

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held December 19, 2022 at the Piseco Common School, commencing at 5:00pm.

Roll Call

Others Present

Chris Rhodes- Supervisor- present  
Sarah Rudes-absent  
Jacquelyn Grier-present  
Christy Wilt-present  
Doug Stobo- present

Craig Small – Highway Superintendent  
Matt Wilt  
Steve Woerhle  
William Hotaling

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the December 5, 2022 meeting. Motion was made by Jacqui Grier and seconded by Doug Stobo. All members present were in favor. Motion was passed.

RESOLUTIONS and AGENDA:

**Agenda**  
**December 19, 2022 @ 5pm**  
**At Piseco Common School**  
**Town of Arietta**

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the December 5, 2022 meetings

**Resolutions:**

- 22-12-75 NYSDEC Campground
- 22-12-76 Transfer
- 22-12-77 NYSDOT 2022 Aviation Capital Grant

**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 Budget Modification for 2023
- Tax Exemption Senior last change was in 2010 discuss update Local Law



**TOWN OF ARIETTA**

At a special 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 19, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 22 – 12 - 76

Subject: **Transfer of Funds**

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

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

**General Fund**

\$ 8,000.00 to #A0-7620.400, Adult Recreation Contractual Expense  
from #A0-7620.200 Adult Recreation 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: Christy Wilt 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 ___

**TOWN OF ARIETTA**

At a special 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 19, 2022 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 22 - 12 -77

**Subject: Approval to Bid and Submit Application for New York State Department of Transportation 2022 Aviation Capital Grant Program**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

**WHEREAS:** the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has developed the 2022 Aviation Capital Grant Program, and

**WHEREAS:** NYSDOT has made funds available to eligible NY airports to address critical infrastructure needs; and

**WHEREAS:** the Town is seeking a grant for a total of \$154,583.00, through NYSDOT 2022 Aviation Capital Grant Program, for acquisition of a track mounted skid steer, as per the attachment, through this grant, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town will utilize the Sourcewell Awarded Contract program, which completes cooperative purchasing and meets the NYS competitive bidding requirements, and

**WHEREAS:** the Grant is a 90% NYSDOT Share of \$139,125.00, and the Town would have a 10% local share or match of \$15,458.00; and

**WHEREAS:** McFarland Johnson was previously approved by the Town of Arietta as the engineering firm for the Piseco Airport and has prepared the documents for the skid steer acquisition; now,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town Board, Town of Arietta, does authorize the Town Supervisor to execute all necessary documents to submit the application and accept the grant on behalf of the Town of Arietta. The Town Board will also approve the Sourcewell Contract # 040319-CEC, as outlined in the attachment, contingent upon the approval of the grant award, and

**FURTHER, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town Board, Town of Arietta, approves McFarland Johnson as the engineering firm for this grant.

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	___x___	Christian Rhodes	___	Christian Rhodes	___	Christian Rhodes	___

Laura Morehouse 12/19/2022  
Town Clerk Date

Town Clerk

State of New York)

) SS:

County of Hamilton)

I, Laura Morehouse, Clerk of the Town of Arietta, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this Resolution with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original Resolution and of the whole thereof, as duly adopted by said Town Board, Town of Arietta, at a meeting at the Piseco Common School, Piseco, NY, on December 19, 2022, by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the Resolution.

Witness My Hand of the Official Seal of Town of Arietta, NY, this 19th day of December 2022.

Laura Morehouse 12/19/2022

Town Clerk

### **SEAL**

#### Committees:

Snowmobile Trails: J. Grier had nothing new on the trails. They are being worked on. Supervisor Rhodes did report that the NYS Snowmobile Association wants to raise the cost of the registrations from \$45.00 to \$65.00.

Town Buildings and Grounds- D. Stobo-Nothing new to report.

Internal Management/Ins. Recreation/Website and Chamber- C. Wilt reported that the Chamber of Commerce is have financial issues. The Director will be leaving in the spring. They will not be posting any activities.

Chris Rhodes- Reported the Airport is closed until snow is removed. The new salt storage building is all finished except for the floor, which will be finished in spring.

The Town Equipment Building has to have the back filling redone, it was not done properly.

Craig Small -Superintendent of Highways- Reported that the Snowmobile trails are opened except the lower end of Powley Road has some tress to be removed

Old Business: No old business to be discussed.

#### New Business:

At this time there will be no contract with the E5 company for EMT coverage. They can not provide the EMTS needed. There will have to be a budget modification for 2023.

The Senior Tax Exemption has not had a change since 2010, there was a discussion to update the local law

General Fund: #'s 701-711 and 714-722 for a total of \$320,291.92

Highway Fund: #'s 723-734 for a total of \$220,464.71

Utilities: #'s for a total of \$2875.50

At this time Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to pay the bills as presented. Motion was offered by Christy Wilt and seconded by Doug Stobo. All board members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed

**Public Comment:**

Steve Woerhle expressed his concern about a car parked in the airport parking lot and that it might cause a problem for the men who plow that area.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion at this time to go into Executive Session to discuss an employee matter. Motion made by Christy Wilt, seconded by Jacqui Grier. All members were in favor. Motion Passed. The board members in attendance and Craig Small went into Executive Session. Town Clerk Morehouse was not asked to attend.

The Board and Craig Small returned from Executive Session. Per Supervisor Rhodes there was only discussion no decision made.

The next regular town board meeting is on January 3, 2023 at 5pm

Supervisor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion offered by J. Grier and seconded Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk