

**TOWN OF ARIETTA**  
**December 15, 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-Supervisor-present  
Doug Stobo-present  
Christy Wilt-present  
Jacqui Grier- absent  
Jennifer Smith-present  
Craig Small-Highway Superintendent-present  
Mel LaScola-Codes and Zoning-present  
William Hotaling-Historian/Assessor- present

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Marie Buanno

Supervisor Rhodes stated that the approval of the minutes from the December 1, 2025 meeting will be tabled until December 29, 2025 meeting.

**TOWN OF ARIETTA**  
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**Agenda**  
**December 15, 2025**  
5 pm at Piseco Common School  
**Town of Arietta**

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for December 1, 2025, meeting
- Resolutions
  - 25-12-60 Appointment ZBA
  - 25-12-61 Add BTI Pesticide Applicator (P/T) to Salary Structure
  - 25-12-62 Transfer of Funds
- **Snowmobile Trails / Fuel at K09** – *Grier/Smith*
- **Town Buildings / Grounds** – *Stobo/Small*
- **Recreation / Website / Campsite** – *Wilt/Smith*
- **Lake / Dam / Cemetery** - *Rhodes*
- **Finance / Airport / Internal Management / Insurance** - *Rhodes*
- **Superintendent / Report** – *Small*
- **Codes and Zoning** – *Lascola*
- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
  - Permission to bid propane/fuel/Avgas and to set the date to open on the 12/29/25 meeting

- Motion to accept the bills
- Public Comment
- Designation of the following Meeting on Monday, December 29, 2025
- **Motion to adjourn**

# TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School at 1722 State Route 8 in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York, on:

December 15, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25 – 12 - 60

**Subject: Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals Member**

Resolution Offered By: Doug Stobo

**WHEREAS:** William Hotaling’s current term as a member of the Town of Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals will end on December 31, 2025, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta will reappoint William Hotaling to the Town of Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals, and

**WHEREAS:** it is necessary that the Town of Arietta Town Board reappoint William Hotaling to a term of five (5) years that ends December 31, 2030, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town of Arietta Town Board does hereby reappoint William Hotaling to the Town of Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of five (5) years, effective January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2030.

Seconded by Chris Rhodes and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES :

NOES :

ABSTAIN

ABSENT :

Jacquelyn Grier \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jenifer Smith x \_\_\_\_\_  
 Douglas Stobo x \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christy Wilt x \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christian Rhodes x \_\_\_\_\_

Jacquelyn Grier \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Smith \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas Stobo \_\_\_\_\_  
Christy Wilt \_\_\_\_\_  
Christian Rhodes \_\_\_\_\_

Jacquelyn Grier \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Smith \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas Stobo \_\_\_\_\_  
Christy Wilt \_\_\_\_\_  
Christian Rhodes \_\_\_\_\_

Jacquelyn Grier      x\_\_\_\_\_

Jennifer Smith      \_\_\_\_\_

Douglas Stobo      \_\_\_\_\_

Christy Wilt      \_\_\_\_\_

Christian Rhodes      \_\_\_\_\_

Laura Morehouse

December 15, 2025

Town Clerk

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# 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:

December 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Resolution # 25 - 12 - 61

**Subject: Add BTI Pesticide Applicator (P/T) to Salary Structure**

Resolution Offered By: Christy Wilt

**WHEREAS:** the Civil Service Administrator for Hamilton County has determined that specific Town of Arietta employees be reclassified from Laborer to BTI Pesticide Applicator (P/T) to better align their position title with their job description and duties, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta’s existing Salary Structure does not contain the title BTI Pesticide Applicator (P/T), and

**WHEREAS:** It is optimal to add BTI Pesticide Applicator (P/T) to the Town’s Salary Structure to accommodate the new classification for said employees, and

**WHEREAS:** further, the Town intends to maintain the existing wage bracket of said employees by keeping their new position title in the same Grade as their former position title, specifically Grade 1, as reflected on the attached Salary Structure, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town of Arietta Town Board does hereby authorize the addition of BTI Pesticide Applicator (P/T) to the Town’s Grade and Step Scale as a Grade 1 position title, as reflected on the attached Salary Structure, and to reclassify said employees as such, in compliance with Hamilton County Civil Service Administration’s determination.

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

| AYES :           |        | NOES :           |       | ABSTAIN :        |       | ABSENT :         |        |
|------------------|--------|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|--------|
| Jacquelyn Grier  | _____  | Jacquelyn Grier  | _____ | Jacquelyn Grier  | _____ | Jacquelyn Grier  | x_____ |
| Jenifer Smith    | x_____ | Jennifer Smith   | _____ | Jennifer Smith   | _____ | Jennifer Smith   | _____  |
| 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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| Laura Morehouse | December 15,2025 |
| Town Clerk      | Date             |

**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 15, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25-12-62

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**  
\$ 1,400.00 to #A0-1220-120, Supervisor Personnel Expense  
from #A0-1990-400, Contingent Contractual Expense  
\$ 5,000.00 to #A0-7620-400, Trail Grooming Contractual Expense  
from #A0-1990-400, Contingent Contractual Expense  
\$ 1,500.00 to #A0-8010-400, Zoning Contractual Expense  
from #A0-1990-400, Contingent Contractual Expense

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

Seconded by Jennifer Smith and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

| AYES :           |         | NOES :           |       | ABSTAIN :        |       | ABSENT :         |         |
|------------------|---------|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|---------|
| Jacquelyn Grier  | _____   | Jacquelyn Grier  | _____ | Jacquelyn Grier  | _____ | Jacquelyn Grier  | x _____ |
| Jennifer Smith   | x _____ | Jennifer Smith   | _____ | Jennifer Smith   | _____ | Jennifer Smith   | _____   |
| 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  |         |                  |       | December 15,2025 |       |                  |         |
| Town Clerk       |         |                  |       | Date             |       |                  |         |

**COMMITEES:**

Snowmobile Trails/ Fuel at K09- Jacqui Grier was absent from meeting. Craig Small reported that the Powley Road was groomed on Friday and Saturday with the new tucker.

Town Buildings/ Grounds- Doug Stobo reported he had gotten 1 bid so far to do the painting on the Lower Equipment Storage Building. The bid was from Chris Hotaling. Chris Rhodes and Craig Small will match the paint color with the color of the siding. Chris also reported that the door to the attic in the Community Hall was left open, thus there has been significant heat loss. This door must be closed for the winter.

Recreation/ Website/ Campsite- Christy Wilt reported that she updated the web site. The new Hamilton County Snowmobile Trail Maps are finished, and Ski lessons have begun at Oak Mountain.

Finance/ Airport/ Internal Management/ Insurance- Chris Rhodes reported that the town received the Workman’s Compensation statement, the cost was less than last year. There was a discussion regarding the Planning Board members coming to the last meeting and explaining what sign laws they would like to see changed. Chris will send a copy of the Inlet Sign Laws to the board members for review as their sign laws may be beneficial to establishing the changes for Arietta. This will be discussed at the next meeting. The Piseco Airport is closed until the snow is removed from the runway tomorrow (December 16<sup>th</sup>).

Highway Superintendent / Report - Craig Small reported that his crew have been doing the best that can be expected as the department is short employees. They are plowing and maintaining the roads that the Town Highway Department is responsible for.

Codes and Zoning- Mel LaScola gave a report on what his department had done for the year. There was a total of 88 permits so far for 2025.

Old Business- None to be discussed.

New Business- Supervisor Rhodes and the board set a date for the last meeting of 2025 to close out business. They decided that December 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. would be the date. Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to approve going out for bid for the Aviation Gas, Fuel Oil and Propane. Doug Stobo offered the motion and Christy Wilt seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed unanimously. Bids will be opened at the December 29,2025 meeting.

**BILLS:**  
General Fund: Vouchers# 722,737-752,759 for a total of \$ 8,451.96  
Highway Fund: Vouchers# 753-758,760-761 for a total of \$5,593.68  
Utilities Fund: Vouchers# 733-736 for a total of \$4,054.84

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to pay the bills as presented. Jennifer Smith offered the motion and Doug Stobo seconded the motion. All members in attendance approved. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.

Supervisor Rhodes asked if there was anything else before the meeting adjourned. Christy Wilt suggested other changes in the Planning Book that the board might look into while the sign laws are being discussed. There was a discussion as what some of those changes might be.

Mel Lascola received a check from American Fireworks Display for a permit to have fireworks on 2/14/26 but there was an error on the check. Mel will contact the vendor and request a new check and return the voided one.

The next meeting will be December 29,2025 at the Piseco School Meeting Room  
At 5:00 p.m.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn, the motion was offered by Jennifer Smith and seconded by Christy Wilt. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk