

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held January 4th, 2017 at the Piseco Common School Building, Town Offices, commencing at 6:00pm.

Others present: Ryan Germain-Highway Superintendent, Mel Lascola-Zoning Officer, Christy Mackenzie.
Supervisor Wilt opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Roll Call:

Barry Baker present
Michael Knapp present
Sarah Rudes present
Christy Wilt present
Richard Wilt present

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To accept the minutes of the January 4th, 2017 Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Second was offered by: B. Baker

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

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 January 4, 2017 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 17-01-01

Subject: **Organizational Meeting of the Arietta Town Board for the year 2017**

Resolution Offered By: C. Wilt

WHEREAS: the Town Board of Arietta will make the following appointments and designations:

Richard Wilt-----Purchasing Agent
Richard Wilt-----Budget Officer
Mel LaScola -----Code Enforcement Officer
Mel LaScola-----Building/Safety Inspector
Ken Parslow-----Animal Control Officer
Ken Parslow-----Registrar of Vital Statistics
Bryan Rudes-----Town Historian
Joyce Page-----Justice Clerk
Ryan Germain-----Refuse & Recyclable Foreman @ \$4,000 / year

Dr. Robert Brandis of Nathan Littauer - will be appointed as Health Officer for the Town of Arietta

All town employees, elected and appointed officials will be paid on a bi-weekly basis.

All town equipment and property will be identified and labeled as such.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held on the first Monday of each month at 6:00pm, unless otherwise noted, and all bills will be submitted by the Friday prior to the Board meeting

NBT, or any commercial bank designated by the Board in resolution will be the official bank of the Town of Arietta

The Hamilton County News and the Leader Herald of Gloversville will be designated as the official newspapers of the Town of Arietta

The Town Board will review the financial books of the Supervisor, Justices, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector at the January 19th 2017 meeting

The Supervisor is authorized to invest idle town funds in NBT Bank Certificates of Deposit or Money Market Accounts

Any Town Official (authorized by the Town Board) may attend the Association of Towns Meetings in New York City as well as attending other meetings & training that pertain to Town business and the town will reimburse any official charges.

The Supervisor is authorized to pay utility bills, postage and payroll prior to audit of the Town Board and these bills will be audited at the following Town Board Meeting

The reimbursable mileage rate for approved charges is \$.53.5 per mile.

Salaries for Elected Officials and Appointed Personnel are set forth as established in the 2017 Town Budget :
2 % increase in the Wage and Salary Structure adopted by the Town Board
In 2017 for the following Grade 1-8 positions:

Laborers (General, Highway & Airport)
Account Clerk, Account Clerk/Typist
Motor Equipment Operator
Heavy Equipment Operator
Automotive Mechanic

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board, Town of Arietta approves the above appointments, salaries, wages and standards.

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

AYES: 5 NOES: 0

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| Richard Wilt | X | Richard Wilt |
| Sarah Rudes | X | Sarah Rudes |
| Christy Wilt | X | Christy Wilt |
| Barry Baker | X | Barry Baker |
| Michael Knapp | X | Michael Knapp |

Date: January 4th 2017

Town Clerk

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:

January 4, 2017 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 17-01-02

Subject: **Investment Policy Update**

Resolution Offered By: _____ B. Baker _____

WHEREAS: General Municipal Law (GML) requires every town to adopt internal policies and procedures governing investment procedures

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta does hereby adopt the following investment policy:

TOWN OF ARIETTA INVESTMENT POLICY

- I. **SCOPE** – This investment policy applies to all moneys and other financial resources available for investment on its own behalf or on behalf of any other entity or individual.
- II. **OBJECTIVE** – The primary objectives of the local government’s investment activities are, in priority order,
 - a. to conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements (legal);
 - b. to adequately safeguard principal (safety);
 - c. to provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements (liquidity); and
 - d. To obtain a reasonable rate of return (yield).
- III. **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY** – The governing board’s responsibility for administration of the investment program is delegated to the Town Supervisor, who shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with these investment guidelines. Such procedures shall include an adequate internal control structure to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based on a database or records incorporating description and amounts of investments, transaction dates and other relevant information and regulate the activities of subordinate employees.
- IV. **PRUDENCE** – All participants in the investment process shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but or investment, considering the safety of the principal as well as the probable income to be derived. All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.
- V. **DIVERSIFICATION** – It is the policy of the Town of Arietta to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution, by investment instrument, and by maturity scheduling.
- VI. **INTERNAL CONTROLS** - It is the policy of the Town of Arietta for all moneys collected by any officer or employee of the government to transfer those funds to the Supervisor within 30 days of deposit, or within the time period specified in law, whichever is shorter. The Supervisor is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that deposits and investments are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized

use or disposition that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly and are managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

VII. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITARIES - The banks and trust companies authorized for the deposit of monies up to the following maximum amounts are: Depository Name

| <u>Maximum Amount</u> | <u>Officer</u> | <u>NBT Bank</u> |
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| \$3,500,000.00 | | |
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VIII. COLLATERALIZING OF DEPOSITS – In accordance with the provisions of the General Municipal Law, ~10, all deposits of the Town of Arietta, including Certificates of Deposit and special time deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the provision of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be secured:

1. By a pledge of “eligible securities” with an aggregate “market value”, or provided by General Municipal Law, ~10, equal to the aggregate amount of deposits from the categories designated in Appendix A to the policy.
2. By an eligible “irrevocable letter of credit” issued by a qualified bank other than the bank with the deposits in favor of the government for a term not to exceed 90 days with an aggregate value equal to 140% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any. A qualified bank is one whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization or by a bank that is in compliance with applicable federal minimum risk based capital requirements.
3. By an eligible surety bond payable to the government for an amount at least equal to 100% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any, executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in New York State, whose claims – paying ability is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

IX. SAFEKEEPING AND COLLATERALIZATION - Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits shall be held by NBT Bank and The Bank of New York Mellon (BNY Mellon) and/or a third party bank or trust company subject to security and custodial agreements. The security agreement shall provide that eligible securities are being pledged to secure local government deposits together with agreed upon interest, if any and any costs or expenses arising out of the collection of such deposits upon default. It shall also provide the conditions under which the securities may be sold, presented for payment, substituted or released and the events, which will enable the local government to exercise its rights against the pledged securities. In the event that the securities are not registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, such securities shall be delivered in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment in blank to the custodial bank. The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company or agent of and custodian for the local government, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement should also describe that the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the securities. The agreement shall provide for the frequency of revaluation or eligible securities and for the substitution of securities when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the local government a perfected interest in the securities.

X. PERMITTED INVESTMENTS – As authorized by General Municipal law ~11, the Town of Arietta authorizes the Town Supervisor to invest moneys not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following investments:

- Special time deposit accounts
 - Certificates of deposit
 - Obligations of the United States of America
 - Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America;
 - Obligations of New York State
 - Obligations of issued pursuant to LFL~24.00 or 25.00 with approval of the State Comptroller by any municipality, school district or district corporation other than the Town of Arietta;
 - Obligations of public authorities, public housing authorities, urban renewal agencies and industrial development agencies where the general State statutes governing such entities or whose specific enabling legislation authorizes such investments;
 - Certificates of Participation (COP) issued pursuant to GML ~6-c,6-d,6-e,6-g,6-h,6-j,6-k,6-l,6-m, or 6-n;
- All investment obligations shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Town of Arietta within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the moneys were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Town of Arietta within two years of the date of purchase.

XI. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS – The Town of Arietta shall maintain a list of financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes and establish appropriate limits to the amount of investments, which can be made with each financial institution or dealer. All financial institutions with which the local government conducts business must be credit

Subject: **Procurement Policy**

Resolution Offered By: R. Wilt

WHEREAS: Section 104-b of the General Municipal Law (GML) requires every town to adopt internal policies and procedures governing all procurement of goods and services not subject to the bidding requirements of GML~103 or any other law; and

WHEREAS: comments have been solicited from those officers of the Town involved with procurement, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta does hereby adopt the following procurement policies and procedures:

Guideline 1 Every prospective purchase of goods or services shall be evaluated to determine the applicability of GML~103. Every Town Officer, Board, Department Head or other personnel with the requisite purchasing authority (hereinafter Purchaser) shall estimate the cumulative amount of the items of supply or equipment needed in a given fiscal year. That estimate shall include the canvass of other town departments and past history to determine the likely yearly value of the commodity to be acquired. The information gathered and conclusions reached shall be documented and kept with the file or other documentation supporting the purchase activity.

Guideline 2 All purchases of a) supplies or equipment which will exceed \$20,000 in the fiscal year or b) public works contracts over \$35,000 shall be formally bid pursuant to GML ~ 103.

All estimated purchases of:

~ Less than \$20,000 but greater than \$10,000 requires a written **request for a proposal** (RFP) and written/fax/email quotes from three vendors.

~ Less than \$10,000 but greater than \$6,000 requires an oral request for the goods and written/fax/email quotes from three vendors.

~ Less than \$6,000 but greater than \$1,000 requires an oral request for the goods and oral/written/fax/email quotes from two vendors.

~ Less than \$1,000 is left to the discretion of the Purchaser.

All estimated public works contracts of:

~ Less than \$35,000 but greater than \$15,000 requires a written RFP and written/fax/email proposals from three contractors.

~ Less than \$15,000 but greater than \$3,000 requires a written RFP and written/fax/email proposals from two contractors.

~ Less than \$3,000 is left to the discretion of the Purchaser.

Any written RFP shall describe the desired goods, quantity and the particulars of delivery. The Purchaser shall compile a list of all vendors/contractors from whom written/fax/email/oral quotes have been requested and the written/fax/email/oral quotes offered.

All information gathered in complying with the procedures of this Guideline shall be preserved and filed with the documentation supporting the subsequent purchase or public works contract.

Guideline 3 The lowest responsible proposal or quote shall be awarded the purchase or public works contract unless the Purchaser prepares a written justification providing reasons why it is in the best interest of the Town and its taxpayers to make an award to other than the low bidder. (For example: the second low bidder is a business in town, paying property taxes and their quote was within 5% of the low bidder which is an out of state business or supplier.). If a bidder is not deemed responsible, facts supporting that judgment shall also be documented and filed with the record supporting the procurement.

Guideline 4 A good faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations. If the Purchaser is unable to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations, the Purchaser shall document the attempt made at obtaining the proposals. In no event shall the inability to obtain the proposals or quotes be a bar to the procurement.

Guideline 5 Except when directed by the Town Board, no solicitation of written proposals or quotations shall be required under the following circumstances:

- a). Acquisition of professional services
- b). Emergencies
- c). Sole source situations
- d). Goods purchased from agencies for the blind or severely handicapped
- e). Goods purchased from correctional facilities
- f). Goods purchased from another governmental agency
- g). Goods purchased at auction
- h). Goods purchased for less than \$1,000

i). Public works contacts for less than \$3,000

Guideline 6 This policy shall be reviewed annually by the Town Board at its organizational meeting or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable.

Seconded by: S. Rudes and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

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| AYES: | | NOES: | |
| Barry Baker | <u>X</u> | Barry Baker | _____ |
| Michael Knapp | <u>X</u> | Michael Knapp | _____. |
| Sarah Rudes | <u>X</u> | Sarah Rudes | _____. |
| Christy Wilt | <u>X</u> | Christy Wilt | _____. |
| Richard Wilt | <u>X</u> | Richard Wilt | _____. |

Town Clerk Date: January 4th 2017

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:

January 4, 2017 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 17 - 01 - 04

Subject: **Transfer of Funds**

Resolution Offered By: S. Rudes

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

General Fund

\$ 17,349.00 to #A-8160.200, Refuse and Garbage Equipment Expense
from #A-9950.900, Capital Project Fund Expense

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does approve the above transfers of money.

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

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| AYES: | | NOES: | |
| Barry Baker | <u>X</u> | Barry Baker | _____ |
| Michael Knapp | <u>X</u> | Michael Knapp | _____. |
| Sarah Rudes | <u>X</u> | Sarah Rudes | _____. |
| Christy Wilt | <u>X</u> | Christy Wilt | _____. |
| Richard Wilt | <u>X</u> | Richard Wilt | _____. |

Town Clerk Date: January 4th 2017

Mr. Wilt reported that the auditor said that the Town has to appoint an attorney every two years. He asked the board if they felt they wanted to keep Wayne Judge as the Town attorney. They all agreed to reappoint Mr. Judge. Mr. Wilt will have a resolution for the next meeting.

Mr. Wilt read off the appointed positions for the 2017 year as follows:

- Deputy Appointments by their respective Departments
- Deputy Supervisor-----Barry Baker
- Deputy Zoning Officer-----Paul Beaudoin
- Deputy Tax Collector-----Jodie Small
- Deputy Highway Superintendent--William Parslow Jr.
- Deputy Town Clerk-----Marion Parslow

Mr. Wilt reported the new garbage truck should be here in January. He asked Mr. Germain to put the old garbage truck up for auction.

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To allow the Highway Superintendent to put up for auction the Town's 2004 International garbage truck for a minimum bid of \$2000 over trade in which was \$10,000. The total minimum bid will be \$12,000. Also to put up for auction the old 2008 GMC pickup truck at the same time.

Second was offered by: B. Baker

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

Mr. Wilt reported that the committee appointments for the Town board are still work in progress. He asked the board go over the recommendations Mrs. Rudes sent to the board members. Mr. Baker looking over the list and figure out what committees they would like to be on and they will go over it at the January 19th, 2017 Town board meeting. Mrs. Rudes said she feels strongly that there should be two people on each committee.

Mr. Knapp asked when the engineers are coming to finish the school project. Mr. Wilt said it looks like sometime next week. Mr. Knapp said that Mr. Lascola and he would like to meet with them about the Community Hall roof project while they are here.

Mr. Knapp informed the board that he needs to purchase a chainsaw with a 20" bar for the snowmobile groomers to clear trails with as they are having trouble clearing bigger trees from the trails with the present smaller saws. He said it would cost somewhere around \$500.00. The board felt that was a good idea.

Mr. Baker reported that the changes to be made to the handbook are not finished yet, but he will have them done in time for the board members review before the next meeting. Mr. Wilt asked him to look at the step and grade which is now only for 10 years and he feels it should be at least 20 years.

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp

To pay the bills of the month as follows:

General fund: no. to no.744 (utilities) \$505.61

General fund: no.07 to no.26 in the amount of \$87,722.90

Highway fund: no.01 to no.10 in the amount of \$57,066.96

Second was offered by: C. Wilt

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

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To accept the financial statement of the Supervisor for the month of December 2017 as submitted.

Second was offered by: B. Baker

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

Mr. Lascola-Zoning Officer reported that he gave out permits in 2016 as follows:

1 – New Home

1 - Garage/guest cottage

5 - Demolition

3 – Decks

10 – Septic

3 – Wells

8 – Additions

1 – Renovation

6 – Sheds

3 – Permit renewals

2 – Pole Barns

Miscellaneous – Patio Enclosure, windows and doors, new foundation, ect.

He also asked the board if they would like to start a permit system similar to Lake Pleasant and Speculator to help prevent people from bringing construction debris to the transfer station and say it came from Arietta. Mr. Wilt said he would have something for the next meeting to help deal with this issue.

The next meeting will be held January 19th, 2017 at 6pm

The next regular meeting will be held February 6th, 2017 at 6pm.

Motion was offered by: C. Wilt

To adjourn the meeting at 6:31pm.

Second was offered by: B. Baker

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

Entered by:

Kenneth Parslow, Town Clerk