

TOWN OF ARIETTA

December 5, 2022

Regular Town Board Meeting

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held December 5, 2022 Piseco Town Offices located at the Piseco Common School.

Supervisor Rhodes opened the meeting at 5:00 pm

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Woehrle  
Barry Baker  
Renee and John Rajca  
William Hotaling  
Matt Wilt  
Fred Knapp  
Craig Small- Highway Superintendent  
Mel LaScola- Zoning Officer

Roll Call:

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

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

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the November 7, 2022 meetings
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- **Resolutions:**
  - 22-12-70 Snow & Ice Agreement
  - 22-12-71 Establish Last Payroll 2022
  - 22-12-72 Transfer
  - 22-12-73 Street Light Conversion
  - 22-12-74 Holiday Schedule 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:**
  - E5
- **Old Business:**
  - DOT Grants Airport
  - Frontier Contract – Rental
- Motion to accept the bills
- Motion to accept the financial statements
- Motion to go out to bid Avgas and fuel open at the January 3, 2023
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Special Meeting December 19, 2022.
- **Motion to adjourn**

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 meeting.  
J. Grier made the motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by D. Stobo. All members were in favor.  
Motion passed.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**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:

December 5, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution# 22-12-70

Subject: **Accept Snow and Ice Agreement**

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta has been presented with an agreement for municipal snow and ice control with Hamilton County for the winter season of 2022-2023, and

**WHEREAS:** it is necessary that we review this agreement on an annual basis

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town Board, Town of Arietta will accept this agreement and shall comply with its obligations pursuant to said agreement.

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

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

Laura Morehouse December 5, 2022  
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:

December 5, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution# 22- 12 - 71

Subject: **Establish Last Payroll 2022**

Resolution Offered By: Sarah Rudes

**WHEREAS:** the Arietta Town Board will close the payroll for the year 2022, and

**WHEREAS:** the last date of payroll for 2022 bi-weekly General and Highway payroll will be at 12 midnight on Friday, December 16, 2022, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town Board, Town of Arietta will start the first bi-weekly General and Highway payroll period of the year 2023 on Saturday, December 17, 2022.

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 x_____	Sarah Rudes _____	Sarah Rudes _____	Sarah Rudes _____
Douglas Stobo x_____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____
Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt x_____
Christian Rhodes x_____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

Laura Morehouse

December 5, 2022

Town Clerk

Date

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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:

December 5, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 22 – 12 - 72

Subject: **Transfer of Funds**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

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

**General Fund**

\$ 1,000.00 to #A0-7140.400, Rec Center Contractual Expense  
from #A0-7140.200 Rec Center Equipment Expense

\$ 118.00 to #A0-5010.120, Supt of Hwy Personal Expense  
from #A0-5010.200 Supt of Hwy Equipment Expense

**Highway Fund**

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

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	x_____	Sarah Rudes	_____	Sarah Rudes	__	Sarah Rudes	_____
Douglas Stobo	x_____	Douglas Stobo	_____	Douglas Stobo	___	Douglas Stobo	_____
Christy Wilt	_____	Christy Wilt	_____	Christy Wilt	___	Christy Wilt	x_____
Christian Rhodes	x_____	Christian Rhodes	_____	Christian Rhodes	___	Christian Rhodes	_____

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December 5, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 22-12-73

Subject: **Outdoor Lighting LED Conversion Program**

Resolution Offered By: Sarah Rudes

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta has been presented with information from National Grid for the LED Conversion Program, which proposes to convert current HID roadway and decorative luminaires, on a first-to-qualify basis, with the ability to pay net book value (NBV) and provide a formal commitment from the customer, and

**WHEREAS:** participating municipal customers must commit to convert no less than 15% of their currently installed SC2 roadway and/or decorative luminaires, or a minimum of 100 luminaires, whichever is greater, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town requested an estimate for the LED conversion and received the attached letter dated November 15, 2022 that outlines the cost and incentives, which is the net book value (NBV), effective for 180 days, and

**WHEREAS:** National Grid also has provided an estimated energy efficiency incentive value based upon the available programs in effect as of the date of this letter, and

**WHEREAS:** after review and consideration of the attached information provided by National Grid for the LED Conversion Program, the Arietta Town Board will move forward and accept the estimate as attached, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town Board, Town of Arietta will authorize the LED Conversion and accept the estimate as attached. The Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to execute any documents and submit a commitment letter to National Grid on behalf of the Town of Arietta for the Outdoor Lighting LED Conversion Program.

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	x__	Sarah Rudes	_____	Sarah Rudes	_____	Sarah Rudes	_____
Douglas Stobo	x__	Douglas Stobo	_____	Douglas Stobo	_____	Douglas Stobo	_____
Christy Wilt	___	Christy Wilt	___	Christy Wilt	_____	Christy Wilt	x__
Christian Rhodes	x__	Christian Rhodes	___	Christian Rhodes	___	Christian Rhodes	_____

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December 5, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 22 - 12 -74

Subject: Holiday Schedule 2023

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

**WHEREAS:** Hamilton County has set their Holiday Schedule for the year 2023, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta has followed the County’s Schedule in the past years, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta Town Board after review of the Hamilton County Holiday Schedule as submitted by the Arietta Town Supervisor will set up the 2023 Calendar year for Holidays as follows:

New Year’s Day	Monday, January 2, 2023
Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday	Monday, January 16
President’s Day	Monday, February 20
Good Friday	Friday, April 7
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29
Juneteenth Day	Monday, June 19
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 4
Columbus Day	Monday, October 9
Veterans Day	Friday, November 10
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 23
	Friday, November 24
Christmas	Monday, December 25

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town of Arietta Town Board after review of the 2023 Hamilton County Holiday Schedule as submitted by the Town Supervisor will accept the above outline for the Town of Arietta 2023 Calendar year.

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 x__	Sarah Rudes ____	Sarah Rudes _____	Sarah Rudes ____
Douglas Stobo x__	Douglas Stobo ____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo ____
Christy Wilt ____	Christy Wilt ____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt x__
Christian Rhodes x__	Christian Rhodes ____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes ____

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Snowmobile Trails- J. Grier had nothing new to report on the Frontier Building. The snowmobile trails continue to be worked on.

Town Buildings and Grounds- D. Stobo reported he had gone to the Airport to see the new warming hut the PLA had purchased. He feels it will be a good addition for those who utilize the winter sports.

Internal Management/Insurance/Recreation/Website. - C. Wilt, in her absence gave Supervisor Rhodes a short report. He reported that there was a “Evergreen Swag” class at the community hall led by Sadie Wilt, and Sheila Crouse. It was a success. He also stated that all the children eligible for skiing lessons have signed up.

Finance /Airport: Supervisor Rhodes reported that there is a wait for the surveyor mark on the airport, this has to be certified. He showed a copy of a flyer from the Veterans Administration of the schedule services that they provide for Hamilton County. They have places to meet in Lake Pleasant and Indian Lake. He reported that the DEC has set Moffitt’s Beach and Lewey Lake Campsites to be closed on Labor Day. That would mean no fall camping. He reminded that these sites produce revenue for the area. He asked that we support the campsites being kept open and let the State DEC know how important This is to the areas.

Lake, Dam, Invasive and Campsite- S. Rudes stated that regarding Poplar Point Campsite there needs to be a meeting, the Town Board and Superintendent of Highways Craig Small should discuss what the town could/would do and what the town would like to see done with the campsite.

Highways/Parks- C. Small reported that the snowmobile trails are being worked on. He also had an update on a bridge in Stratford, it was possibly going to be abandoned. As of now the Town of Stratford WILL NOT be abandoning the bridge and it will continue to be used by snowmobiles.

Codes: M. LaScola Reported that he feels that there are more subjects that need to be included in the building permits. Due to changing types of construction and possible solar installation, foundations etc. Need to be addressed in the permits. He will work on this. There was a discussion on placement of the placards on buildings with light weight building construction, for safety for all persons responding to an emergency it should be seen from the street/driveway side.

NEW BUSINESS:

Regarding the E5 (paid EMT coverage) company the Fire Department has not signed a contract yet. The company E5 needs to get back to the fire department with the information they asked for by December 8, 2022. Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to allow him on the town's behalf to write a letter to the County to hold the \$120,000, if the Fire Department decides not to take it. Sarah Rudes made a motion to write a letter to Hamilton County not to collect the \$120,000  
This money was to be used for the help needed with the EMT coverage. The motion was seconded by Doug Stobo and all members in attendance were in favor and the motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Rhodes spoke regarding the grant for the skid steer for the airport. The money will come from the NYS DOT grant. He asked for a motion to have the engineer apply for a grant for the Skid Steer with attachments (finish mower, brooms, a forestry multiuse head and a blower.) D. Stobo made the motion and S. Rudes seconded. All members in attendance were in favor and motion passed.  
Supervisor Rhodes asked the board for a motion to put out for bid the AVGAS and Fuel. S. Rudes made the motion, D. Stobo seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion was passed.  
Regarding the Frontier building that is rented from the town, J. Grier is working on this issue.

GENERAL FUND: #652-684 for a total of \$56,738.62

HIGHWAY FUND: #685-967 for a total of \$51,974.80

UTILITIES FUND: #639,640,645,646,650,651 for a total of \$2,949.54

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the bills as presented. S. Rudes made the motion and J. Grier seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was asked for the accept the financial statements as presented. J. Grier made the motion and S. Rudes seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

William Hotaling asked if James Basille could come to a future meeting to go over the new assessments and answer any questions. The board all agreed.

At this time Supervisor Rhodes stated there will be a special meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> here at Piseco Common School at 5p.m.

The next regular town board meeting will be on January 2,2023 at 5pm.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Grier made the motion, and D. Stobo seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:31pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk