

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held October 1st, 2018 at the Piseco Town Offices located at the Piseco Common School building commencing at 6:00pm.

Others present: Donna Benkovich & Jim Tavers of Adirondack Speculator Regional Chamber of Commerce, Fred & Sue Knapp, Barry Baker, Mary Kiewicz, Chris Laver, Craig Small – Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor Wilt opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Roll Call:

Jacqui Grier 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 September 4th, 2018 Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

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

Bids were opened for 2 snowmobiles.

**1) Village Motor Sports
2886 State Route 8
Speculator, NY 12164**

**Bid: 2 = 2016 Ski-Doo Skandic SWT 900 ACE NA
Model #LDGA
VIN #YH2SLDGA4GR000271 and VIN #YH2SLDGA4G000231
900 ACE**

Price each = \$10,999.00 Total Price = \$21,998.00

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common school 1722 State Route 8 in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

October 1, 2018 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 18 – 10 - 27

Subject: Award of Bid for (2) New 2016 Skandic SWT 900 ACC Ski Doos assembly and delivery included

Resolution Offered By: _____ M. Knapp _____

WHEREAS: 1 bids were received for two new 2016 Skandic SWT 900 ACC Ski Doos and delivery included and:

WHEREAS: the following bids were received:

**1. Village Motor Sports
2886 State Route 8
Speculator, NY 12164**

WHEREAS: the Arietta Town Board have recommended award be made to the low bidder for the item, and

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED: that award be made for one (2) 2016 Skandic SWT Ski Doos 900 ACC to Village Motor Sports with a bid of \$21,998.00 and the Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into a purchase agreement with Village Motor Sports for the purchase of the two 2016 Skandic SWT Ski Doos.

Seconded by: C. Wilt 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	<u>X</u>	Christy Wilt	_____
Richard Wilt	<u>X</u>	Richard Wilt	_____

Town Clerk Date October 1st, 2018

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:

October 1, 2018 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 18 – 10 -28

Subject: **Create a New General Account and Appointment for Safety Coordinator**

Resolution Offered By: R. Wilt

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta Town Board after review and discussion will create a new position for a Safety Coordinator as required by PERMA, the current Workman Compensation Carrier for the Town of Arietta, must now create the line item in the 2018 Budget, and

WHEREAS: the account created would be A0.1430.100 Safety Coordinator Personal Services for \$2,500.00 and A0.1430.400 Safety Coordinator Contractual Expense \$1,000.00, and

WHEREAS: the position requires training that is outlined and taught by PERMA, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board after consideration of the duties to this position have decided to appoint the Highway Superintendent Craig Small to fill the reminder time frame of October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 and will receive compensation of \$625.00 for said time, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does authorize to create the new position of Safety Coordinator and appoint Craig Small for the above term and the Accounts A0.1430.100 Safety Coordinator Personal Services for \$2,500.00 and A0.1430.400 Safety Coordinator Contractual Expense \$1,000.00. The amount to increase the 2018 Budget for A0-1430.100 Safety Coordinator Personal Services is \$625.00 and A0.1430.400 Safety Coordinator Contractual Expense \$1,000.00 for a total of \$1,625.00 to be transferred from A0.1990.400 Contingent.

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	<u>X</u>	Christy Wilt	_____
Richard Wilt	<u>X</u>	Richard Wilt	_____

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TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School, 1722 State Route 8 in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

October 1, 2018 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 18-10-29

Subject: Retaining Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC for Casey appeal

Resolution Offered By: M. Knapp

WHEREAS: H. Wayne Judge, Esq. currently represents the Town of Arietta in the matter of John and Susan Casey v. Town of Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals, and

WHEREAS: John and Susan Casey have filed an appeal to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Third Judicial Department, from the Decision, Order and Judgment of Supreme Court, Hamilton County (Hon. Joseph M. Sise) dated October 13, 2017, and

WHEREAS: the law firm of Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC who specializes in appeals has made a proposal to represent the Town in connection with said appeal.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED: the Town of Arietta hereby retains the law firm of Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC to represent the Town in connection with the appeal made by John and Susan Casey to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Third Judicial Department, from the Decision, Order and Judgment of Supreme Court, Hamilton County (Hon. Joseph M. Sise) dated October 13, 2017.

Seconded by: R. Wilt 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	<u>X</u>	Christy Wilt	_____
Richard Wilt	<u>X</u>	Richard Wilt	_____

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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:

October 1, 2018 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 18 – 10 -31

Subject: **Authorize and Create a Septic Law Committee**

Resolution Offered By: J. Grier

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta after discussion with the Planning Board Chair Mary Kiewicz regarding Septic Systems in the Town of Arietta will create a Septic Law Committee to review the current Local Laws #1 and #2 of 1971(see attachments) pertaining to septic systems and gather information for the Arietta Planning Board, and

WHEREAS: the Arietta Town Board will appoint the following persons to the Septic Law Committee: Barry Baker, Marie Buanno, Mary Kiewicz, Mel Lascola, Bob Thompson, Bryan Rudes, Christy Wilt, and Rick Wilt for the term of **12 months**, and

WHEREAS: the Committee will meet at the Piseco Common School on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm for the time frame the committee has been convened for the above project to gather information and discuss recommendations to the current Local Laws #1 and #2 of 1971 to the Planning Board, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board of Arietta will authorize the creation of the Septic Law Committee and will appoint the above named persons to the committee for the duration of **12**

months to review and gather information pertaining to septic laws within the Town of Arietta and forward their finding to the Arietta Planning Board who will than make recommendations if founded to the Town of Arietta Town Board

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	<u>X</u>	Christy Wilt	_____
Richard Wilt	<u>X</u>	Richard Wilt	_____

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Jim Tavers of Adirondack Speculator Regional Chamber of Commerce gave an update on how they plan to improve the advertising they do and things they would like to do in the future. He said it would take more money.

The board reviewed the tentative budget for 2019. No changes were made.

Mr. Wilt reported that the Through the Fence issue for the Piseco Airport is supposed to be acted on by the Senate as Senator Schumer has placed a bill in the pile of bills, to fix the Through the Fence issue, which will go before the US Senate sometime in the next couple of weeks.

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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:

October 1, 2018 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 18 – 10 -30

Subject: **Accept 2019 Preliminary Budget**

Resolution Offered By: R. Wilt

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta has reviewed the 2019 Tentative Budget as submitted by the Arietta Town Supervisor in September 2018, and

WHEREAS: the Arietta Town Board after review of the Tentative Budget will carry these numbers over with any noted changes for the Preliminary Budget and will accept as the 2019 Preliminary Budget at the October 1, 2018 Town Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS: it is necessary to schedule a Public Hearing for the purpose of public comment on the proposed budget before adopting, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board of Arietta accepts the 2019 Preliminary Budget and will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of adopting the 2019 Budget.

Seconded by: J. Grier 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	<u>X</u>	Christy Wilt	_____
Richard Wilt	<u>X</u>	Richard Wilt	_____

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Motion was offered by: M. Knapp

To set dates for budget workshops on October 22nd, 24th and 26th, 2018 starting at 5:00pm at the Piseco School Town offices for the purpose of working on the 2019 Town budget and for any other business that may come up.

Second was offered by: C. Wilt

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

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To read and act on Resolution #18-10-33 before reading or discussing Resolution #18-10-32.

Second was offered by: J. Grier

Ayes: **Nays:** none

Motion was offered by: C. Wilt

To table Resolutions #18-10-32 and #18-10-33 to give all board members time to review the qualifications of both applicants stated on the resolutions. They will be reintroduced at the October 22nd, 2018 special meeting.

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

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

Mr. Knapp reported that he looked at the place where DEC wants the Town to cut and reroute one snowmobile trail which will entail another 30 foot bridge. It puts it on private property so no materials will be accessible from DEC. Also the Barnes Brook Bridge needs serious attention.

Mrs. Grier reported that the Town's health insurance is supposed to go up 2 1/2% for 2019. She said they are still waiting for Medicare Advantage Plan final numbers for 2019.

Mrs. Wilt reported she heard from Shelia Crouse that she would like to do a pumpkin painting on October 13th, 2018 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. It won't cost more than \$300.00. She also will be teaching free yoga classes 6:00pm-7:00pm each month and this month it will be held on October 4th and 17th, 2018.

Mr. Wilt reported the water came up in Piseco Lake from -7" to +7" with all of the rain. The 4' boards have been taken out of the dam and the 3' boards will be taken out when the water goes down.

Mrs. Rudes reported she submitted a FOIL request to DEC asking for and received a copy of the contract they have with Paul Smiths Water Shed Institute for the next five years to take care of the boat steward program. She will forward a copy to all of the board members.

Mr. Small asked the board if he could be allowed to dump waste dirt accumulated from road work on private property. He can use the same paper Hamilton County uses as a hold harmless release form that the property owner must sign. Mrs. Rudes suggested putting an ad in the paper so everyone knows the highway will be giving waste away.

Motion was offered by: C. Wilt

To allow the Town Highway Superintendent to allow private property owners to sign release form so he can dump waste dirt the highway department accumulates from road work.

Second was offered by: J. Grier

Ayes: Grier, 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 September 2018 as submitted.

Second was offered by: J. Grier

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

Motion was offered by: C. Wilt

To pay the bills of the month as follows:

General fund: no.573 to no.607 in the amount of \$24,225.22

Highway fund: no.552 to no.572 in the amount of \$35,418.16

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

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

Next regular meeting will be November 5th, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Motion was offered by: J. Grier

To adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm

Second was offered by: C. Wilt

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

Entered by:

Kenneth Parslow
Town Clerk