3 broken Scandic groomer machines in the shop. They are very old and have many miles on them. He suggested that 2 new machines be put in the budget for next year.

**Codes and Zoning**- Mel LaScola reported that he had been having problems with his printer/scanner, and Vector One had solved the problem over the phone. He was very pleased with their fast and efficient service.

### **BILLS:**

**General Fund:** Vouchers #109-119,122-123 for a total of \$77898.93

**Highway Fund:** Voucher# 120 for a total of \$265.92

**Utilities Fund:** Vouchers#104-107 for a total of \$2803.25

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the bills. The motion was offered by Johnny Rajca and seconded by Jacqui Grier. All members were in favor. The motion passed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Christy Wilt asked what the laws were regarding only having one Town Justice instead of two. Supervisor Rhodes asked Bill Hotaling since he had at one time been justice. Discussion followed and Supervisor Rhodes will inquire more on this to see if the town is required to have two justices.

As assessor, Bill Hotaling stated the Special Franchise assessments are increasing by approximately \$4000000.

Doug Stobo stated he would be on vacation in March and would miss both town board meetings.

The next meeting will be on March 3, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Piseco School Meeting Room.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn. Jacqui Grier offered the motion and Doug Stobo seconded, all members in attendance were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Morehouse- Town Clerk