

Agenda
March 5th 2018
Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Approve minutes for the February 5th
- Bid openings for fuel's
- Resolutions

18-03-16

REQUESTING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO POST WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON TOWN ROADS FOR THE YEAR 2018

18-03-17

In opposition to the proposal in the governor's 2018 budget revenue bill to convert forest preserve state land tax payments from the current system of locally assessed property taxes to a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) capped at 2% per year or the increase in the level of assessment, whichever is lower

Snowmobile Trails & Town Buildings and Grounds - **Knapp**

Internal Management / Insurance - **Grier**

Recreation, Website & Chamber - **C. Wilt**

Finance / Airport - **R. Wilt**

Lake / Dam / Invasive - **Rudes**

- New Business
- Old Business
- Public Comment
- Designation of next regular Meeting April 2nd
- Motion to adjourn

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:

March 5, 2018 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 18 – 03 - 16

Subject: REQUESTING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO POST WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON TOWN ROADS FOR THE YEAR 2018

Resolution Offered By: _____

WHEREAS, Vehicle and Traffic Law Article 41, Section 1660 gives authority to the Town Board to post weight limits on Town Roads when the Board deems necessary to protect roads from harm during spring breakup, and

WHEREAS, Vehicle and Traffic Law Article 40, Section 1650 gives authority to the county superintendent of highways to post weight limits on County Roads when the superintendent deems it necessary to protect County roads from harm during spring breakup, and

WHEREAS, the Town would need to place an ad in the local newspaper notifying the public of such postings, and

WHEREAS, the County Superintendent places a legal ad in the local newspaper notifying the public of such posting on County highways, and

WHEREAS, the Town roads are typically posted for the same duration as the County roads, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and Town Highway Superintendent believes that it would be in the interest of the Town if the County Superintendent post weight restrictions on the Town roads in conjunction with the County Roads during spring breakup, be it

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Arietta hereby requests and authorizes the County Superintendent of Highways post weight restrictions on Town roads within the Town of Arietta when he deems necessary for the calendar year 2018.

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

AYES:

Jacqui Grier _____
Sarah Rudes _____
Michael Knapp _____
Christy Wilt _____
Richard Wilt _____

NOES:

Jacqui Grier _____
Sarah Rudes _____
Michael Knapp _____
Christy Wilt _____
Richard Wilt _____

_____, Town Clerk Date _____ 2018

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Resolution Offered By: _____

Whereas: the governor's 2018 budget revenue bill proposes to convert tax payments to local governments and schools on forest preserve lands in the Adirondacks and Catskills to a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) capped at 2% per year or the increase in the level of assessment, whichever is lower, and

Whereas: the PILOT would be centrally controlled by the state, and be based upon a formula, rather than on the annual increase in the value of forest preserve lands, and

Whereas: this proposal would likely lead to a decrease in state land tax payments over time and shift the tax burden from forest preserve lands to private lands in Adirondack and Catskill forest preserve counties, towns, villages and school districts, and

Whereas: state payment of taxes on forest preserve lands in the Adirondacks and Catskills is critically important to the well-being and survival of communities, and schools, and

Whereas: New York State currently pays more than \$70 million a year in taxes to Adirondack local governments and schools, and,

Whereas: recent state land purchases in the Adirondacks have increased state ownership to more than 2.6 million acres of the 6 million acre Adirondack Park, and

Whereas: the state controls an additional 800,000 acres by state conservation easements purchased in the last 40 years, and

Whereas: most economically beneficial use of state forest preserve lands is prohibited by

the New York State Constitution "forever wild" clause, and

Whereas: state conservation easement lands may not be used for economically beneficial uses, other than forestry and recreation, and

Whereas: state Real Property Tax Law has long required the state to pay taxes on forest preserve lands, at least in part, in recognition of the negative impact of "forever wild" forest preserve lands on the economies of affected communities, and the strong local home-rule protections in New York Law, and

Whereas: over the years, local governments have been able to support land acquisition proposals because of the certainty created by the Ad Valorem Tax payments, and

Whereas: Adirondack local governments are concerned that a change from forest preserve tax payments on an Ad Valorem basis to a capped PILOT will be the first step in phasing out payments on forest preserve lands to local governments and schools, and

Whereas: if the PILOT proposal is adopted by the state legislature, increases in the assessed value of local government and school districts will not result in an increase in the PILOT, because increases will be limited to 2% or the change in level of assessment, whichever is lower, and

Whereas: the tax burden will be shifted to private lands in the Adirondacks and Catskills,

Now, Therefore, It Is Hereby Resolved: that the Town of Arietta hereby opposes the 2018 budget revenue bill proposal to convert forest preserve taxes to a capped PILOT.

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

AYES:

Jacquelyn Grier _____
Sarah Rudes _____
Michael Knapp _____
Christy Wilt _____
Richard Wilt _____

NOES:

Jacquelyn Grier _____
Sarah Rudes _____
Michael Knapp _____
Christy Wilt _____
Richard Wilt _____

_____, Town Clerk
STATE OF NEW YORK)

Date _____ 2018

) SS:

COUNTY OF HAMILTON

I, _____ Clerk of Arietta, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this Resolution with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original Resolution and of the whole thereof, as duly adopted by said _____ at a meeting duly called and held at the _____
On _____ by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the Resolution.

WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of _____, New York, this __ Day of _____, 20_____.

ARIETTA TOWN CLERK