

**Town of Ancram
Town Board
Emergency Meeting
Town Garage
January 19, 2008**

Present: Supervisor Thomas Dias Councilman James Bryant
 Councilman Robert Podris Councilman Gerald Roberts
 Councilman John MacArthur

Others: Highway Superintendent James MacArthur, Terry Boyles, Jim Stickle,
 Perry Miller, Ron Brant, Jean Brant, Irene Dietter, Avery Dietter, Frank
 Martucci, Carol Bryant

Supervisor Thomas Dias called the emergency meeting to order at 10:00am.

Mr. Dias stated that the purpose of the meetings was to do a walkthrough tour of the Town of Ancram Highway Garage and the corresponding buildings. The employees At this time the buildings are not in condition to keep the equipment in best working order. The Town Board is looking at what can be done and may feel the need to appoint a committee to take a larger view of the issue. Mr. Dias asked that Highway Superintendent James MacArthur come before the board and allow the town residents to ask as many questions as they like. Mr. Dias also stated that the Ancram Preservation Group was in attendance due to the historical significance of one of the buildings.

Highway Superintendent MacArthur took the group to the first bay of the lower building. He stated that this was the only heated bay and was where most of the repair work was done. The area is very small and cannot fit a truck with a plow inside. Due to this limitation, work on the plows is done outside during the winter.

Mr. Dias asked if other towns have heated garage bays. Mr. MacArthur stated that most towns have newer facilities.

Mr. Dias asked how much land belongs to the Town Garage. Mr. MacArthur did not know the exact amount. Mr. Dias understood it was around one acre.

Mr. Dias stated that the second building has no heat but does have two bays with cement floors. This building was a piece of the Borden Milk Factory. Mr. Dias asked if the Highway Superintendent could make a list of the smaller items that can be fixed while a larger solution can be reached.

In the lower building Mr. MacArthur pointed out an obvious hole in the wall. He stated that the wall is falling in and while the hole could be blocked, it would not save the wall. The hole began when the exterior wall was being painted and a piece of a vine that had

grown into the wall was pulled and the bricks fell in.

Mr. Dias stated that in the Old Factory building the trucks can fit with their plows and wings. A suggestion was made to put heat into this building so the repair work can be done where it is warm. The factory was originally built in 1898. It received a new roof in the 1980's as well as an additional bay.

The question was raised as to money already in the budget to build a garage. Councilman Bryant stated that there was money in the budget for maintenance of the existing buildings. This would include minor repairs such as new doors, roofs and any other small maintenance.

As there were no further questions, Mr. Dias called the emergency meeting closed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Cleveland
Town Clerk