

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held June 2nd, 2014 at the Piseco Community Hall, commencing at 6:00pm.

Others present: William Edwards, Susan Knapp, Fred Knapp, Brad Dake, Marie Buanno, Pam O'Rourke, Sarah Rudes, Judy Damkoehler, Jill Cuthbertson, Mary Kiewicz.

Supervisor Wilt opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Roll Call:

Michael Knapp	present	Jackie Grier	present
Barry Baker	present	Christy Wilt	present
Richard Wilt	present		

Brad Dake gave the board a presentation on the 2014 Adirondack Park Regional Assessment Project (APRAP) study that he did with the assistance of many other volunteers. The biggest issue he talked about is the declining population with in the Adirondack Park and especially with in the Town of Arietta. He would like to see the Town of Arietta try to come up with a way to encourage people to come to Arietta and live. He told the board that he would like to have the people of the community to get together maybe at the July Town Board meeting and see what ideas there might be to help get the population back up in order that business in the Town can sustain and grow. One suggestion was to attempt to purchase land around Piseco Airport from the State of New York to make an area for business to be able build and operate.

Copies of the APRAP are at the Arietta Town offices.

Committee reports:

Airport: Mr. Wilt reported that he signed two documents for the application for the lighting at Piseco Airport runway project. He said that the grant won't be released until September 2014. He also said that there was a preconstruction meeting with for the new credit card pumping station at the Airport and he said that the work should be done by the end of June 2014.

Street Lights: Mrs. Grier reported that she has gathered a list of street lights that are out and will contact National Grid about them.

Snowmobiles: Mr. Knapp reported that they are still trying to get everything straightened out with the State DEC so they can find out how much money we will get for the trails. He said that they are almost done.

Town Clerk: Mr. K. Parslow reported he filed monthly reports with the State, County and the Supervisor.

Highway: Mr. Wilt told the board that the highway superintendent turned in his agreement for the expenditure of highway moneys.

Motion was offered by: B. Baker

To table the signing of the Agreement of the Expenditure of Highway Moneys until next the July meeting so they can ask the Highway Superintendent questions first.

Second was offered by: J. Grier

Ayes: Baker, Grier, Knapp, C. Wilt and R. Wilt. **Nays:** none

Mr. Wilt reported that people are abusing the dumpster behind the highway garage. He said that people are dumping recyclables, and tires ect. in it. He said that we can't have that so he suggested the Town purchase a camera that could be installed to watch who is abusing it and also to watch over the fuel pumps.

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp

To allow the Supervisor to purchase a camera system and have it installed at the Arietta Highway Garage to over see the use of the garbage dumpster and fuel pumps behind the garage. The cost of the system is \$1298.98 installed and it will come from Canada Lake Computer Services, Junction of Rt. 10 & Rt. 29A, Caroga Lake, NY 12032.

Second was offered by: J. Grier

Ayes: Baker, Grier, Knapp, C. Wilt and R. Wilt. **Nays:** none

Mr. Wilt said he would also like to install this same system at the Piseco Airport in the future.

Mr. Wilt reported that some of the Town vehicles don't have identification on them that they are Town vehicles. He will let all Town employees that they must have stickers on them identifying them as Town of Arietta vehicles.

Mr. Wilt reported that the Highway Superintendent for Hamilton County wrote a letter stating that some people aren't putting the odometer readings of the vehicles they are fueling. He said it should be done so it can be tracked. Mr. Wilt will notify everyone that they must insert the proper odometer readings of the vehicles when fueling and he will email the County Superintendent and ask him to make it mandatory that the proper odometer readings be put in before a vehicle can be fueled.

Mr. Wilt reported that it is possible for other municipal departments to piggy back off of another municipalities vehicle bids. He has one he was given from the Hamilton County highway of a bid from Oneida County that we could use. He will give it to the highway superintendent.

Mr. Wilt reported that the Land Use Code updates are finished and the Board needs to set up two public hearings so people can be informed of all of the changes. The board set these two meetings up on July 19th at 2:00pm and July 23rd at 6:00pm.

Mr. Wilt reported that the brush dumping will be at the Route 10 site of the sand pile and will be open on Saturday's from 8am to 12pm starting June 7th, 2014.

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Community Hall on Old Piseco Road in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

June 2, 2014 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 14 – 06 - 15

Subject: **Appointment Board of Assessment Review**

Resolution Offered By: _____ J. Grier _____

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta will reappoint John Wheeler to the Arietta Board of Assessment Review retroactive October 1, 2013, and

WHEREAS: it is necessary that the Arietta Town Board reappoint John Wheeler retroactive to a term of 5 years that ends September 30, 2018, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does hereby reappoint John Wheeler to the Arietta Board of Assessment Review for a term of 5 years as outlined above effective immediately.

Seconded by: _____ M. Knapp _____ and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:		NOES:	
Barry Baker	<u> X </u>	Barry Baker	___
Jacquelyn Grier	<u> X </u>	Jacquelyn Grier	___
Michael Knapp	<u> X </u>	Michael Knapp	___
Christy Wilt	<u> X </u>	Christy Wilt	___
Richard Wilt	<u> X </u>	Richard Wilt	___

_____, Town Clerk Date June 2nd, 2014

Mr. Baker gave an introduction of the proposed **Local Law No. 1 of 2014, The Town of Arietta Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Law**. He said that the Piseco Lake Association asked that this law be implemented to give the Town of Arietta a way to enforce laws against people bringing in aquatic animals or plants on their boats, trailers of vehicles that would allow the spread of invasive species into Piseco Lake. The Towns of Lake Pleasant, Chester ect., and more than 60% of Towns who have lake associations have aquatic invasive species prevention laws in place. He said the Governor of New York signed into a bill into law two years ago that helps this moving forward. DEC also passed regulations this year that will monitor invasive species at State facilities and boat launches. The laws in place now don't allow for enforcement now. This document will allow the Town of Arietta to have in place the ability to enforce laws against those caught in the act of bringing invasive species into Piseco Lake of any other waters in the Town of Arietta.

The Town Board will set the Public Hearing for this law to be held at the Regular Town Board meeting on July 7th, 2014 which will start at 6:00pm.

Mrs. Grier reported that the Piseco Library is looking into purchasing books from now on from Amazon instead of smaller book stores. Amazon has a program with librarians to do this. She said that it would save the Town money by doing it that way. Mr. Wilt said that the librarian has to go through the Piseco School first than they bill the Town and the Town pays half.

Motion was offered by: B. Baker

To pay the bills, with the acceptance of the propane bill from Bove Fuels until an explanation can be obtained, as follows:

General Fund no. to no.

Highway Fund no. to no.

Second was offered by: J. Grier

Ayes: Baker, Grier, Knapp, C. Wilt and R. Wilt. **Nays:** none

Motion was offered by: C. Wilt

To accept the financial statement of the Supervisor for the month of May 2014 as submitted.

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

Ayes: Baker, Grier, Knapp, C. Wilt and R. Wilt. **Nays:** none

Next meeting will be held July 7th, 2014.

Mr. Baker said he wanted to make sure that the Town donates to the annual fireworks display. Mr. Wilt said yes as soon as he receives a certificate of insurance the Town can make the donation.

Public comment:

Mary Kiewicz told the board that the women's auxiliary would like to contribute to the beautification of the town. They would like to purchase some benches to be put out in certain places. They may also help by purchasing flowers next year for the community hall as they have already been purchased this year. They don't want to take care of them but they will purchase them.

Fred Knapp told the board that the Fred Knapp family is in contract to purchase the Piseco Lake Lodge property. He required that the Town Board that John Casey be rescued from being the Code Enforcement Officer from the Lodge because his daughter owns Casey's Corner which would be competition. He said that they could close on the property tomorrow but he needs a letter of zoning compliance which comes from the code enforcement officer. Mr. Wilt asked what letter of compliance he is asking for. Mr. Knapp said "a letter of zoning compliance", "as in the past". Mr. Wilt told Mr. Knapp that he would talk to Mr. Casey and the Town lawyer about it. Mr. Wilt said he would talk to our attorney and have them get in contact with Mr. Knapp's attorney to find out what is needed. Mr. Wilt said he finds the wording "zoning compliance" a broad term. He said he would also talk to Vickie Buyce the code enforcement officer of Lake Pleasant and see what her opinion is also. Mr. Wilt asked Mr. Knapp to send him a copy of what his attorney wrote about this situation.

Motion was offered by: B. Baker

To adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm.

Second was offered by: J. Grier

Ayes: Baker, Grier, Knapp, C. Wilt and R. Wilt. **Nays:** none

Entered by:

Kenneth Parslow, Town Clerk