

TOWN OF ARIETTA

November 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-Supervisor-present

Doug Stobo-present

Christy Wilt-present

Jacqui Grier- present

Jennifer Smith- present

Craig Small-Highway Superintendent-present

Mel LaScola-Codes and Zoning-present

William Hotaling-Historian/Assessor- absent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marie Buanno

Jodi Small

Barry Baker

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the minutes from November 3, 2025, as presented by the Town Clerk via e-mail. The motion was offered by Doug Stobo and seconded by Jacqui Grier. All members were in favor. Motion passed.

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Agenda

November 17, 2025

5 pm at Piseco Common School

Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for November 3, 2025, meetings
- Resolutions
 - 25-11-52 Appoint Council Member
 - 25-11-53 County **Snow & Ice Agreement**
 - **25-11-54 Transfer of Funds**
 - **25-11-55 2026 Holiday Schedule**
 - **25-11-56 Appoint ZBA member**
- **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**
 - **Brush Depository Facility**
 - **TWIGS**
 - **Easement acquisitions**

➤ **New Business**

- Motion to accept the bills
- Public Comment
- Designation for the following meeting will be on Monday, December 1, 2025
- Motion to adjourn

TOWN OF ARIETTA

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

November 17, 2025, at 5:00pm

Resolution # 25-11-52

Subject: **Appointment Councilmember**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Town Board has had a vacant position since the April 17, 2025, resignation of John Rajca from the Town Board, which consists of the remainder of his term ending December 31, 2027, and

WHEREAS: it is necessary that the Town fill said vacant position, and

WHEREAS: at the general election held November 4, 2025, Jennifer L. Smith received a majority of the votes and was elected to fill the said vacancy for the position of Arietta Councilmember, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Town Board will appoint Jennifer L. Smith as Councilmember to serve the remainder of John Rajca’s term, effective December 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta Town Board does hereby appoint Jennifer L. Smith to fill the vacancy on the Town Board for the remainder of John Rajca’s term, effective December 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027.

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>11/17/2025</u>
Town Clerk	Date

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:

November 17, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25-11-53

Subject: **Accept County Snow and Ice Agreement**

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta has been presented with an agreement for municipal snow and ice control with Hamilton County for the winter season of 2025-2026, and

WHEREAS: the town must review this agreement on an annual basis, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town of Arietta Town Board will accept this agreement and shall comply with its obligations according to said agreement.

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

AYES:		NOES:		ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:					
Jacquelyn Grier	x__	Jacquelyn Grier	__	Jacquelyn Grier	__
Douglas Stobo	x__	Douglas Stobo	__	Douglas Stobo	__
Christy Wilt	x__	Christy Wilt	__	Christy Wilt	__
Christian Rhodes	x__	Christian Rhodes	__	Christian Rhodes	__
<u>Laura Morehouse</u>		<u>11/17/2025</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:

November 17, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25-11-54

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 #A0-5132-100, Garage Contractual Expense
from #A0-1620-100, Municipal Building 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	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	__
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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:

November 17, 2025 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 25 - 11 -55

Subject: Holiday Schedule 2026

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

WHEREAS: Hamilton County has set its Holiday schedule for the year 2026, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta has followed the County’s schedule in the past years, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Town Board, after review of the Hamilton County Holiday Schedule as submitted by the Arietta Town Supervisor, will set up the 2026 calendar year for Town Holidays as follows:

New Year’s Day	Thursday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday	Monday, January 19
President’s Day	Monday, February 16
Good Friday	Friday, April 3
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25
Juneteenth	Friday, June 19
Independence Day	Friday, July 3
Labor Day	Monday, September 7
Columbus Day	Monday, October 12
Veterans Day	Wednesday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 26
Black Friday	Friday, November 27
Christmas Eve – Half Day	Thursday, December 24 (Half Day)
Christmas	Friday, December 25

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town of Arietta Town Board, after review of the 2026 Hamilton County Holiday Schedule, as submitted by the Town Supervisor, will accept the above outline for the Town of Arietta 2026 calendar year.

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>11/17/2025</u>		
Town Clerk	Date		

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

November 17, 2025, at 5:00pm

Resolution # 25-11-56

Subject: **Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals Member**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

WHEREAS: Dan Fish resigned from his position as Zoning Board of Appeals member effective November 12, 2025, and

WHEREAS: it is necessary that the Town of Arietta Town Board fill the position for the remainder of Dan Fish’s term ending December 31, 2028, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board, after consideration, will appoint Howie Parslow to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the five-year term, effective November 18, 2025, and ending December 31, 2028, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta Town Board does hereby appoint Howie Parslow to fill the vacancy of Zoning Board of Appeals member for the remainder of the five-year term, effective November 18, 2025, and ending December 31, 2028.

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	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	_____

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COMMITEES:

Snowmobile Trails/ Fuel at K09- Jacqui Grier reported that NRS has not gotten back to her regarding the fuel pump at the airport. Snowmobile trails are ready, waiting on snow.

Town Buildings/ Grounds- Doug Stobo requested a list of painters that had worked for the town previously, Chris will give him the information. This will be for the painting on the Lower Equipment Garage to be done in the spring.

Recreation/Website/Campsite- Christy Wilt had nothing new to report.

Lake/Dam/ Cemetery- Chris Rhodes had nothing to report.

Finance/ Airport/ Internal Management/ Insurance- Chris Rhodes stated he will discuss topics under Old Business.

Highway Superintendent / Report - Craig Small reported that the trucks are ready for the winter. The shoulders on East Shore Road are done. They have been working on snowmobile trails widening and removing rocks. They have a new part-time employee. Due to the loss of an employee who had a CDL license the town will not be able to plow and salt Rt 10 this year. Hamilton County Highway Dept. will use the towns truck to take care of Rt.10.

Codes and Zoning- Mel LaScola-had nothing new to report

Old Business- Supervisor Rhodes reported that he had gotten a complaint regarding the “ Brush Site.” There was a request that the site be open longer and more hours. He stated that there will be set hours next year. He explained the water testing to be done on the town property on Old Piseco Rd. This will be done by Atlantic Testing Laboratories.

He reported that the TWIGS had donated \$10,000. This will be towards our contract with Lake Valley Ambulance. A thank you letter is being sent.

Next the Airport Easement Acquisition Letter will be sent to the land owners and explain the acquisition process.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the bills as presented. Christy Wilt offered the motion, and Jacqui Grier seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marie Buanno stated that the TWIGS had donated \$18,000.00 for the Fire Department and Fireman’s Auxiliary. The board welcomed Jenny Smith to the Town Board. Next Regular meeting will be on December 1, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Christy Wilt and seconded by Doug Stobo
Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Morehouse
Town Clerk