

TOWN OF ARIETTA  
November 7, 2022  
Regular Town Board Meeting

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held August 1, 2022 Piseco Town Offices located at the Piseco Common School.

Supervisor Rhodes opened the meeting at 5:00 pm

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Craig Small- Highway Superintendent

Mel LaScola- Zoning Officer

Fred Knapp

Steve Woehrle

Barry Baker

Roll Call:

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| Jacqui Grier  | present |
| Douglas Stobo | present |
| Sarah Rudes   | absent  |
| Christy Wilt  | present |
| Chris Rhodes  | present |

At this time Supervisor Rhodes opened the Public Hearing on the 2023 Budget.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the October 3, 2022 Regular Town Board, October 10, 17, 24th Budget workshops meetings and October 26 Special Town Board Meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Motion was offered by Christy Wilt

Seconded by Jacqui Grier.

**Ayes:** J. Grier, C. Wilt, D. Stobo and Chris Rhodes

**Noes:** none   **Absent:** Sarah Rudes   **Motion passed**

**Agenda and Resolutions:**

**Agenda**  
**November 7, 2022 @ 5pm**  
**At Piseco Common School**  
**Town of Arietta**

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Open Public Hearing on 2023 Budget
- Motion to approve minutes for the October 3, 17, 24, 26, 2022 meetings
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- **Resolutions:**
  - 22-11-65      Increase 2023 Budget Items
  - 22-11-66      ZBA Reappointment
  - 22-11-68      Transfer
  - 22-11-69      Health Insurance 2023

**Snowmobile Trails – Grier**  
**Town Buildings and Grounds - Stobo**  
**Internal Management / Insurance,**  
**Recreation, Website & Chamber - C Wilt**  
**Finance / Airport - Rhodes**  
**Lake / Dam / Invasive/campsite - Rudes**  
**Highway / parks - Small**  
**Codes / LaScola**

- **New Business:**
  - Street Light - Conversion to LED
  - Health Insurance
  - NYSDOT Grants Airport
  - Frontier Contract – Rental
- **Old Business:**
  - Emergency Communication Tower
- Motion to accept the bills
- Motion to accept the financial statements
- Public Comment
- Close Public Hearing
- Resolution 22-11-67 Adopt 2023 Budget
- Designation of next regular Meeting December 5, 2022.
- **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:

November 7, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution #        22 – 11 - 65

Subject:        **Increase 2023 Budget**

Resolution Offered By: Christy Wilt

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta Town Board has accepted the 2023 Preliminary Budget at the October 3, 2022, Town Board Meeting, and

**WHEREAS:** at the October workshop meeting’s, there was discussion of the Town Board, and a motion made to bring to resolution an increase in the amounts of the following accounts:

- A0 1220.140        Supervisor Personal Services from \$0 to \$5,076
- A0 1620.110        Municipal Building from \$0 to \$3,381
- A0 2130            Refuse& Garbage from \$2,500 to \$3,500
- DA 5110.120        General Repairs Personal Services From \$0 to \$16,543
- DA5148.110        Snow Removal Personal Services From \$0 to \$46,424

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town Board, Town of Arietta increase the above amounts in the 2022 Budget.

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

| AYES:                    | NOES:                    | ABSTAIN                  | ABSENT:                  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jacquelyn Grier    x__   | Jacquelyn Grier    ____  | Jacquelyn Grier    ____  | Jacquelyn Grier    __    |
| Sarah Rudes        ____  | Sarah Rudes        ____  | Sarah Rudes        ____  | Sarah Rudes        x__   |
| Douglas Stobo     x__    | Douglas Stobo     ____   | Douglas Stobo     ____   | Douglas Stobo     ____   |
| Christy Wilt        xx__ | Christy Wilt        ____ | Christy Wilt        ____ | Christy Wilt        ____ |
| Christian Rhodes    ____ | Christian Rhodes    ____ | Christian Rhodes    ____ | Christian Rhodes    ____ |

Laura Morehouse

Town Clerk

November 7, 2022

Date

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

November 7, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 22 – 11 - 66

Subject: **Appointment Zoning Board of Appeals**

Resolution Offered By:           Doug Stobo          

**WHEREAS:** it is necessary that the Arietta Town Board reappoint Jaime Parslow to the Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals because her term ends December 31, 2022, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board after review will reappoint her to a term of five (5) years on the Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals effective January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2027, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does hereby reappoint Jaime Parslow to the Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of five (5) years as outlined above.

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

| AYES:                    | NOES:                  | ABSTAIN                | ABSENT:                |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Jacquelyn Grier x _____  | Jacquelyn Grier _____  | Jacquelyn Grier _____  | Jacquelyn Grier _____  |
| Sarah Rudes _____        | Sarah Rudes _____      | Sarah Rudes _____      | Sarah Rudes x_____     |
| Douglas Stobo x_____     | Douglas Stobo _____    | Douglas Stobo _____    | Douglas Stobo _____    |
| Christy Wilt x_____      | Christy Wilt _____     | Christy Wilt _____     | Christy Wilt _____     |
| Christian Rhodes xx_____ | Christian Rhodes _____ | Christian Rhodes _____ | Christian Rhodes _____ |

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**RESOLUTION #22-11-69 WAS TABLED UNTIL LATER DATE**

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

November 7, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 22 – 11 - 69

**Subject: Authorization to Tentatively Change and Enter into Provider Agreement for 2023 Health Insurance**

Resolution Offered By: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS:** the Arietta Town Board has been notified that Nathan Littauer’s Primary/Specialty Care Network of Practices will no longer accept Excellus BlueCross BlueShield effective January 1, 2023, and

**WHEREAS:** Burnham Benefit Advisors, who are the current health insurance broker for the Town of Arietta, has reviewed other insurance carrier proposals for 2023 due to the issue with Nathan Littauer and has presented the Town of Arietta with a similar policy with MVP, and

**WHEREAS:** Burnham Benefit Advisors is requesting that they be authorized to submit a group application to MVP for 2023 health insurance enrollment by November 21, 2023 for any town employees who are currently on the Excellus SimplyBlue Plus Platinum 4, and

**WHEREAS:** the other option is to continue to stay on Excellus BlueCross BlueShield and the employees will need to find other providers outside of Nathan Littauer’s Primary/Specialty Care Network of Practices, and as this will affect the employees, the Town Board will take into consideration the solicited comments from them, and

**WHEREAS:** this change is contingent upon no agreement being met between Excellus and Nathan Littauer’s Primary/Specialty Care Network of Practices, with continued acceptance of Excellus BlueCross BlueShield insurance effective January 1, 2023, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town Board, Town of Arietta authorizes the following two options for consideration as a contingent options if no agreement has been met with Nathan Littauer’s Primary/Specialty Care Network of Practices. One is for Burnham Benefit Advisors to submit a group application to MVP for 2023 health insurance enrollment, and the second is keep the current Excellus SimplyBlue Plus Platinum 4 and find different providers. The Town Board will authorize the Supervisor to execute one of the two options pending the outcome of the negotiations between Nathan Littauer and Excellus BlueCross BlueShield.

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

| AYES:                  | NOES:                  | ABSTAIN                | ABSENT:                |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Jacquelyn Grier _____  | Jacquelyn Grier _____  | Jacquelyn Grier _____  | Jacquelyn Grier _____  |
| Sarah Rudes _____      | Sarah Rudes _____      | Sarah Rudes _____      | Sarah Rudes _____      |
| Douglas Stobo _____    | Douglas Stobo _____    | Douglas Stobo _____    | Douglas Stobo _____    |
| Christy Wilt _____     | Christy Wilt _____     | Christy Wilt _____     | Christy Wilt _____     |
| Christian Rhodes _____ | Christian Rhodes _____ | Christian Rhodes _____ | Christian Rhodes _____ |

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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:

November 7, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution #        22 – 11 - 68

Subject:        **Transfer of Funds**

Resolution Offered By: Christy Wilt

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta will give the Town Supervisor permission to make the following transfer of money:

**General Fund**

\$ 6,000.00 to #A0-1620.400, Municipal Building Contractual Expense  
from #A0-0909, Fund Balance

\$ 1,000.00 to #A0-1380.400, Fiscal Agent Contractual Expense  
from #A0-1990.400, Contingent Contractual Expense

**Highway Fund**

\$10,000.00 to #DA-5130.400, Machinery Contractual Expense  
from #DA-5130.200, Machinery Equipment Expense

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town Board, Town of Arietta does approve the above transfers of money.

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

| AYES:                       | NOES:                     | ABSTAIN                 | ABSENT:                    |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jacquelyn Grier    x _____  | Jacquelyn Grier    _____  | Jacquelyn Grier    ___  | Jacquelyn Grier    _____   |
| Sarah Rudes        _____    | Sarah Rudes        _____  | Sarah Rudes        __   | Sarah Rudes        x _____ |
| Douglas Stobo     x _____   | Douglas Stobo     _____   | Douglas Stobo     ___   | Douglas Stobo     _____    |
| Christy Wilt        x _____ | Christy Wilt        _____ | Christy Wilt        ___ | Christy Wilt        _____  |
| Christian Rhodes . x _____  | Christian Rhodes . _____  | Christian Rhodes . ___  | Christian Rhodes . _____   |

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| <u>Laura Morehouse</u> | <u>November 7, 2022</u> |
| Town Clerk             | Date                    |

**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:

November 7, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 22 - 11 -67

Subject: **Adopt 2023 Budget**

Resolution Offered By: Christy Wilt

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board, Town of Arietta held a Public Hearing for public comment on the Budget for 2023, and

**WHEREAS:** public comment was heard at the Public Hearing held during the regular Town Board Meeting at 5:00pm on Monday, November 7, 2022 at the Piseco Common School, 1722 State Route 8, Piseco, NY, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town Board of Arietta will adopt the Town Budget for the year 2023.

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

| AYES:                   | NOES:                  | ABSTAIN               | ABSENT:                |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Jacquelyn Grier x_____  | Jacquelyn Grier _____  | Jacquelyn Grier ____  | Jacquelyn Grier _____  |
| Sarah Rudes _____       | Sarah Rudes _____      | Sarah Rudes ____      | Sarah Rudes x_____     |
| Douglas Stobo x_____    | Douglas Stobo _____    | Douglas Stobo ____    | Douglas Stobo _____    |
| Christy Wilt x_____     | Christy Wilt _____     | Christy Wilt ____     | Christy Wilt _____     |
| Christian Rhodes x_____ | Christian Rhodes _____ | Christian Rhodes ____ | Christian Rhodes _____ |

Laura Morehouse November 7, 2022  
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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Snowmobile Trails/Streetlights**

J. Grier reported that some of the snowmobile trails were cleaned up last week. There was a discussion regarding the town possibly purchasing an ATV for the trail crews to use. After discussion it was decided NOT to purchase an ATV. At this time the men that use their own ATV's are being paid \$75.00 per day for their machines.

Streetlights- J. Grier had called National Grid regarding the streetlights , but the person that is responsible to help with information will not be available until next week. More information such as cost of LED lights and what the lights we have are worth. She will try and get more information.

Frontier Building- there was nothing new to report.

**Town Buildings and Grounds-** D. Stobo stated that Upstate Spray Foam is finished with the Community Hall And the bill was approved tonight. He will unplug all appliances and soda machine for winter.

**Lake/Dam/Invasive/Parks/Campsite-** No report as S. Rudes was absent.

**Internal Management/Insurance/ Recreation/ Chamber-** Christy Wilt spoke about the Chamber of Commerce website and what it was comprised of. There was a discussion regarding the ski lessons and who is eligible. It was decided that the town contribute \$100.00 each for three children towards ski lessons that do live in lower Arietta. Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to pay this amount. C. Wilt offered the motion and J. Grier seconded All members were in favor. Motion passed. The board established that a minimum of one full year of continuous residency in the Town of Arietta would provide eligibility, but this will have to be brought to the board for approval in the future for any other eligible families.

There was discussion on activities at the Community Hall C. Wilt stated that they have to wait until calendar is finalized.

**Highway Superintendent-** Superintendent C. Small stated they have 3 trucks ready to go incase of fowl weather. He reported that there is a bridge in Stratford that is on a snowmobile trail and the town of Stratford is possibly going to abandon it as it was damaged in a storm and never repaired. If this happens it will shut off the trail system on Route 10. There will be a meeting in Stratford on this and Supervisor Rhodes asked J. Grier to attend.

**Zoning Officer-** M. LaScola reported that he had spoken to the owner of the house in Higgins Bay. He stated that she had intention of getting the clean up done this year but due to illness she could not get the help she needed. She has all intentions of getting it cleaned up this next year.

M. LaScola reported that the permits will need to have items on them as there have been some work done that should have had a permit but was not designated on the application, also a new built home should require a plaque to let the firemen know in case of fire all responding firemen will be aware the home is made of light weight construction for safety reasons.

## **NEW BUSINESS -OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Finance/Airport- C. Rhodes**

Supervisor Rhodes reported that the Papi lights on the airport will be calibrated this week.

He also stated there is a DOT Grant available. Discussion followed and after the information was discussed it was decided to NOT apply for the grant.

In the Capital Improvement Plan for the Airport one of the items offered was a generator. The board discussed what would be more acceptable. A Skid Steer was considered with attachments to use on the airport. The town has to rent one to do the work. After discussion Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to change from the generator to the skid steer. D. Stobo offered the motion C. Wilt seconded. All members were in favor. Motion passed.

Supervisor Rhodes spoke about the possibility of an alternate site for the Emergency Communications Tower. There will be more information in the future.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the monthly bills as follows:

GENERAL FUND: no# 573-616 and 638 for a total of \$43,606.37

HIGHWAY FUND: no# 617-637 for a total of \$32,082.10

UTILITIES FUND: no# 558,559and 567 for a total of \$2737.58

J. Grier made a motion to pay the bills as presented, D. Stobo seconded

AYES: C. Wilt, J. Grier, D. Stobo, C. Rhodes NOES: none Absent: S. Rudes Motion passed

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept financial statements as presented.  
Motion was made by C. Wilt, seconded by D. Stobo  
AYES: C. Rhodes, C. Wilt, D. Stobo, J. Grier  
NOES: none Absent: S. Rudes Motion Passed

Public Comment:

Barry Baker spoke about the Emergency Communications Tower and the possibility of it being put on his property. He stated that this has been worked on since 2015. He gave his opinions on this subject and how this project has been in limbo for a long time. He stated how better communication is desperately needed for the Fire Dept, EMS, Encon, Law Enforcement and Highway Department.

Steve Woehrle spoke about how much it would really benefit this town plus give better coverage of communication going west toward the town of Morehouse and south on Route 10.

At this time Supervisor Rhodes asked all present if there were any comments on the 2023 Town of Arietta Budget. There were no comments.

The Public Hearing on the budget was closed at 6:01pm by Supervisor Rhodes

The next scheduled regular meeting will be December 5, 2022 at 5:00 PM at Piseco School

Supervisor Rhodes asked for motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion made by J. Grier and seconded by C. Wilt  
AYES: J. Grier, D. Stobo, C. Wilt, and C. Rhodes  
Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm

Respectfully submitted by  
Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk