

TOWN OF ARIETTA
September 15, 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-absent
William Hotaling-Historian/Assessor- present

OTHERS PRESENT:

Judy Ford
Marie Buanno
Jim Colton
Steve Woehrle

Supervisor Rhodes asked for approval of the minutes of September 15 , 2025 meeting.

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

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Agenda

September 15, 2025
5pm at Piseco Common School
Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the September 2, 2025, meeting
- Resolutions
 - 25-09-34 BAR Appointment
 - 25-09-35 Hangar Lease Fees
 - 25-09-36 Piseco School Garage Lease
 - 25-09-37 Set Public Hearing Over Ride Tax Cap
- **Snowmobile Trails / Fuel at K09 – 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**
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- **New Business**
 - Begin Budget Process October 6, 2025, Meeting
 - Set Budget Workshops in October
 - Tax Cap Local Law, Set Public Hearing October 6, 2026
- Motion to accept the bills
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting Monday, October 6, 2025
- **Motion to adjourn**

TOWN OF ARIETTA

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

September 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Resolution # 25 – 09 - 34

Subject: **Appointment of Board of Assessment Review Member**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta will reappoint Samuel Lascola to the Town of Arietta Board
of Assessment Review, whose term is set to end September 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS: it is necessary that the Arietta Town Board reappoint Samuel Lascola to a term
of five years, effective October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2030, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta Town Board does hereby
appoint Samuel Lascola to the Town of Arietta Board of Assessment Review for the stated five
year term.

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 _____

Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk Date September 15, 2025

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At the 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:

September 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Resolution # 25-09-35

Subject: Piseco Airport Hangar Lease Agreement Fee

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Town Board has reviewed the current Piseco Airport Hangar Lease Agreement fees, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board has taken into consideration the current surrounding area fees and will adjust the Piseco Airport Lease fees as follows:

- Single Hangar from \$2,700.00 to \$3,510.00 Annually
- Twin Hangar from \$4,320.00 to \$5,616.00 Annually

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town of Arietta Town Board approves the fees as outlined above for the Piseco Airport Hangar Lease Agreements and authorizes the Supervisor to execute all agreements on behalf of the Town of Arietta.

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	_____

Laura Morehouse	September 15, 2025
Town Clerk	Date

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular 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:

September 15, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25-09-36

Subject: Application and Lease Agreement for Bus Storage Between the Piseco Common School and the Town of Arietta

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta has determined that a portion of the premises known as the Lower Highway Garage, and specifically the area known as the Parking Bay, is not needed for Town purposes, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board has determined that the use of said property, to be used by the Piseco Common School for bus storage, would be beneficial to the taxpayers and would not disrupt the normal Town operations, and

WHEREAS: the Board approves the use of the Application and Lease Agreement for Use of Lower Highway Garage, a copy of which is attached, to lease the area to the Piseco Common School for bus storage, and does hereby approve the renewal of such Application and Lease Agreement on an annual basis without further resolution on the matter, unless the Application and Lease Agreement are amended or approval is rescinded by Board resolution, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the necessary papers to execute the Application and Lease Agreement For Use of Lower Highway Garage with the Piseco Common School to use a portion of the Lower Highway Garage for bus storage, as outlined and in accordance with the attached.

Seconded by: Doug Stobo and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier <u>x</u> _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____
Douglas Stobo <u>x</u> _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____
Christy Wilt <u>x</u> _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____
Christian Rhodes <u>x</u> _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

Laura Morehouse September 15, 2025

Town Clerk Date

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:

September 15, 2025, at 5:00pm

Resolution # 25-09-37

Subject: AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2025 "A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for the Town of Arietta 2026 Budget and Authorizing the Adoption by the Town of Arietta of a Budget for 2026 that Requires a Tax Levy that is Greater Than the Tax Levy Limit for the 2026 Fiscal Year"

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2025 titled "A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for the Town of Arietta 2026 Budget and Authorizing the Adoption by the Town of Arietta of a Budget for 2026 that Requires a Tax Levy that is Greater Than the Tax Levy Limit for the 2026 Fiscal Year", attached hereto and made a part hereof, be, and the same hereby is, introduced before the Town of Arietta Town Board, and in order to give interested members of the public the opportunity to be heard thereon, the Arietta Town Board shall hold a public hearing at the Meeting Room in the Piseco School on the 6th day of October, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., on the matter of the adoption of said proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2025 titled "A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for the Town of Arietta 2026 Budget and Authorizing the Adoption by the Town of Arietta of a Budget for 2026 that Requires a Tax Levy that is Greater Than the Tax Levy Limit for the 2026 Fiscal Year", and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to give notice of such public hearing in the manner provided by law.

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

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier <u>x</u>	Jacquelyn Grier <u> </u>	Jacquelyn Grier <u> </u>	Jacquelyn Grier <u> </u>
Douglas Stobo <u>x</u>	Douglas Stobo <u> </u>	Douglas Stobo <u> </u>	Douglas Stobo <u> </u>
Christy Wilt <u>x</u>	Christy Wilt <u> </u>	Christy Wilt <u> </u>	Christy Wilt <u> </u>
Christian Rhodes <u>x</u>	Christian Rhodes <u> </u>	Christian Rhodes <u> </u>	Christian Rhodes <u> </u>

<u>Laura Morehouse</u>	<u>September 15, 2025</u>
Town Clerk	Date

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2025
State of New York
Town of Arietta

A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE TOWN OF ARIETTA FOR 2026 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN OF ARIETTA OF A BUDGET FOR 2026 THAT REQUIRES A TAX LEVY THAT IS GREATER THAN THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR

BE IT ENACTED by the Town of Arietta Town Board as follows:

Section 1. **Title:** This Local law shall be known as “Town of Arietta Responsible Budgeting Law of 2026”.

Section 2. **Declaration of Intent:** The intention of this local law is to comply with the requirements of General Municipal Law Section 3-c (5) prior to adopting the 2026 Town of Arietta Budget. The slow recovery of the national, state, and local economies from the most recent recession and the continued financial obligations imposed on the Town by the State in the form of mandated government activities not fully funded by the State are conditions beyond the control of Town government. Notwithstanding these circumstances, the Town will need to provide services in 2026, in addition to those mandated by the State, which are important to our citizens. After serious and sustained efforts to minimize the amount of the tax levy and to project the tax levy limit for the Town of Arietta for 2026, it is clear that a responsible budget for 2026 will require a tax levy that will be greater than the tax levy limit calculated pursuant to applicable State Law.

Section 3. **Budget Authorization:** The Town Board hereby overrides the tax levy limit for the Town of Arietta for 2026 and authorizes the Town of Arietta, after completing all required procedures for the adoption of a budget, to adopt a budget for 2026 that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2026 pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law.

Section 4. **Severability:** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Local Law is for any reason declared unconstitutional or invalid, in whole or in part, by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such unconstitutionality or invalidation shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this law, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. **Effective Date:** This local law shall take effect upon the date on which a certified copy of this Local Law is filed in the office of the Secretary of State pursuant to section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

COMMITTEES:

Snowmobile Trails: Jacqui Grier had nothing new to discuss

Town Buildings: Doug Stobo reported he spoken to the person whom cleaned the Community Hall in the spring . He will talk to her about a price for cleaning the hall in the spring, monthly after that until the is not used so frequently.

Recreation/Website/ Campsite: Christy Wilt discussed how some information gets added to web site.

Lake/ Dam/ Cemetery: Chris Rhodes reported that the lake level remains 12 inches below average level. He stated that there is much work being done at the cemetery, getting the “old section” organized so the map can be updated.

Finance/Airport/Internal Management/Insurance Chris Rhodes reported that the county is going with a 5% cost of living raise. The town will start budget workshops on October 6th, and the cost of living percentages will be discussed then. He approached the idea of dropping the cost of airplane fuel down \$1.00. After discussion the board agreed.

There was a discussion on a letter for the residents regarding donating items they would no longer need or want to the Auxiliary Rummage Sale, Penny Auction, Garage Sale or Fire Department Activities. It was mentioned that the Highway Department would add a heavy trash day in August to accommodate people “cleaning out” before the fall, Craig was in favor.

Chris spoke to the board that he had received a quote for Cyber Security for the town. A discussion followed. No decision was made regarding this.

Chris asked Jim Colton to speak to the board regarding the “sign laws and changes” that the Planning Board have been working on. All changes have to be approved by the APA before the proposed changes can be made in local law,

Superintendent of Highways: Craig Small - County Road 24-Old Piseco Road the county will be putting gravel on the road on September 9th and 10th. The road will be ground on September 16th. There is no date scheduled for the paving. The highway department is putting new siding on the “lower equipment storage building”. They will be staining the porch at the Community Hall after the activity this next weekend.

Codes and Zoning: Mel Lascola was absent.

No Old Business to discuss:

New Business: The Budget Workshops will be on October 6th and 7th.
The Tax Cap Local Law Public meeting will be on October 6th.
These will be at the Piseco School Meeting Room at 5:00 P.M.

BILLS:

The Supervisor asked for a motion to pay the bills as presented.

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

Public Comment:

Wm. Hotaling- asked if there had been any progress on the town using the Poplar Point Campsite. Jacqui Grier stated she has not gotten any communication back from the state. He asked if there was anything being done regarding the yard on Pawling Road. Supervisor Rhodes stated that Mel Lascola has sent the first letter.

Marie Buanno-asked if there was any information regarding the missing cleaning supplies and vacuum from the Community Hall. Supervisor Rhodes stated it is being investigated.

Judy Ford- asked who oversaw the cemetery. Supervisor Rhodes said she should talk to Heide Thomson as she is working on the map.

Jim Colton-asked that the town not to take the boards out of the dam soon as the lake is very low and he still has his boat to take out.

Steve Woehrle-stated that the cemetery is “a mess”.

The next meeting will be October 6,2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Piseco School Meeting Room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jacqui Grier and seconded by Doug Stobo. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk