

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held August 3rd, 2020 the Piseco Community Hall commencing at 5:00pm.

Others present: Steven Whorle, Craig Small – Highway Superintendent, Chris Rhodes, Mel LaScola – Zoning Officer.

Supervisor Wilt opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

Roll Call:

Jacqui Grier present
 Douglas Stobo present
 Sarah Rudes present
 Christy Wilt present
 Richard Wilt present

Motion was offered by: D. Stobo

To accept the minutes of the July 6th & July 20th, 2020 Town Board meetings as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Second was offered by: C. Wilt

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

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Community Hall, 139 Old Piseco Road in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

August 3, 2020 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 20-08-23

Subject: Snowmobile Grooming Contracts and Apply for Grant Funding

Resolution Offered By: _____ J. Grier _____

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 2020/2021 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 2020/2021 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: _____ C. Wilt _____ and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier <u> x </u>	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier <u> — </u>
Sarah Rudes <u> x </u>	Sarah Rudes _____	Sarah Rudes <u> — </u>
Douglas Stobo <u> x </u>	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo <u> — </u>
Christy Wilt <u> x </u>	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt <u> — </u>
Richard Wilt <u> x </u>	Richard Wilt _____	Richard Wilt <u> — </u>

_____, Town Clerk Date August 3rd, 2020

Committee reports:

Snowmobile Trails: Mrs. Grier had nothing to report.

Town Buildings & Grounds: Mr. Stobo and Mr. LaScola recommended putting cement siding on the SRE building at the airport to curb the deteriorating from the weather that is happening to the wood siding currently on the building. Mr. Wilt said he can have some of the part time employees work on it, but it

won't be until next spring. Mrs. Rudes asked if the playground was still closed at the airport after a child got stuck in one of the swings. Mr. Wilt said it was and he talked to the insurance company NYMIR and they will have someone come up and inspect the equipment. Mr. Stobo also said that there it repairs needed on the ceiling at the Community Hall.

Website & Chamber: Mr. Wilt Had nothing to report.

Airport & Finance: Mr. Wilt reported the grant at the airport for the lighting is on hold as they are waiting to get the contract back from the FAA. The contractor hasn't ordered anything yet because he hasn't received the release. The work is supposed to start August 8th, 2020, so it looks like it might not be done until next year.

Lake/ Dam/ Invasive: Mr. Wilt reported the lake level is at the lowest it has ever been on any records he has. It is at 13.5" and he only found one other entry, but he said it might even be a little lower than that today like 13.75". The engineer finished the design for the fence and buoy system and it has been sent to all of the regulatory agencies to see if any permits are needed.

New Business:

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To allow the Highway Superintendent to go out to bid for two new pickup trucks.

Second was offered by: D. Stobo

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

Mr. Wilt reported he talked to someone at Ray Brook about the issues at the Poplar Point Campsite and found the people supervising that campsite have retired and there isn't anyone currently overseeing it. He told them about the liability and suggested putting up signs with rules at the least.

Old Business:

Mr. Wilt reported he talked to the Town attorney today about the septic law wording changes. He doesn't have a direct answer to the specific wording. He has other attorney's he can contact and he will let Mr. Wilt know what would be good wording for who should do the inspections. Mr. Wilt will wait until what the attorney comes up with for wording.

Mr. Wilt reported he sent paperwork to the Town attorney regarding Mr. Parslow's request to have his wife put on the Town's health insurance.

Mrs. Rudes reported the Piseco Lake association has agreed to donate \$1,000.00 to the Town for the fireworks display.

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To pay the bills as follows:

General Fund: no. 382 to no. 399 for a total: \$9,317.66

Highway Fund: no. 400 to no. 414 for a total: \$5,838.18

Second was offered by: C. Wilt

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

Motion was offered by: D. Stobo

To accept the financial statements of the Supervisor for the month of August 2020 as submitted by the Supervisor.

Second was offered by: J Grier

Ayes: Grier, Rudes, Stobo, C Wilt, and R Wilt

Nays: none

Mr. Small reported that the Town has received 75% of the money spent to fix damage from the Halloween storm from FEMA or just over \$68,000.00. He worked with Soil and Water on the Powley road and studied four different culverts and they made suggestions of the size of culverts they feel should be. The biggest culvert currently in the roadway is 36" and the recommendation from Soil and Water is to replace it with one that is 8' 6". It is a culvert that is 8' wide and 24" high which will give the same water flow as a round culvert. The cost of that will be around \$15,000.00 to 17,000.00. He said there is an engineer currently doing bore samples and surveying for the replacement of the culvert. If it is determined that a bridge is needed the Town would have to pay for the installation and then the County will take over maintaining it from then on.

Next regular meeting will be September 8th, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

Motion was offered by: J. Grier

To adjourn the meeting at 5:52pm.

Second was offered by: D. Stobo

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

Entered by:

Kenneth Parslow

Town Clerk