

TOWN OF ARIETTA

March 17, 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-absent
Craig Small-present-Highway Superintendent
Mel LaScola-present-Codes and Zoning
William Hotaling-Assessor-absent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Woehrle
Marie Buanno
Jodi Small
Daryl Rulison
Barry Baker

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the March 3, 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 17, 2025

5pm at Piseco Common School

Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the March 3, 2025 meeting
- Resolutions
 - **25-03-17** **Reappoint Assessor**
 - **25-03-18** **Frontier Phone 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**

- Motion to accept the bills
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting Monday, April 7, 2025
- **Motion to adjourn**

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School at 1722 State Route 8 in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

March 17, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25 – 03 - 17

Subject: **Reappointment of the Town of Arietta Assessor**

Resolution Offered By: Johnny Rajca

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta will reappoint William Hotaling as the Arietta Sole Assessor for a term of six years as prescribed in the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) §310, and

WHEREAS: the next term for office will begin on October 1, 2025 and ends September 30, 2031, and

WHEREAS: the assessor must participate in continuing education program by completing successfully an average of 12 continuing education credits every year and an approved Ethics component is required no more than one year prior to or one year after reappointment to office, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta Town Board does hereby reappoint William Hotaling as the Town of Arietta Assessor for the above term.

Seconded by: Christy Wilt 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	_____	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 17, 2025

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At a meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School at 1722 State Route 8, in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

March 17, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25 – 03 - 18

Subject: **Frontier Agreement for New Phone System**

Resolution Offered By: Johnny Rajca

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta phone system software is outdated, unsupported, and past its useful life, and

WHEREAS: after review of options offered by Frontier, the Town Board has decided the best option would be to rent as outlined in the attached agreement. This option would allow the Town to keep current technology, software support and maintenance, and not have to buy new phones to replace out dated equipment, and

WHEREAS: the agreement would be for 60 months, with a start date of 3/07/2025 and the Town would be charged monthly, as per the attached agreement, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta, Town Board, does hereby approve the phone agreement with Frontier as outlined in the attached agreement and authorizes the supervisor to execute all documents on behalf the Town.

Seconded by: Christy Wilt 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	x <u> </u>
John Rajca	<u> x </u>	John Rajca	<u> </u>	John Rajca	<u> </u>	John Rajca	<u> </u>
Douglas Stobo	<u> </u>	Douglas Stobo	<u> </u>	Douglas Stobo	<u> </u>	Douglas Stobo	x <u> </u>
Christy Wilt	<u> x </u>	Christy Wilt	<u> </u>	Christy Wilt	<u> </u>	Christy Wilt	<u> </u>
Christian Rhodes	x <u> </u>	Christian Rhodes	<u> </u>	Christian Rhodes	<u> </u>	Christian Rhodes	<u> </u>

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Snowmobile Trails—Jacqui Grier was absent from the meeting. Supervisor Rhodes reported that the “Tucker” Snowmobile trail groomer was done for the season and has been put in storage.

Town Buildings and Grounds- Doug Stobo was absent

Recreation/Website/Campsite- Christy Wilt stated that there will be a dinner at The Irondequoit Inn on April 1st. to benefit the local basketball team.

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

Finance/Internal Management/Airport/Insurance- Chris Rhodes reported that a flying club will be coming into the Piseco Airport for a photo shoot tomorrow on the snow. He explained the savings of updating the phone system for the town. There will be one number for the offices with a directory. He has spoken to Vector One- the IT company, and they would like to install a firewall for more cybersecurity. He asked for the board's permission to approve this, with the stipulation that there be no more than a \$250.00 recurring cost. Johnny Rajca made the motion and Christy Wilt seconded. All members present were in favor. Motion passed.

Superintendent of Highways- Craig Small reported all the trail groomers are done and put into storage. He stated the County roads will be posted on Wednesday.

Zoning Codes and Zoning Officer Mel LaScola reminded the board he would be in Lake Placid next week for training.

Old Business: None to be discussed

New Business: Supervisor Rhodes reported that Board Member John Rajca will be resigning on April 17, 2025. Supervisor Rhodes remarked this position should be filled as soon as possible. He asked for suggestions of people to fill this position. Bill Hotaling suggested someone from Lower Arietta, Jenny Smith, was mentioned.

BILLS:
General Fund: Vouchers#173-180 for a total of \$4264.09
Utility Fund: Vouchers#169-172 for a total of \$2776.30
Highway Fund: Vouchers #181-183 for a total of \$383.49

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

Christy Wilt seconded the motion, and all members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Daryl Rulison asked why she was not notified that the town had decided to delete one Justice position. Supervisor Rhodes apologized to Mrs. Rulison, stating the board felt there was not enough work for two justices.

The next regular meeting will be on April 7, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Johnny Rajca made a motion to adjourn, and Christy Wilt seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Morehouse- Town Clerk