

# TOWN OF ARIETTA

## July 7, 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  
Jacqui Grier-present  
Craig Small-Highway Superintendent-present  
Mel LaScola-Codes and Zoning-present

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Woehrle  
Marie Buanno  
Judy Ford  
William Hotaling  
Jim Colton  
Jill Cuthbertson  
Fred Knapp  
Jenny Smith

Supervisor Rhodes requested a motion to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2025 Regular Town Board meeting submitted by the Town Clerk. Doug Stobo made the motion, which Jacqui Grier seconded. All members present were in favor. The motion carried.

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## Agenda

### July 7, 2025

5pm at Piseco Common School

Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance

- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the June 16, 2025 meeting
- Resolutions
  - 25-07-26      Transfer of Funds
- **Snowmobile Trails** – *Grier*
- **Town Buildings / Grounds** - *Stobo*
- **Recreation / Website / Campsite** - *Wilt*
- **Lake / Dam / Cemetery** - *Rhodes*
- **Finance / Airport / Internal Management / Insurance** - *Rhodes*
- **Superintendent / Report** – *Small*
- **Codes and Zoning** – *Lascola*
- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
  - Pickle Ball
  - Fireworks
  - One-Time Sick Leave Donation
  - Signs
- Motion to accept the bills
- Motion to accept the financial statements
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting Monday, July 21, 2025
- **Motion to adjourn**

## RESOLUTIONS:

### **TOWN OF ARIETTA**

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

July 7, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25-07-26

Subject: **Transfer of Funds**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta will give the Town Supervisor permission to make the following transfer of money:

#### General Fund

\$1,500.00 to #A0-1330-400, Tax Collector Contractual Expense  
from #A0-1990-400 Contingent Contractual Expense

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town Board, Town of Arietta, does approve the above transfers of money.

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 _____
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 _____

  

<u>Laura Morehouse</u>	<u>July 7, 2025</u>
Town Clerk	Date

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Snowmobile Trails**—Jacqui Grier- Reported after more investigation could not find information on who could repair the card reader on the airport fuel pump.

**Town Buildings and Grounds**- Doug Stobo-Reported that the Community Hall was checked after the Rummage Sale and it was clean and ready for the next event.

**Recreation/Website/Campsite**- Christy Wilt reported that there will be Bingo this Friday night 7/11/25 at the Community Hall. Chris asked her to post this on the town website.

**Lake/Dam/Cemetery**- Chris Rhodes reported that the lake level was down one and ½ inches this weekend, and down three inches today.

**Finance/Internal Management/Airport/Insurance**- Chris Rhodes led a discussion regarding the price of a new card reader for the self service fuel pump on the airport, the board decided to table this decision until more information can be gotten. Chris and Craig met with Steve Shawn, the appraiser for the town buildings. He stated that the town buildings will increase in value.

**Superintendent of Highways**- Craig Small reported that the East Shore Rd will continue to be worked on, but the County will not be finishing County Rt 24 until fall as to not to impede traffic. Craig and Chris met with Nymir Risk Control and after inspection the town had fulfilled all necessary safety needs. The company also offered a new inventory program. Craig felt it would be beneficial as it keeps records on each vehicle, machinery, equipment, and parts. This would be free to the town.

**Codes and Zoning**- Mel Lascola is still working with Brad Parslow on permits.

**Old Business**: None to be discussed.

**New Business**: Chris has been asked by residents if there could be lines placed on the blacktop area to the right of the airport road for pickleball. This was originally put there for the firemen to practice for competition. The board discussed this and felt that now one else was using the area, and it would not affect the airport use. The

people using the area will be responsible to put equipment up and take down. Chris asked for a motion to give them permission to use this area.

Christy Wilt offered the motion, and Jacqui Grier seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Next was a discussion on the donation the town gives towards the annual fireworks for 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Bill Hotaling reported that the Piseco Lake Association pays most of the cost as they receive donations. The cost for this year's show was \$9000.00. The PLA paid \$8000.00, and the town donated \$1000.00. Some residents felt that the town should contribute more. This will be discussed later.

Chris explained that a full-time town employee, due to a personal long-term illness, will have exhausted their leave benefits and be subject to a severe loss in income during absences from work. The town does not have a current policy for donation of sick time benefits, and some of the employees would like to be able to donate a portion of their sick time to said employee. With no set policy the town is being asked to consider a resolution to approve a one-time volunteer donation of sick leave for this employee. All members were in favor of this. The Supervisor will present a resolution for this at the next meeting.

The Planning Board, after much discussion, would like to change parts of the Codes for Signage in the Town of Arietta. The Supervisor explained that there needs to be more explicit information on what laws need to be changed as all information must not only come to the Town board but the APA for their approval. He asked the Planning Board to show the board the laws now and what needs to be changed. It then can be discussed by the board.

#### **BILLS:**

General Fund: Vouchers # 392-414,426 for a total of \$12,391.66

Highway Fund: Vouchers #415-425 for a total of \$8797.99

Chris asked for a motion to pay the bills.

Motion made by Christy Wilt and seconded by Doug Stobo, all members were in favor. Motion was carried. Chris asked for a motion to accept the financial statements. Doug Stobo made the motion and Jacqui Grier seconded. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bill Hotaling stated that the tax bill value increased to \$4.4 million dollars.

Jill Cuthbertson asked that the time of the meetings be put on the website.

Jenny Smith discussed a letter regarding her signs.

Fred Knapp was concerned regarding the sign changes.

Chris Rhodes reported that the lease for the phone company building has been settled. The lease will be increased considerably.

Next meeting will be July 21 at 5:00p.m. at Piseco School.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jacqui Grier and seconded by Doug Stobo. Meeting adjourned at 5:28p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk