

TOWN OF ARIETTA

December 29, 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-absent

Craig Small-Highway Superintendent-present

Mel LaScola-Codes and Zoning-present

William Hotaling-Historian/Assessor- present

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Woerhle

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 1,2025 meeting and the December 15,2025 meeting.

Jacqui Grier offered the motion for the December 1, 2025 meeting, Supervisor Rhodes seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion Passed.

Christy Wilt offered the motion for the December 15,2025 meeting, Doug Stobo seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

Agenda

December 29, 2025

5pm at Piseco Common School

Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for December 1 and December 15, 2025, meetings
- Resolutions
 - 25-12-63 Handbook Change Holiday
 - 25-12-64 Purchase New Snowmobile
- **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**
 - Signs
- **New Business**
 - Open Fuel Bids
- Motion to accept the bills
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting Monday, January 5, 2026
- **Motion to adjourn**

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 29, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25-12-63

Subject: **Update Employee Handbook Holiday Observance Schedule**

Resolution Offered By: Jacqui Grier

WHEREAS: the Town Board of the Town of Arietta is desirous of maintaining an up-to-date Employee Handbook which details current and accurate personnel policies and procedures, employee benefits, compliance policies, and other pertinent information governing employment related matters, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board has reviewed the adopted 2013 version of said updated Employee Handbook and has made determinations as to appropriate content, and

WHEREAS: after review and discussion, the Town Board has made changes in the Handbook as per the new wording that is outlined in the attached page for Holiday Observance, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: this 29th day of December 29, 2025, that the attached document be adopted as changes to the official Employee Handbook of the Town of Arietta, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta Town Board rescinds all prior passed resolutions regarding the attached outlined section of the Handbook and approves the newly updated and revised changes to the Town of Arietta Employee Handbook as attached, and a copy of said changes shall be distributed, with a signed copy of this resolution, to all Town officials and employees.

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	_____
Jennifer Smith	_____	Jennifer Smith	_____	Jennifer Smith	_____	Jennifer Smith	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

Town Clerk

12/29/2025

Date

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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 29, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 25-12-64

Subject: **Authorize to Purchase One (1) New Ski-Doo Skandic**

Resolution Offered By: Christy Wilt

WHEREAS: the Highway Superintendent per the Town of Arietta Procurement Policy received the required Request For Proposals (RFP) and after review would like to purchase from Roberts Sports, one (1) new Ski-Doo Skandic per the attached outline for a total of \$13,500.00, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board will authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase the above equipment from Roberts Sports, for a total of \$13,500.00 as per the attached specification outline.

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	_____
Jennifer Smith	_____	Jennifer Smith	_____	Jennifer Smith	_____	Jennifer Smith	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	12/29/2025
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COMMITTEES:

Snowmobile Trails/ Fuel at K09- Jacqui Grier reported that the trails were well used last weekend. She asked if the town could put up signs to lower speed on the Jaquish property. Craig Small stated that there are signs that can be placed. She is still working trying to get information on the credit card reader only for the fuel pump at the airport.

Town Buildings/ Grounds- Doug Stobo reported that he checked the Community Hall after it was last used and all was satisfactory. He is expecting another bid for the Lower Town Equipment Garage painting.

Recreation/ Website/ Campsite- Christy Wilt reported that she updated the web site. She also stated the ski lessons have been started. The computer site for Oak Mt and is new and possibly a little confusing.

Finance/ Airport/ Internal Management/ Insurance- Chris Rhodes reported that the Airport Liability Policy will increase but if the town continues to take the 3 years locked in price it will be less expensive than paying by the year. The board discussed the prices and terms and gave Chris the ok to continue the 3 year price. Also, the test wells at the brush site will be drilled early 2026. He stated that he would like to review the procurement policy that the town has. It is restrictive for certain purchases. This will be discussed later.

Highway Superintendent / Report - Craig Small reported that his crew have been busy plowing and keeping roadways cleared. Chris explained at this time that the County Highway Department is trading in an excavator with multiple attachments and he and Craig feel that it would be beneficial to inquire about a purchase. It has the capabilities to do many jobs and it would prevent having to “rent” a machine with less capabilities. Chris will get more information regarding a purchase.

Codes and Zoning- Mel LaScola had nothing new to report.

Old Business- The board discussed the possible sign changes that the Planning Board suggested. After reviewing the Sign Policy from Inlet, they feel that there needs to be a meeting with the Planning Board to go over other changes. He asked for a board member to be on the committee along with Mel Lascola and William Hotaling. Jacqui Grier agreed to be the board representative.

New Business- At this time, the Town Clerk opened one bid from G.A. Bove Fuels. The first bid was for #2 Fuel Oil. Based on the average oil price daily Albany, NY \$2.219+0.38 cents a gallon. Fixed markup- \$2.599. Second bid for Propane. Based on oil price daily, Selkirk, NY \$1.1137+0.38 cents per gallon fixed markup \$1.4937.

There is no bid for the Aviation Fuel currently.

After discussion Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the bids. Jacqui Grier offered the motion and Doug seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

Next a motion was required to pay the bills as presented. Doug Stobo offered the motion and Christy Wilt seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Woerhle remarked that the Highway Department was doing an excellent job with the roads.

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

Supervisor Rhodes thanked Town Clerk Morehouse for her 4 years of service.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jacqui Grier offered the motion, and Doug Stobo seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk