

TOWN OF ARIETTA
October 6, 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-Supervisor-present
Doug Stobo-absent
Christy Wilt-present
Jacqui Grier- present
Craig Small-Highway Superintendent-present
Mel LaScola-Codes and Zoning-present
William Hotaling-Historian/Assessor- present

5:02 p.m. Supervisor Rhodes at this time Opened the Public Hearing Local Law #1 Tax Cap Override.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the September 15, 2025 as presented by the Town Clerk.
The motion was offered by Christy Wilt and seconded by Jacqui Grier. All members in attendance are in favor.
Motion carried.

TOWN OF ARIETTA
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Agenda
October 6, 2025
5pm at Piseco Common School
Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Open Public Hearing Local Law #1 Tax Cap Override
- Motion to approve minutes for the September 15, 2025, meeting
- Resolutions
 - 25-10-38 Transfer of Funds
 - 25-10-39 Change Order Apron Design
 - 25-10-40 Adopt Preliminary Budget
 - 25-10-41 Heat Pump Highway Garage
 - 25-10-42 Safety Equipment
- **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**
 - Budget workshop October 7, 2025 @ 5pm
- **New Business**

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- Motion to accept the bills
 - Motion to accept financial statements
 - Public Comment
 - Close Public Hearing Local Law #1 Tax Cap
 - Resolution 25-10-43 Local Law #1 Tax Cap
 - Designation of next Meeting Tuesday, October 7, 2025, Budget Workshop
 - **Motion to adjourn**

RESOLUTIONS:

TOWN OF ARIETTA

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

October 6, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25-10-38

Subject: **Transfer of Funds**

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

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

General Fund

\$1,000.00 to #A0-1110-400, Justice Contractual Expense
from #A0-1990-400 Contingent Contractual Expense
\$ 500.00 to #A0-1355-400, Assessor Contractual Expense
from #A0-1990-400 Contingent Contractual Expense
\$1,000.00 to #A0-1380-400, Fiscal Agent Fee Contractual Expense
from #A0-1990-400 Contingent Contractual Expense
\$30,000.00 to #A0-5132-400, Garage Contractual Expense
from #A0-1990-400 Contingent Contractual Expense
\$1,000.00 to #A0-8010-400, Zoning Contractual Expense
from #A0-1990-400 Contingent Contractual Expense

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta Town Board 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	_____	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	_____

<u>Laura Morehouse</u>	<u>10/6/2025</u>
Town Clerk	Date

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:

October 6, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25 – 10 - 39

Subject: **Task Order Change for the Apron Design Grant**

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta has received a Change Notice from McFarland & Johnson, Inc the Engineer Firm overseeing the Apron Design Project at Piseco Airport, and

WHEREAS: due to the additional geotechnical services the Scope of Work has increased for McFarland & Johnson, Inc, and the additional service schedule not to exceed \$8,964.00 was submitted to the Town of Arietta for review, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does approve the Change Notice as outlined and authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the necessary papers to execute the Change Order agreement.

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	_____	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	_____

<u> Laura Morehouse </u>	<u> 10/6/2025 </u>
Town Clerk	Date

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:

October 6, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25-10-40

Subject: **Accept 2026 Preliminary Budget**

Resolution Offered By: Christy Wilt

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta has reviewed the 2026 Tentative Budget as submitted by the Arietta Town Supervisor in September 2025, and

WHEREAS: the Arietta Town Board after review of the Tentative Budget will carry these numbers over with any noted changes for the Preliminary Budget and will accept them as the 2026 Preliminary Budget on October 6, 2025, Town Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS: it is necessary to schedule a Public Hearing for the purpose of public comment on the proposed budget before adopting, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board of Arietta accepts the 2026 Preliminary Budget and will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of adopting the 2026 Budget on November 3, 2025, Town Board Meeting at 5 p.m.

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	__
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 Rhode	__
<u> Laura Morehouse </u>				<u> 10/6/2025 </u>			
Town Clerk				Date			

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

October 6, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25-10-41

Subject: **Authorize to Purchase of a Heat Pump and installation in the Highway Garage**

Resolution Offered By: Christy Wilt

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta applied through NYSERDA for the Clean Energy Communities Program and received an award of \$10,000.00 to replace the heat in the lower barn, and

WHEREAS: the Supervisor per the Town of Arietta Procurement Policy received the required Request For Proposals (RFP) and after review would like to purchase from Vincent’s Heating and Energy Services LLC a Heat Pump with installation per the attached outline for a total of \$18,600.00. Once the project is complete the Town can apply for a rebate of \$8,340.00 which will bring the project to a total of \$10,260.00, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board will authorize the Supervisor to purchase the above equipment and installation from Vincent’s Heating and Energy Services LLC, for a total of \$18,600.00 as per the attached specification outline and apply for the rebate once the project is complete.

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	__
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	__
<u> Laura Morehouse </u>				<u> 10/6/2025 </u>			
Town Clerk				Date			

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:

October 6, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25-10-42

Subject: Safety Equipment Allowance

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

WHEREAS: the Town Board authorized a yearly allowance of up to \$250.00 per year for boots/safety equipment as needed for the Highway and Black Fly Control Program Employees by Resolution #21-02-08, and

WHEREAS: after consideration of the length of the Black Fly Control Program, the Town Board will make the following change that the town will allow the purchase of boots every other year not to exceed \$250.00 with the approval of the Supervisor, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board will continue to allow the Highway Department employees to purchase boots/safety equipment every year not to exceed \$250.00 with the approval of the Highway Superintendent, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta, Town Board does hereby rescind resolution #21-02-08 and authorizes a yearly allowance not to exceed \$250.00 to all Town of Arietta Highway employees for boots/safety equipment as needed and an allowance for boots not to exceed \$250.00 every other year for Black Fly Control Program employees as needed with the approval of the Supervisor or Highway Superintendent. All items will only be used within the workday for 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		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 10/6/2025
Town Clerk Date

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:

October 6, 2025, at 5:00pm

Resolution # 25-10-44

Subject: Approval to Extend Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc., as “Citizens Telecom” Lease Agreement dated February 1, 1996

Resolution Offered By: Christy Wilt

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta has received from Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc., as “Citizens Telecom,” a request to extend the lease dated February 1, 1996, and

WHEREAS: the term of the lease would extend for five (5) years starting October 15, 2025, to October 14, 2030, and the rental fee is \$2,400.00 per year. Citizens Telecom shall have the option to renew the Lease for one additional five (5) year term at a rate of \$2,600.00 as outlined in the attached agreement, and

WHEREAS: all other terms and conditions of the Lease shall remain the same, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town of Arietta Town Board, after review of the attached request to extend the Lease between Citizens Telecom and the Town of Arietta, will approve the agreement per the attached and will authorize the Supervisor to execute the document on behalf of the Town of Arietta.

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	_____
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	10/6/2025
Town Clerk	Date

COMMITTEES:

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS: Jacqui Grier reported that the Town of Morehouse would like to join the snowmobile club. Discussion followed.

TOWN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Doug Stobo was absent from this meeting.

RECREATION/WEBSITE/CAMPSITE: Christy Wilt reported that she had spoken to Allison Gaddy from the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board regarding photos of the Community Hall, Museum, and property behind these sites. She is working on a grant for Arietta.

FINANCE/AIRPORT/INTERNAL MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE:

Chris Rhodes reported that the lake level is down by twelve inches. The boards will be taken out of the dam this week. He led a discussion on cost of various insurances for the town. The Preliminary Budget was filed with the Town Clerk on September 29,2025

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT: Craig Small reported that the new siding on the Lower Equipment Garage will be finished this week. He explained to the board various mechanical problems that he had been managing this last month. The Highway Department rented a loader until the town’s loader is fixed. He stated that the cable that holds the buoys at the spillway had broken and needed to be replaced.

CODES AND ZONING: Mel Lascola reported to the board that a complaint he had received regarding “junk vehicles” on a property owners’ yard, the owner was sent a registered letter with returned receipt. Mel has not received the receipt or heard from the owner. There will be a meeting on 10/13/2025 for a variance.

OLD BUSINESS: There will be a budget workshop on 10/7/2025 at 500 p.m. at Piseco School Meeting Room.

NEW BUSINESS: Chris Rhodes explained that Hamilton County is going to start a County Wide Short Term Rental Registry. The board all agreed to rescind the Town Local Law regarding the short-term rentals. This resolution will be brought to the meeting 10/7/25 for formal vote.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the bills as presented. Jacqui Grier brought the motion and Christy Wilt seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

He then asked for a motion to accept the Financial Statements as presented. Christy Wilt brought the motion and Christy Wilt seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion Passed.

Next the Preliminary Budget was reviewed. The budget review will continue at tomorrow’s meeting.

The Open Public Hearing for Local Law #1 Tax Cap Override was closed by Supervisor Rhodes at 5:47 p.m.

Resolution 25-10-43 Local Law #1 Tax Cap Override was read, and a motion was offered by Jacqui Grier and seconded by Christy Wilt. All member in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE AT THIS MEETING

Designation of next meeting Tuesday 10/7/2025 Budget Workshop 5:00 p.m.

The motion to adjourn was made by Jacqui Grier and seconded by Christy Wilt.
Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk

