Minutes of the Regular Town Board, Town of Arietta held February 7,2022 at the Piseco Town Offices located at the Piseco Common School building commencing at 5:00pm.

Others present: Fred Knapp, Daniel Fish, Jodi Small, Highway Superintendent Craig Small and Zoning and Codes Enforcer Mel LaScola.

Supervisor Rhodes opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

Roll Call:Jacqui GrierabsentDouglas StobopresentSarah RudespresentChristy WiltpresentChris Rhodespresent

Motion was offered by: S. Rudes

To accept the minutes of the January 18,2022 Town Board meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Second was offered by: D. Stobo

Ayes: Rudes, Stobo, C. Wilt and C. Rhodes Nays: none

Resolutions:

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:

February 7, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 22-02-16

Subject: Adirondacks Speculator Chamber of Commerce Agreement

Resolution Offered By: <u>S. Rudes</u>

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta, Town Board at the January 3, 2022 board meeting passed an agreement with the Adirondacks Speculator Chamber of Commerce, and

WHEREAS: Adirondacks Speculator Chamber of Commerce after reviewing the agreement asked for some new wording in the agreement and

WHEREAS: after reviewing the new wording the Town of Arietta Town Board will enter into a one-year agreement as outlined in the attachment beginning on January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 and agrees to pay the Chamber the sum of \$8,000.00 for services during this time frame, and

WHEREAS: during this time frame the Town will review said agreement with the Adirondacks Speculator Chamber of Commerce and make any changes or to continue on with said agreement, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta, Town Board does hereby rescind Resolution 22-01-04 and authorize the Town of Arietta Supervisor to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Town to enter into a one-year agreement with the Adirondacks Speculator Chamber of Commerce.

Seconded by:	C. Wilt		and put to a v	ote, which resulted as follows:
AYES:		NOES:	ABSENT:	
Douglas Stobo	x S x Do x Chri	acquelyn Grier Sarah Rudes ouglas Stobo isty Wilt stian Rhodes	Jacquelyn Grier Sarah Rudes Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt Christian Rhodes	<u>x</u>

Laura Morehouse

Town Clerk

Date: February 7, 2022

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:

Accept Brady Fence Co. Inc. to Furnish and Install Fence at the Piseco Spillway Located on Route 10 in the Town of Arietta

Resolution Offered By: C. Wilt

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta has received quotes from vendors to furnish and install fencing at the Piseco Spillway, and

WHEREAS: after review the Town Board will hire Brady Fence Co. Inc. as the vendor to furnish and install the fence at the Piseco Spillway located on Route 10 for a total amount of \$15,690.00, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board of Arietta will accept Brady Fence Co. Inc to furnish and install the fencing as outlined in the attachment and authorizes the Supervisor to execute all documents to enter into agreement.

Seconded by:	D. Stobo	and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:
AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier Sarah Rudes x Douglas Stobo x Christy Wilt x Christian Rhodes _x_		Jacquelyn Grier <u>x</u> Sarah Rudes Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt Christian Rhodes

TOWN OF ARIETTA

Date: February 7, 2022

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:

February 7, 2022 at 5:00pm

Laura Morehouse

Resolution # 22-02-18

Subject: Firework Displays for 2022

Resolution Offered By: _____ D. Stobo

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta has in the past purchased fireworks for the February Tree Burning and the Fourth of July for public displays, and

WHEREAS: after consideration the Town Board would like to continue to support these two events and authorize \$500.00 for the February Tree Burning and \$1,000.00 for the Piseco Lake Fourth of July Celebrations in 2022, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board of Arietta will authorize the purchase of fireworks for public display in 2022 as outlined above

Seconded by:	S. Rudes		and put to a vote,
which resulted as follo	ws:		
AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	
Jacquelyn Grier Sarah Rudez x Douglas Stobo x Christy Wilt x Christian Rhodes x	Jacquelyn Grier Sarah Rudes Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt Christian Rhodes	Jacquelyn Grier Sarah Rudes Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt Christian Rhode	
Laura Morehouse		Date: February 7 2020	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:

February 7, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 22 – 02 - 19

Subject: Revise the Fee and Guidelines for the Disposal of Demolition Material

Resolution Offered By: _____ D. Stobo

WHEREAS: the current fee schedule and guidelines needs to be reviewed and updated for the disposal of demolition debris, and

WHEREAS: this fee will affect anyone with a demolition permit, contractors, and town residents for the removal of all building material, whose monthly accumulative excess weight of 500lbs or more, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta does approve establishing a new fee for all town residents, contractors, and demo permit holders whose monthly accumulative excess building material is over weight of 500lbs that is generated in the town. With a fee schedule as follows: \$68.00 per ton or amount as designated by Hamilton County Solid Waste, and

WHEREAS: additional guidelines are as follows:

- 1. Debris Fees will be paid by check and made payable to the Town of Arietta.
- 2. A Demo permit and fees will be issued by the Town of Arietta Zoning Officer
- 3. Transfer Station attendees will require a copy of Demo permit given by Zoning Officer before dumping any debris, or
- 4. Transfer Station Attendees will note the tare slip with the resident's information and will be billed by the Town of Arietta accordingly per monthly accumulative excess weight of 500lbs or more that does not require a demo permit.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town Board, Town of Arietta hereby rescinds all past resolutions for the fees set for Disposal of Demolition Material and guidelines and will

approve and follow the above guidelines and fee for the disposal of debris to the Lake Pleasant Transfer station with a demolition permit.

Seconded by:follows:	C. Wilt	and put to a vote, which resulted as
AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier Sarah Rudes x Douglas Stobo x Christy Wilt x Christian Rhodes x	Jacquelyn Grier Sarah Rudes Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt Christian Rhodes	Jacquelyn GrierxSarah RudesDouglas StoboChristy WiltChristian Rhodes
Laura Morehouse		Date: February 7, 2022

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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:

February 7, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 22-02-20

Subject:	Accept Independent Surveyor
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Resolution Offered By: _____ D. Stobo

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta, Town Board would like to survey the town property located on Old Piseco Road, which is known as the brush dump, to find the property lines. This would allow the town to see the actual lot and what potential there is to build, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta has received quotes from vendors to survey the brush dump on Old Piseco Road, and

WHEREAS: after review the Town Board will hire	Scott Blanchard		i	as the
vendor to survey the brush dump located on Old Pisec	o Road for a total amount of	\$ 5,600.00		
, and				

 Scott Blanchard

 Surveying, Poland, New York 13431
 to survey the brush dump

 located on Old Piseco Road as outlined in the attachment and authorizes the Supervisor to execute all documents to enter into agreement.

Seconded by:	S. Rudes	and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:
AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier Sarah Rudez x Douglas Stobo x Christy Wilt x Christian Rhodes x	Jacquelyn Grier Sarah Rudes Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt Christian Rhodes	Jacquelyn Grier x Sarah Rudes Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt Christian Rhodes

Laura Morehouse Town Clerk Date: February 7, 2022

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:

February 7, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 22-02-21

Subject: COVID -19 New York State Emergency Paid Sick Leave (NYS EPSL)

Resolution Offered By: <u>C.Wilt</u>

WHEREAS: the current Covid-19 Policies and Procedures under legislation for New York State Emergency Paid Leave (NYS EPSL) have been reviewed by the Town of Arietta, Town Board, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta will follow the current outline for public employees as put forth by New York State as follows:

Covid-19 New York State Emergency Paid Sick Leave (NYS EPSL):

Employees may be eligible for up to three quarantine/isolation orders per NYS EPSL in certain circumstances, if they meet the criteria listed below as of January 1, 2021:

- 1. The first (1st) NYS EPSL is either an isolation or quarantine order issued from Hamilton County Public Health or a submitted NYS Affirmation of Quarantine or Isolation.
- 2. The second (2nd) and third (3rd) NYS EPSL <u>must be based</u> on a positive COVID-19 isolation order provide by Hamilton County Public Health or a submitted NYS Affirmation of Isolation.
- 3. Any time period beyond the mandatory isolation/quarantine order will not be eligible for NYS EPSL, and the employee will be required to use their own accruals.

WHEREAS: all employees who have met the above requirements and have already been out of work will be credited back time used for NYS EPSL, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta has received ARPA funding and will use a portion to cover employees per the NYS EPSL for COVID-19, and

WHEREAS: the guidance being provided at the federal, state, and local levels has been changing rapidly the Town Board of Arietta will continue to update this policy according to NYSDOH guidelines. Ultimately, as COVD-19 transitions to an endemic illness, we expect COVID-19 absences likewise transition to ordinary workplace absences that are covered through the use of employee leave time, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board of Arietta will follow the NYS EPSL as outlined above and use ARPA funding to cover any expense incurred. The Town will continue to review the policy as needed to update and determine whether there is a need to continue it.

Seconded by:	S. Rudes	and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:
AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier Sarah Rudez x Douglas Stobo x Christy Wilt x Christian Rhodes x	Jacquelyn Grier Sarah Rudes Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt Christian Rhodes	Jacquelyn Grier x Sarah Rudes Douglas Stobo Christy Wilt Christian Rhodes

Laura Morehouse

Town Clerk

Date: February 7, 2022

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Snowmobiles trails, no report J. Grier was absent

Town Buildings/Grounds D. Stobo -No new report

Website/Recreation/Chamber/Insurance-C. Wilt reported that the new Chamber Director to be announced. Also spoke about the Broadband survey on various internet sites, hoping that this information will show the need for better phone services (cell and landlines).

Finance/Airport- C. Rhodes reported that the buoys for the spillway have been ordered. The fencing still needs DOT permit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Rhodes reported that George Sherman, Craig Small and himself had a meeting about the cemetery future expansion, he would like to see 1 large family headstone and small flush stones for each family member. Headstones will be 36in high max and 42in wide. Large trees were discussed as the roots cause stone cracking headstones. Discussion regarding the large trees will resume in the spring. Mr. Sherman would like to see a new aluminum fence around the west side and the old chain link could be used on the back side of the cemetery.

Supervisor Rhodes also asked the town board what their opinion on giving Highway Superintendent a town credit card for town highway purchases. He also could use an "Easy Pass" for the NYS Thruway when traveling for town business. Discussion followed board members felt that these were both good ideas. A motion was made by Sarah Rudes to look into a credit card for Craig, Doug Stobo seconded all members were in favor. Doug Stobo made a motion to look into getting an Easy Pass for the highway department. Christy Wilt seconded. They will be followed up on to see what procedures have to be followed.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to set a Public Hearing for the purpose of going over the contract with the Piseco Volunteer Fire Department. Motion was made by C. Wilt seconded by D. Stobo all were in favor. Hearing will take place on March 7,2022 at this location.

Craig Small informed the board that there is a program through AT&T for first responders when in case of an emergency [fire, flood, snowstorms, multicar accidents for example] those on the program have first use of the cell service. He suggested that the town sign up for this program. The Piseco Fire Dept are signing up for this. He will look into this and get more information for the board.

Craig also informed the board that the groomer for the Powley Road will need replacing. Christy Wilt is watching for a grant that would help with this purchase. He reported that the road equipment is all satisfactory.

Discussion followed regarding the independent audit. Jodi Small works for Hamilton County Treasurers Office and suggested that the town inquire what audits have to be done every year or can they be done every 2-3 years, asking the auditors what service does the town receive for the prices given. Discussion followed regarding the prices given by Drescher and Malecki Auditors.

Zoning/Code Enforcer Mel LaScola gave a list of all permits that were issued in 2021. A total of 83 permits were issued.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Hall- Keep it or give it back to Piseco Fish and Game (Piseco Lake Association). Super visor Rhodes reported that the new ceiling tiles 2ftx2ft will cost approximately \$4500.00. The exterior needs to be painted and the lighting needs to be replaced as needed with LED to lessen the cost of electricity. Chris feels that the highway employees could help with the work that needs to done. Motion was made by Sarah Rudes to purchase the ceiling tiles and hardware from T.C. Murphy, motion was seconded by Doug Stobo, all were in favor.

SRE BUILDING:

Supervisor Rhodes inspected the SRE building and there is approximately 4 feet of siding from ground up that need attention. Questions followed as to what mediums could be used to fill in that 4 feet to prevent further decay. Mel LaScola has used a "board" that is not wood. He will bring a sample of this material to Chris to examine.

CEMETARY:

Was discussed under new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fred Knapp brought up for discussion the idea of getting the snowmobile trails off State Rt10 and one on County Rt 124 (Old Piseco Rd.) the options of what can be done with these trails will have to be addressed with DEC.

Motion was offered by: C. Wilt To pay the bills as follows: General Fund: no. 88-107,109-112 for total of \$82,720.37 Utilities General fund no. 61-\$715.99 and #60and #38-\$844.32 for total of \$1,560.31 Highway Fund: no.#74-87 and 108,113-114 for total of \$14,856.67 Second was offered by: S. Rudes Ayes: Rudes, Stobo, C. Wilt and C. Rhodes Nays: none

Motion was offered by:D. StoboTo accept the financial statements of the Supervisor for the month of January 2022 assubmittedSecond was offered by:C. WiltAyes:Rudes, Stobo, C Wilt, and C. RhodesNays:none

Next regular meeting will be March 7,2022 at 5:00 pm.

Motion was offered by: D. Stobo To adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm

Second was offered by: C. Wilt Ayes: Rudes, Stobo, C. Wilt and C. Rhodes Nays: none

Entered by:

Laura Morehouse

Town Clerk