

TOWN OF ARIETTA
September 2, 2025
Town Board Regular Meeting
Piseco School Meeting Room

Supervisor Rhodes opened the meeting at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Chris Rhodes-present-Supervisor
Doug Stobo-present
Christy Wilt-present
Jacqui Grier- present
Craig Small-Highway Superintendent-present
Mel LaScola-Codes and Zoning-present
William Hotaling-Historian/Assessor- absent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kevin Kennedy
Judy Ford
Fred Knapp
Joan Bobbette
Dana Ordway
Paul Diedrich
Marie Buanno

Supervisor Rhodes asked for approval of the minutes of August 18, 2025, meeting. Christy Wilt offered the motion, and Doug Stobo seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

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Agenda
September 2, 2025
5pm at Piseco Common School
Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the August 18, 2025, meeting

- Resolutions
 - 25-09-33 Smart Growth Grant

- **Snowmobile Trails / Fuel at K09 – Grier**
- **Town Buildings / Grounds - Stobo**
- **Recreation / Website / Campsite - Wilt**
- **Lake / Dam / Cemetery - Rhodes**
- **Finance / Airport / Internal Management / Insurance - Rhodes**
- **Superintendent / Report – Small**
- **Codes and Zoning – Lascola**

- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
 - Hangar Fee
 - Brush Facility

- Motion to accept the bills
- Motion to accept financial statements
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting Monday, September 15, 2025
- **Motion to adjourn**

TOWN OF ARIETTA

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:

September 2, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Resolution # 25 - 09 - 33

Subject: Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the NYSDEC Adirondack Smart Growth Communities Program for the Development of a Public Park

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta recognizes the importance of enhancing community facilities and recreational opportunities to support the well-being of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS: the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Adirondack Smart Growth Communities Program provides grant funding to municipalities and community organizations to advance projects that foster sustainable development, community revitalization, and recreational access; and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta has identified the development of a new public park as a priority project that will provide outdoor recreation opportunities, promote community gatherings, and encourage healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS: the proposed public park will be designed to reflect community needs, protect natural resources, and align with the principles of smart growth, including sustainable land use, accessibility, and preservation of the Town’s rural character; and

WHEREAS: the Town Board of the Town of Arietta has determined that applying for funding through the Adirondack Smart Growth Communities Program is in the best interest of the community, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town Board of the Town of Arietta hereby authorizes the submission of a grant application to the NYSDEC Adirondack Smart Growth Communities Program for funding to support the development of a public park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Town Supervisor, or their designee, is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents, make any required commitments, and take all necessary actions to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

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	_____
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				September 2, 2025			
Town Clerk				Date			

COMMITTEES:

Snowmobile Trails: Jacqui Grier reported that there will be a Snowmobile Club meeting on Tuesday September 9th.

Town Buildings: Doug Stobo reported he had been told by the Auxiliary that there were mice droppings at the Community Hall. He will contact Orkin to see if the traps are working.

Recreation/Website/ Campsite: Christy Wilt stated that she had been at a public meeting and the DEC was present. There was am discussion regarding new snowmobile trails and mountain bike trails.

Lake/ Dam/ Cemetery: Chris Rhodes reported that the lake level was down 12 inches on Friday.

Finance/Airport/Internal Management/Insurance: Chris Rhodes explained that he had not gotten any final prices for Building Insurance or Health Insurance. He said that the budget forms are out, and he had gotten only one back so far.

Superintendent of Highways: Craig Small reported that the East Shore Road had been paved and the shoulders should be done soon. As far as County Road 24-Old Piseco Road the county will be putting gravel on the road on September 9th and 10th. The road will be ground on September 15th. There is no date scheduled for the paving. The bridge in lower Arietta should be done by the end of October.

No Old Business to discuss:

Jacqui Grier made a motion to accept the increase, and Doug Stobo seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

There has been a request by taxpayers that the Brush Facility open both Saturday and Sunday. After discussion, the board agreed to keep it open both days for September and October.

Supervisor Rhodes has received the environmental report on the Brush Facility. This will be discussed after the board has had the opportunity to go over the material. There may possibly require more testing done.

Utilities Fund: Vouchers #480,481, 485-487 for a total of \$2,361.

Christy Wilt made the motion, and Doug Stobo seconded the motion. All members are in favor. Motion carried.

He then asked for a motion to accept the financial statements. Doug Stobo offered the motion, and Jacqui Grier seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Fred Knapp stated his neighbors that recently purchased property across the road stated the old snowmobile bridge is in the water. There was a discussion on what should be done. The bridge is no longer used for the trail.

Judy Ford asked who was responsible for cleaning up the mouse droppings in the Community Hall kitchen cupboards and washing the windows in the front of the building. A discussion followed.

Marie Buanno stated that the Community Hall kitchen cleaning was not done, and the mouse droppings were there for a while.

Joan Bobbette thanked the Town Board for the areas to play Pickle Ball. She also showed the board four pages of signatures of taxpayers who would like a court built in Arietta as there are many interested in playing, both year round and summer residents. It was discussed and suggested that a court be put behind the school. The board suggested that the signatures be shown to the school board also.

Kevin Kennedy and Paul Diedrich thanked the board for increasing the availability of the Brush Facility.

The next meeting will be September 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Piseco School Meeting Room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jacqui Grier and seconded by Doug Stobo. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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