

TOWN OF ARIETTA
March 3, 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-absent
Christy Wilt-present
Johnny Rajca-present
Jacqui Grier-present
Craig Small-present-Highway Superintendent
Mel LaScola-present-Codes and Zoning
William Hotaling-Assessor-absent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Woehrle
Marie Buanno
Fred Knapp

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2025, Regular Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk. Johnny Rajca offered the motion, which Christy Wilt seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. The motion passed.

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Agenda

March 3, 2025
5pm at Piseco Common School
Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the February 18, 2025, meeting

- Resolutions
 - **25-03-16 Reduce Number Town Justices**

- **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**
 - Form 284
- **New Business**
 - Orkin – pause service until May 2025
 - Frontier Lease
- Motion to accept the bills
- Motion to accept the financial statements
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting Monday, March 17, 2025

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:

March 3, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25-03-16

Subject: Reduce The Number of Town Justices from Two to One

Resolution Offered By: Johnny Rajca

WHEREAS: The Town of Arietta, New York, has two (2) Town Justices who preside over the Town Justice Court; and

WHEREAS: the cost of the operation of Town Justice Court and the Justices are expenses for the residents of the Town and are not sustained by revenues generated by that office; and

WHEREAS: the Town Board has determined that the Court duties will be adequately met by reducing the number of Justices to one (1); and

WHEREAS: New York Town Law Section 60-a (2) empowers the Town Board to reduce the number of Justices to one (1) by Resolution, subject to permissive Referendum; and

WHEREAS: the Town Board has considered the matter and is prepared to proceed upon expiration of the term of one (1) of the two (2) current Justices, both of whose terms are set to expire on December 31, 2025, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that subject to Permissive Referendum, the Town Board of the Town of Arietta resolves to reduce the number of Town Justices to one (1) effective January 1, 2026, by eliminating the office of one (1) of the two (2) current Town Justices, both of whose terms are set to expire on December 31, 2025.

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 _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo x_____
Christy Wilt x_____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____
Christian Rhodes x_____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

Laura Morehouse
Town Clerk

Date: March 3, 2025

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Snowmobile Trails—Jacqui Grier reported that the snowmobile trails were in exceptionally good condition and had received many compliments on them. Jacqui reported the fireworks cost \$4000.00 this year. The snowmobile club had received much of this in donations.

Town Buildings and Grounds- Doug Stobo was absent

Recreation/Website/Campsite- Christy Wilt stated the Great Adirondack Garage Sale will be May 23-25, 2025. It runs throughout the county. She suggested residents could use the Community Hall to set up tables for sale items. She will provide more information on this in the future. She also stated there are two people interested in the swimming instructor's position.

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

Finance/Internal Management/Airport/Insurance- Chris Rhodes reported that the "Spyglass" company checked the town internet and phone systems and found very little that could be omitted to save the town money. Chris stated that he and Craig had discussed a new phone system, and by going under one phone number with a directory, the town could omit two lines coming into the building, this could save the town paying for these lines. Chris will research this and get back to the board.

Superintendent of Highways- Craig Small, reported the new tandem truck is here at the highway storage facility, it still has to be "set up" and then will be ready to use.

Old Business: Supervisor Rhodes passed the 284 Form to board members for approval on how the CHIPS Revenue will be spent. All members in attendance approved.

New Business: Supervisor Rhodes reported that the town will not be billed for Orkin services until May, Also, the new Frontier Lease will be for 5 years at \$2600.00 per year.

BILLS:

General Fund: Vouchers#132-139,141-151,163-165- for a total of \$22751.41

Utilities Fund: Vouchers#130,131 for a total of \$1070.91

Highway Fund: Vouchers #152-162 for a total of \$181,754.73

He asked for a motion to pay the bills presented at this time. Christy Wilt made the motion, it was seconded by Jacqui Grier. All members in attendance were in favor, motion passed.

Next ,he asked for a motion to accept the financial statement. Johnny Rajca made the motion and Christy Wilt seconded the motion, all members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

There was no public comment.

The next regular meeting will be on March 17, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Jacqui Grier made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Johnny Rajca. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm