

**Town of Ancram
Town Board
Regular Meeting
December 19, 2009**

Present:	Supervisor Thomas Dias	Councilman John MacArthur
	Councilman James Miller	Councilman Robert Mayhew
	Councilwoman Donna Hoyt	Town Clerk Monica Cleveland

Supervisor Dias called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm with a salute to the flag.

Mr. Dias stated that on behalf of himself, Mrs. Hoyt and Mr. Mayhew he wanted to thank everyone for their time in office and stated that they enjoyed themselves.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Mayhew to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as read and have them placed on the record. Motion carried.

Supervisor Dias read the monthly Financial report. A motion was made by Councilwoman Hoyt and seconded by Councilman Mayhew to accept the financial report as read. Motion carried.

Supervisor Dias made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Hoyt to pay the bills for the month. Motion carried.

Mr. Dias stated that Marissa Cody of the Columbia County Land Conservancy will be talking to the board. Mr. Dias stated that the money that was due from the stated for the Chase Farm Conservancy project has been received by the town and that the bookkeeper will be writing the checks to the appropriate persons. Map from the garage. Lines with 100 foot set back. Satisfy the DEC. She has been sent three copies.(DEC). Not much land left after set backs.

Mr. Dias stated that the survey map of the highway garage property have been finished and that it includes the lines with 100 foot set back. Mr. Dias stated that this should satisfy the DEC and that they have been sent three copies. Mr. Dias stated that he felt there was ,“ Not much land left after set backs”.

Mr. Dias stated that the Old business is in the boards packets and include the building department activity report.

Mr. Robert Roth gave a cell tower update. Mr. Roth stated that the Westfall road projected s

Location was okayed. After investigation it was found that this property was not in the Town of Ancram. Resident property owner on the road will give land for the tower if needed. The company is reevaluating Ancram. Possibilities are the Town Hall and the Fire House. There are places along Route 22 that will be opened in 2010. Mr. Roth stated that there is Interest from Broadban and that Jim Jeffreys in contact with them. There was a call from congressman Scott Murphy who would like to meet with Mr. Roth. Target date for the tower is June 2010.

Mr. Dias asked for questions from the board and the floor relevant to old business. There was none.

New Business

Marissa Cody- Columbia Land Conservancy addressed the board about the Chase farm project. She stated that this has been a 5 year project. 2006 the town of Ancram was awarded the grant to purchase the non agricultural development rights. The State pays for 75% of the costs. Mrs. Cody stated that the closing scheduled for Monday. She also stated that the last grant like this one was awarded in 2000. Mr. Dias stated that he was glad with the outcome seeing the state of the state. Mr. Ron Brant asked what this cost the town. Marissa answered that this project cost the town nothing.

Presentations from insurance providers-

Mr. Pete Harvey of the Kleeber agency. He stated that the Kleeber agency has provided the insurance for the town since 2003 through Selective Insurance company. The cost was \$ 20,100.00 in 2002 and the program stood the test of time. He asked for questions. It was decided that then new town board will have to look at this.

Paul Zabatto of the Dedrick agency. Mr. Zabbato stated that he had gotten quotes from NYRA and Huston Casualties and that he recommends NYRA. He stated that the policy holders are the owners of the company. In the event they had a financial problem the company could assess the policy holders. Mr. Zabatto stated that if there were any questions the board can contact him.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dias and seconded by Councilwoman Hoyt to enact a zoning revisions committee. Mr. Dias called for a vote: 4 ayes (Mr. Dias, Mr. MacArthur, Mr. Mayhew and Mrs. Hoyt) 1 nay (Mr. Miller) Motion carried.

The following names were read for service on the zoning committee. (Insert names) Councilman Mayhew stated that the board had discussed the committee. Councilman Miller stated that he thought there would be an interview process. Mr. Mayhew stated that this was Mr. Millers original list.

Councilwoman Hoyt reads the list allowed a second time. Mrs. Hoyt stated that the board has not picked a chairman will wait for this to be decided at the Organizational meeting.

Supervisor Dias made a motion having heard the names to accept them as the committee members. Motion seconded by Councilman Mayhew. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dias and seconded by Councilwoman Hoyt to approve budget amendment #1 for the Highway, allowing for the Chips and Sema money to be moved. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dias and seconded by Councilman Mayhew to approve budget amendment #2 for the General Fund, allowing money to be moved from the CDBG account. Motion carried.

Suzanne Bressler addressed the board regarding the action of appointing the zoning revision committee. She did not understand that need to take an action on the zoning revisions when the comprehensive plan has not been passed. She thanked the board for their service.

Mr. Bob Roth spoke. He stated that the Town Board came into office at a difficult time and that the town owes a lot of good things for people on the board. Mr. Mayhew, Mr. Roth stated, created a town newsletter, Donna Hoyt shot from the hip and Mr. Dias came in was the town was a disaster with two people on the board. He stated that the board did a fantastic job and he felt it was a pleasure knowing what was going to happen.

Mr. Dias stated that his time on the town board as a supervisor and the town judge was a good run and that he has had a good time in town government. He stated that this has lead to other opportunities to learn about forms of government. He felt that he used his corporate background. He thank towns folks.

Mrs. Hoyt spoke and stated that she "Knows that everyone is hoping that she would disappear" but that she will continue to be a part of town government.

Mr. Bob Mayhew said a thank you. He stated that this was a learning experience and took a lot of time and dedication. He stated that there is no winning side when there is opposition. He stated that he has a lot of interest in the town.

Mr. Dias stated that he wishes Jim and John luck.

Councilman Miller wish luck to the outgoing board members. He stated that he is looking forward to getting some "stuff done" in the next few years.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dias and seconded by Councilwoman Hoyt to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Cleveland

Ancram Town Clerk

