Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held August 4th, 2014 at the Piseco Community Hall, commencing at 6:00pm.

Others present: Lee Billington, Jill Cuthbertson, Fred & Sue Knapp, Chris Laver, Sarah Rudes.

Barry Baker opened the meeting at 6:02pm. Roll Call: Barry Baker present Jackie Grier present Michael Knapp present Christie Wilt present Richard Wilt absent 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: August 4, 2014 at 6:00pm Resolution # 14 - 08 - 18Subject: Appointment Zoning Board of Appeals Member Resolution Offered By: M. Knapp WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Town Board will appoint Christopher Laver to the Zoning Board of Appeals effective August 4, 2014 to finish the term vacant by William Edwards that ends December 31, 2014, and WHEREAS: it is necessary that the Arietta Town Board appoint Christopher Laver to finish the vacant five year term that ends December 31, 2014, and WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Town Board will at the expiration of the term ending on December 31, 2014 will reappoint Christopher Laver to a new five year term effective January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2019, to serve as a member on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does here by appoint Christopher Laver to the Arietta to Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacant seat and serve out the terms as outlined above. Seconded by: _ C. Wilt ___ and put to a vote, which resulted as follows: AYES: NOES: Barry Baker Barry Baker Jacquelyn Grier Jacquelyn Grier

Committee reports:

Michael Knapp

Christy Wilt

Richard Wilt

Airport: Mr. Baker reported that the video surveillance equipment has been installed at the airport. He said there may be some recalibration needed after the credit card pumps have been installed. Also there will be similar systems installed at the Town Hall and at the Highway fuel depot in the next couple of weeks. There will be signs alerting people that the systems are installed and working.

____, Town Clerk

Michael Knapp

Date August 4th, 2014

Absent: R. Wilt

Christy Wilt

Richard Wilt

Street lights: Mrs. Grier reported that she has emailed National Grid all of the street lights that she found not working. She will keep after them and she encouraged people to let her know if they see lights that aren't working.

Insurance: Mr. Baker reported that he is looking into health insurance costs especially Medicaid as the county has been notified that those costs have increased significantly. He should have cost numbers by the September meeting so the board can discuss them.

Snowmobiles: Mr. Knapp reported that the Town has received the phase 2 for 2014-2015 and they are working to bring everything up to date with that by the dead line which is September 1st 2014.

Youth: Mrs. Wilt reported that only four kids took golf lessons this year. Mr. Baker said that the Town website is up and running and it looks good.

Town Clerk: Mr. K. Parslow filed monthly reports with the Supervisor, County Clerk & New York State.

Highway: Mr. Baker stated that the highway superintendent is absent and his deputy is also not present which he said was unfortunate because the board had questions for him. The board would like questions answered about equipment, paving pricing projects that the board would like to move forward on. Other things that have been discussed that need addressing are recording mileage of the vehicles at the highway fuel depot, at the April meeting it was discussed that garbage pickup is a general fund item and the general fund should only be charged for the amount of time it takes to actually pick up the garbage. The rest of the time is to be charged back to the highway. He reported that the full day is still being charged to the general fund. There was also a discussion about having Town emblem stickers put on all Town vehicles and there is a resolution stating that they are supposed to have emblems on them. He said that the board has asked that this be done. He said that these issues cannot be addressed now so they will carry over to the September meeting.

Old Business:

Mr. Baker reported that the matter of Price vs. The Town of Arietta lawsuit appeal date is scheduled for September 10th, 2014 in Albany, NY.

Mr. Baker reported that there were 18 full truck loads and 7 partial loads of brush delivered to the brush dump in July.

Motion was offered by: J. Grier

To hold a special Town Board Meeting on August 25th, 2014 at 5:00pm for the purpose of discussing the proposed changes to the Town of Arietta Zoning book and any other Town business that may come up.

Second was offered by: C. Wilt

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

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp

To pay the bills of the month as follows:

General fund: no. to no. Highway fund: no. to no.

Second was offered by: J. Grier

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

Motion was offered by: C. Wilt

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

Second was offered by: J. Grier

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

The next regular meeting will be held September 1st, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Public comment:

Fred Knapp told the board that he has already sent in a check to cover a permit for fixing the septic system at the Piseco Lake Lodge property. He decided to upgrade by putting in a bigger tank (1500 gallon) which will be bigger than is needed. He said he received an email from Mel Lascola that he needed to pay \$25 more because this was a new system. He feels that is just not right because he is going the extra mile to try to do the right thing and he is being charged more money. He also asked the board about the new zoning regulation changes dealing with fueling boats and also signage. The new regulation says no gas pumps or dispensers shall be located on a dock or a raft or otherwise above anybody of water. He asked if they are going to sell gas how people are supposed to put gas in their boat? Are they supposed to take the boat out of the water? He said the new regulations say that a sign can't be over 200 feet from the edge of the property line. He said the sign for Piseco Lake Lodge has been up on Route 8 about 800 feet from their property line for 50 years. He asked how can they put it back there with this new regulation? Mr. Knapp also said one of the regulations says that you can't have any neon signs which will affect almost every business in Town. He said he would like to see some of these ridiculous ruled taken out of the zoning book.

Lee Billington said the Community Hall is an ark. He asked if any action is being taken to talk to the school about consolidation. Mr. Baker said the board is actively seeking quotes on fixing the roof of the community hall.

Jim Reese in reference to Piseco Lake Lodge's septic system was told that the upgrading of the tank makes it a new system. He would like to see an explanation or definition of what a new verses a replacement system is. He doesn't feel that the Knapp's should be charged another \$25 because he sees this as a replacement of a system not a new system.

Mr. Baker said that the board will look into all of these matters.

Motion was offered by: J. Grier To adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm. **Second was offered by:** C. Wilt

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

Entered by:

Kenneth Parslow, Town Clerk