

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held August 6th, 2018 at the Piseco Town Offices located at the Piseco Common School building commencing at 6:00pm.

Others present: Mary Kiewicz – Planning Board Chairman, Craig Small – Highway Superintendent, Barry Baker, Fred Knapp, Mel LaScola, Shelia Crouse – Recreation Director.

Supervisor Wilt opened the meeting at 6:03pm.

Roll Call:

Jacqui Grier present
Michael Knapp present
Sarah Rudes present
Christy Wilt absent
Richard Wilt present

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp
To accept the minutes of the July 2nd, 2018 Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Second was offered by: J. Grier

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

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To accept the minutes of the July 16th, 2018 Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Second was offered by: J. Grier

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

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:

August 6, 2018 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 18 – 08 - 25

Subject: **Snowmobile Grooming Contracts and Apply for Grant Funding**

Resolution Offered By: M. Knapp

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta has applied in the past for grant funding for the grooming and maintenance of the Arietta Snowmobile Trails with NY Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta has decided to reapply for the 2018/2019 snowmobile season and continue to contract out four (4) different sections of trail and hire employees to maintain the remaining sections of trail, and

WHEREAS: these annual contracts are a necessary part of the Town’s application requesting grant money from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historical Preservation for trail clearing, maintenance and grooming, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board authorizes to issue the contract agreements for the 2018/2019 grooming season to the two snowmobile clubs and the Town of Inlet for four (4) trail sections and give the Town Supervisor permission to sign the necessary documents to apply for grant funding and execute the contracts.

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

AYES:		NOES:	ABSENT:
Jacqui Grier	<u>X</u>	Jacqui Grier	_____
Michael Knapp	<u>X</u>	Michael Knapp	_____
Sarah Rudes	<u>X</u>	Sarah Rudes	_____
Christy Wilt	—	Christy Wilt	_____
Richard Wilt	<u>X</u>	Richard Wilt	_____
			Christy Wilt <u>X</u>

Committee reports:

Snowmobile Trails & Town Buildings: Mr. Knapp said that the door for the airport bathroom is a short door. He asked if he should cut the new door off or raise the header to fit a standard door. Mr. Wilt said it would be easier to either order a cut door the right size or cut the new one off. Mr. Wilt reported that the Town has already received the TRP to clear the snowmobile trails which is unusual as it normally comes in the fall.

Mr. Wilt also had Mr. Small inform the board about issues with the highway garage. He reported that it has broken trusses in the ceiling and they have been broken for a while, also they are 4 feet on center. The ceiling is falling down, the roof leaks, the screws on the outside are coming out, the garage doors don't seal properly, the floor is uneven and the post that sit on the floor are rotting because they are wet most of the time. Mr. Wilt suggested looking into putting up a new building and taking both garages that are on the property now, down. Mel said that he would look into the process and Mr. Small invited all of the board members to stop in and take a look at the buildings to understand the issues. They will stop in and look thing over before the next meeting.

Internal Management & Insurance: Mrs. Grier had nothing to report.

Recreation, Website & Chamber: Nothing.

Finance & Airport: Mr. Wilt reported the fly-in is at the end of the month. He will be ordering Avgas this week.

Lake, Dam & Invasive: Mrs. Rudes reported the final report has been received from Schnabel engineering on the work done on the Piseco Lake dam. So the board have been put in the dam.

Mr. Wilt reported the Town received the permit from DEC to allow the Town to mow the Popular Point campsite. DEC has also marked the trees that will need to be taken down if the Town is going to be permitted to relocate the boat wash station at the campsite day use area next year.

Mr. Wilt reported the cemetery plots in Higgins Bay Cemetery are running out. He said a survey needs to be done on the rest of the land that is usable. After that is done a fence needs to be put up around the new area. Most of the plots in the new area will be smaller as many people are being cremated.

Mr. Wilt reported that Hamilton County has reached out to a couple of companies about surveillance cameras and he would like to wait to see how they make out before researching it.

Mrs. Rudes reported that there is a mouse problem at the Community Hall. She asked if Bill Grier can put out some Decon. Mr. Wilt will have deal with the issue.

Mr. Knapp asked if National Grid has responded to the update of changing the street lights to LED's. Mr. Wilt said not yet, but he would like to wait until they do as the other companies quote is very high.

Mrs. Rudes said if discussion about moving to an appointed Highway Superintendent is going forward she would like to ask the Town Attorney to give the Town Board the proper way to proceed with it and develop the local law needed. She also said she feels there should be educational campaign drafted and sent to the residents of the Town with the pro's and con's of an appointed vs. an elected position. Mr. Wilt will contact the Town attorney and ask him to do this.

Mary Kiewicz reported talking about a septic law for a long time she has gotten an email from Murdock's engineering site a few months ago it would cost about \$3,000.00 for him to draw up a septic law kind of like the Town of Inlet has. Mr. Wilt suggested paying Mr. Murdock to come to a Town board meeting to give the board an overview of how it will work and what the process would be. She will try to have him come to the September 4th, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Wilt reported he ordered three six yard garbage dumpsters and they should be here with in two weeks.

Motion was offered by: M. Knapp

To accept the financial statement of the Supervisor for the month of April 2018 as submitted.

Second was offered by: S. Rudes

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

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To pay the bills of the month as follows:

General fund: no.476 to no.506 in the amount of \$17,464.66

General fund utilities: no.507 to no. 508 in the amount of \$866.77

Highway fund: no.459 to no.475 in the amount of \$8,833.92

Second was offered by: J. Grier

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

Mr. Wilt reported that the County went with a 2% salary increase this year and he feels that the Town should follow. The board agreed.

Shelia Crouse reported to the board that she would like to start a Facebook page to let people know what is going on in the area. The board was ok with that. She also asked if she should charge for events. Mr. Wilt said he would rather not charge. He asked her to come up with things she would like to do next year and make up a budget for next year so the board can see what it will cost.

Motion was offered by: J. Grier

To adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm

Second was offered by: S. Rudes

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

Entered by:

Kenneth Parslow
Town Clerk