

**TOWN OF ARIETTA**  
**August 3, 2026**  
Town Board Regular Meeting  
Piseco School Meeting Room

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Christian Rhodes – Supervisor – present  
Jacquelyn Grier – Councilperson - present  
Jennifer Smith – Councilperson - absent  
Douglas Stobo – Councilperson - present  
Christy Wilt – Councilperson - absent  
Marie Buanno – Town Clerk - present

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mel LaScola – Zoning Officer  
Bill Hotaling – Assessor  
Wayne Schermerhorn  
Edward Cox  
Matt Sullivan

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the July 20, 2026, meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Doug Stobo offered the motion to accept those minutes. Jacqui Grier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed 3:2.

Resolution 26-08-35 was read. (Approve Snowmobile Contracts & Apply OPHRP Grant) Doug Stobo offered the motion to approve. Jacqui Grier seconded it. Jacqui suggested the whole Resolution be read for the benefit of the public attendees. Town Clerk Marie Buanno continued the reading of the whole Resolution. Chris Rhodes asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none he asked if all were in favor. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed 3:2. The Agenda and Resolutions are attached to these minutes.

Resolution 26-08-36 was read. (Transfer of Funds) Jacqui Grier offered the motion to approve. Doug Stobo seconded it. Chris explained the Town has never had a Town Clerk/Tax Collector who attended as much training as Marie has. Also, Craig has found items he needed were more expensive than he had anticipated. Funds were transferred to cover them. Jacqui gave kudos to Marie for the training she attended. There was no further discussion. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed 3:2.

**COMMITTEES:**

Snowmobile Trails/ Fuel at K09- Jacqui Grier had nothing new to report.

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Town Buildings/ Grounds- Doug Stobo reported the stairs on the outside of the Community Hall that go down to the lower parking area are in bad shape, especially the railing. Chris noted they have been bad for quite a while. He noted that now that the Town offices are no longer on the lower floor there really is no need for them. They are not used that much. He said when they were pouring the new floor in the garage down there, they noticed how bad they were. It was the consensus that eventually they should be removed. Until that happens, Chris suggested they have ribbon wrapped around them so no one else uses them. He will either get one of the highway guys to put ribbon around it or will do it himself. Doug noted Marie had been approached by someone who uses the ramp at the front door of the Community Hall. It was a concern that the ramp was not per NYS regulations and it doesn't have a railing. Chris said the ramp has the correct dimensions. They didn't put a railing as the ramp was designed so it could be put on the porch in the winter months for plowing. If a railing were put in it would probably have to be grounded into the pavement for strength. Zoning Officer Mel LaScola agreed with Chris that it is better to have no railing than one that is not strong enough. Chris suggested a grab bar be installed if the person thought it would be strong enough. Marie will check into that with the person and get back to Chris.

Recreation/Website/Campsite- Christy Wilt sent word that she had nothing new to report.

Lake/Dam/Cemetery- Jenny Smith didn't give Chris anything to report on. Chris said the lake level is minus 1 inch as of Sunday.

Finance/ Airport/ Internal Management/ Insurance- The aviation easements should be in the mail to the residents and in their hands by this week or next. Chris said it is a very slow process. Once these people sign the aviation agreements, they are submitted to the FAA for reimbursement for funds we have had to outlay. We will be getting all of that back and getting funding for the easements ahead of time. Then we will have to remove the obstructions.

Hwy Superintendent/Building and Grounds/Parks & Recreation- Craig didn't leave anything for Chris to report. Thursday is large garbage pick-up day.

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

Bill Hotaling said there is a Historical Society presentation next week called "15 Miles on the Sacandaga Canal – The Canal Craze" by author David Brooks.

Property values are going up like crazy. They are at about 75%.

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Bill inquired about the stewardship for Poplar Point as he was not at the last meeting. Chris reiterated that it is going to happen. Jenny Smith talked to someone from DEC who said stewardship is a possibility. She was going to reach out to the PLA to see if there were enough members who would sign up to volunteer to take it on so she can complete the required paperwork for their sponsorship.

Chris also noted Jenny sent ideas for the cameras at the brush dump. She was going to make a presentation tonight but has to modify it a bit before presentation to the Town Board. Hopefully she will do that at the next meeting.

A motion was required to pay the bills as presented. Jacqui Grier offered the motion. Doug Stobo seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed 3:2.

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| General Fund | Vouchers 478 through 490 and 497 | \$8,282.36 |
| Highway Fund | Vouchers 491 through 496         | \$5,486.54 |

A motion to accept the financial statements was offered by Doug Stobo. Jacqui Grier seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed 3:2.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-**

Matt Sullivan thanked the Town Board for all the consideration on the RFQ's and look forward to moving forward.

Wayne Schermerhorn said thank you for years of contracts (to his club) and wished us well.

Doug Stobo had been asked if a large pile of brush and trees could be put out for large garbage pickup day. Chris said no. Doug said he figured that but thought he would ask to be sure anyway.

Town Clerk Marie Buanno noted she took in \$1,484.76 in fees for July. \$875. For 9 building permits, \$200. for two variances, \$3.50 in dog fees, \$400. for death certificate copies, \$6.25 for FOIL copies and .01 interest on NBT account.

Jacqui Grier noted how nice it was to have the community come together for Steve Woehrles funeral. The fire departments, the ambulance corps, the police, the Piseco Fire Dept. Auxiliary and the community in general. She feels Steve would have been very proud how everyone came together for it.

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The next meeting will be on Monday August 17, 2026, at 5:00 PM at the Piseco School Meeting Room.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jacqui Grier offered the motion, and Doug Stobo seconded the motion. Motion passed 3:2. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Marie C. Buanno, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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## **Agenda**

**August 3, 2026**  
5 pm at Piseco Common School  
**Town of Arietta**

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to accept the minutes for the July 20, 2026, meeting
  
- Resolutions
  - **26-08-35**      **Approve Snowmobile Contracts & Apply OPHRP Grant**
  - **26-08-36**      **Transfer of Funds**
  
- **Snowmobile Trails – Grier**
- **Town Buildings / Grounds - Stobo**
- **Recreation / Website / Campsite – Wilt/Smith**
- **Lake / Dam / Cemetery - Smith**
- **Finance / Airport / Internal Management / Insurance - Rhodes**
- **Superintendent / Building and Grounds Report /Parks & Recreation– Small**
- **Codes and Zoning – Lascola**
  
- **Old Business**
  - Brush Facility – Jennifer Smith Presentation on Cameras and Gate
  
- **New Business**
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  - Motion to accept the bills
  - Motion to accept financial statements
  - Public Comment
  - Designation for next meeting: Monday, August 17, 2026
  - **Motion to adjourn**

## 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:

August 3, 2026, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 26-08-36

Subject: **Transfer of Funds**

Resolution Offered By: Douglas 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 #A0-1330-400, Tax Collector Contractual Expense

from #A0-1990-400 Contingent Contractual Expense

\$1,500.00 to #A0-1410-400, Town Clerk Collector Contractual Expense

from #A0-1990-400 Contingent Contractual Expense

\$2,000.00 to #A0-5010-400, Superintendent of Highway 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 Jacquelyn Grier and put to a vote, which resulted as follow

#### AYES:

Jacquelyn Grier X

Jennifer Smith       

Douglas Stobo X

Christy Wilt       

Christian Rhodes X

#### NOES:

Jacquelyn Grier       

Jennifer Smith       

Douglas Stobo       

Christy Wilt       

Christian Rhodes       

#### ABSTAIN :

Jacquelyn Grier       

Jennifer Smith       

Douglas Stobo       

Christy Wilt       

Christian Rhodes       

#### ABSENT:

Jacquelyn Grier       

Jennifer Smith X

Douglas Stobo       

Christy Wilt X

Christian Rhodes       

Marie C. Buanno  
Town Clerk

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Date

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August 3, 2026, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 26-08-35

Subject: **Approve Snowmobile Grooming Contracts and Apply for Grant Funding**

Resolution Offered By: Jacquelyn Grier

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board, Town of Arietta has applied in the past for grant funding for the grooming and maintenance of the Arietta Snowmobile Trails with the NY Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board, Town of Arietta has decided to reapply for the 2026/2027 snowmobile season and continue to contract out different sections of trails and hire employees to maintain the remaining sections of trail, and

**WHEREAS:** the Arietta Town Board, after reviewing the RFQ's, which were received and opened at the July 6, 2026, board meeting, will award Pleasant Riders, Inc. the contract for Spy Lake and Adirondack Mountain Riders, Inc. the Sheriff Lake/Lower Arietta contract. All contracts are annual, and the Town of Arietta has the right to extend/offer the trail system contract for the following year, or to deny it, based on the previous year's performance, and

**WHEREAS:** there are several sections of the trail that connect to other towns located at the northern end of the Town of Arietta, which the Town Board will contract with the following municipalities to groom the section of trail which connects the coordinating section:

Town of Indian Lake, Town of Inlet, Town of Lake Pleasant, Town of Long Lake

**WHEREAS:** these annual contracts are a necessary part of the Town's application requesting grant money from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historical Preservation for trail clearing, maintenance and grooming, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town Board authorizes the contract agreements for the 2026/2027 grooming season, to apply for grant funding from NYOPRHP for the 2026/2027 cycle, and gives the Town Supervisor permission to sign the necessary documents to apply for and accept grant funding and execute the contracts.

Seconded by Douglas Stobo and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

**AYES:**

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

**NOES:**

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

**ABSTAIN :**

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

**ABSENT:**

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

Marie C. Buanno  
Town Clerk

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