

**Town of Ancram  
Town Board  
Regular Meeting  
May 20, 2010**

**Present:** Supervisor Arthur Bassin                      Councilman James Miller  
                 Councilman John MacArthur                      Councilman Chris Thomas  
                 Councilwoman Madeline Israel                      Town Clerk Monica Cleveland  
                 Highway Superintendent James MacArthur

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Supervisor Bassin called the regular meeting of the Ancram Town Board to order at 7:00 pm with a salute to the flag.

Mr. Bassin stated that there would be a change in the order of the agenda due to the fact that the animal control officer would like to address the board first.

Mr. Deitch stated that he has received his results from his most recent training with NACA and he passed his test. Mr. Deitch stated that the town seems to not be happy with their contact with his kennel and due to recent knowledge he has received on the subject from NACA, he has decided to sever his ties as the towns kennel and veto the contract. He stated that the town should accept Columbia Green Humane Society as their kennel. He stated that the town is charged \$305.00 each time a dog is brought to the kennel. Mr. Deitch suggested that the town look over their dog law and change this so that the owner of the dog has to pay this fee when they are picked up. Mr. Deitch stated that he attended training with the Ag and Markets department which cost \$50.00 and he would like to be reimbursed for this. Mr. Deitch also stated that in regards to cats, Ag and Markets feel that they are free roaming personal property and that he was glad that the town did not pay money towards the trap-neuter-release program. He stated that there is a liability to the town in fixing the cats. Mr. Deitch stated that he will get the lent traps back from Bev Ditto, to whom he lent them.

A motion was made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Miller to make the revision to the contract with Mr. Deitch. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilwoman Israel to accept the minutes of the March 2010 and April 2010 minutes and have them placed on record. Vote taken by roll call as follows: Councilman Miller- Aye, Councilman MacArthur-Aye, Councilman Thomas-Aye, Councilwoman Israel- Aye, Supervisor Bassin- Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**Supervisors Financial Report**

Mr. Bassin read from the following report:  
**Financial Results Coming into Focus**

Revenues through the end of March were \$1,027,000, reflecting the collection of property taxes and the first quarter 2010 sales tax revenue. We received \$50,000 in sales tax revenues for the first quarter, about the same as we got in 2009, and we appear to be on track to hit the \$175,000 full year budget. We also found out that we will receive \$18,000 in mortgage tax revenues, which puts us on track to hit the \$30,000 annual budget for mortgage tax. We are still "at

risk" for about \$124,000 of budgeted State highway aid over the next 8 months, about 10% of our 2010 revenue budget. If we do not receive this budgeted State highway aid, our highway department will be forced to cut back on road repair this year.

Excluding the capital costs of the solar match (\$21,000) and the grader (\$34,000), expenses for the first four months totaled \$366,000, which is about \$101,000 better than the budget, and \$88,000 better than our spending during the same period last year. Excluding the cost of the grader, the highway department is running \$100,000 ahead of 2009, and is \$84,000 better than budget, benefiting from lower spending on snow removal and general repairs. Other spending was about flat to budget and 2009 in total. We have prepaid our full year insurance premium of \$20,000 and our 2Q rescue squad invoice of \$22,000. Cash in the bank totaled \$1,360,000 at the end of April, down about \$42,000 from March.

### **Expanding & Renovating Existing Garage Provides Savings**

The Garage Committee continues to examine of the possibility of expanding and renovating the current garage facility at the Town Road site, and using the Milk Factory as a salt shed. This option appear to offer substantial savings over the previous plan to take down the Milk Factory and erect an 80x80 metal building on that site, and build a new salt shed. Our current estimates suggest that the "renovation option" could cost \$150,000 less in total (\$450,000) than building a new garage (\$500,000) and new salt shed (\$100,000). Over the next month we will complete the engineering analyses needed to develop bidding specs for this project. The Garage Committee will secure Town Board approval for this option after we get in bids which definitely lock in our costs, which should be by the July or August Town Board meeting. It is not yet clear if we will be able to get the garage built the end of the year, but we will try. If we are not able to get the project done by the end of the year, we will wait and start work next spring. If the garage comes in at under \$400,000, as appears is possible, we may be able to fund this construction effort from our existing reserves, and not incur any debt.

### **Budget Problems Addressed with Better Control**

We have identified and are tracking budget problems and risks which now total over \$316,500:

- 1) \$85,000 excess of budgeted costs over budgeted revenues
- 2) \$33,000 unbudgeted town hall solar match (\$21,000 already spent);
- 3) \$34,500 unbudgeted cost of new grader (already spent);
- 4) \$15,000 unbudgeted costs for engineering and design work for the new garage
- 5) \$2,000 under budgeted lifeguard costs
- 6) \$2,500 under budgeted costs for the assessor's clerk
- 7) \$2,500 under budgeted costs for the deputy building inspector
- 8) \$2,000 budget overrun in animal control costs
- 9) \$124,000 in budgeted State aid which may not be available
- 10) \$4,500 GAR Revaluation analysis
- 11) \$10,000 playground contribution
- 12) TBD – Under budgeted State Retirement Fund contribution

In addition, we have identified a total of \$271,500 in possible cost and revenue opportunities, which could help offset the risks identified above:

- 1) \$44,000 from lowering the rescue squad costs to \$88,000 from \$132,000;
- 2) \$5,000 in insurance costs;
- 3) \$6,000 in legal from revising our legal retainer agreement;
- 4) \$8,500 in fees
- 5) \$84,000 if the highway department stays within budget for the rest of the year
- 6) \$124,000 reduction in road repair work if State highway aid is not available

### **Making Progress on Projects**

**1. Painting Town Hall** – Jane Moore and her team of 17 volunteer painters completed repainting the Town Hall last month. Costs for the project were \$1355. We have received \$1750 in contributions from 44 individuals and businesses, plus lunch for the volunteer painters from the Farmer's Wife, to support the painting project. We expect to incur an additional \$1000 to repair some of the wood siding. Total cost to the Town for repainting and repairing the wood siding will be about \$605.

**2. Town Hall Solar** – Solar panels were installed at Town Hall last week, and Central Hudson will be integrating the solar system with the regular grid on Tuesday, 5/18. The cost of this project was about \$155,000, with the Town investing \$33,000 and the balance coming from a grant secured for us by Bob Murphy.

**3. ATT Cell Tower** – Jim Miller, Bob Roth and I talked last month with Kevin Brennan, the senior regional cell tower site selection manager at ATT, about the proposed location of the cell tower at Town Hall. Brennan commented that the only reason ATT was proposing the Town Hall site was because the previous town administration had told ATT the tower had to be on town land. We told ATT that this was not a requirement, and said we wanted the towers where they could provide the best coverage for Ancram, Ancramdale and Boston Corner. Brennan noted that they were not happy with the Town Hall site because it was on low ground, surrounded by high ground on three sides, and at a proposed 250 feet, a Town Hall tower was going to be very expensive. Brennan asked that the Town review and revise the Town's cell tower law to lower the acreage needed for a tower, to reduce the setbacks and to define height limits in terms of feet above the tree line or ridgeline, not in absolute terms. We agreed we would look into doing that. Brennan indicated he already had his people looking for appropriate sites on private land, on high ground.

**4. Ancramdale Polling Place** -- We have received a proposal for a ramp for the Friendship Hall polling place in Ancramdale to make the site handicapped accessible. Installing this kind of ramp is a requirement that the County Board of Elections requires based on the Federal "Americans with Disabilities Act". The ramp will cost \$8400, which we hope to raise with contributions from the Community. Neighbors Helping Neighbors has dedicated its Memorial Day BBQ to helping fund this ramp.

**5. Revaluation Review** – GAR Associates, a revaluation and assessment consulting firm, has begun work on their review of Ancram's property tax valuations to determine if our assessed values based on the 2008 revaluation, and the subsequent changes made to these valuations are, reasonable and consistent with NYS assessment guidelines. GAR plans to do a 10% sample of all property types, and review our property and market data bases. They expect to have a report done before the June Board meeting.

**6. 2011 Budget Process** – We will start the 2011 budget process in July this year. The first step will be for me to distribute 2008 and 2009 full year actual numbers and June year-to-date 2010 and full year forecast information to all department heads and committee and board chairs, so they can begin to develop their 2011 budget requests. Preliminary departmental budgets will be due back to me by the end of August. I plan to share the first cut at the 2011 budget with the Town Board at the September Board meeting. We will schedule weekly budget workshops from the end of September through October Board meeting as needed, and will do the needed public hearing and approve the 2011 Budget at the October Board meeting. A detailed schedule will be coming out in June.

### **We Still Need to be Cautious**

While it is still too early in the year, with too many unknowns, to be able to predict how the year will play out, our sales tax and mortgage tax revenues appear to be tracking on budget for the full year. This means the only major revenue risk is the \$124,000 in State highway aid. If we do not get this money, we will not be spending it to fix roads. On the cost side, our major risk continues to be uncovering additional budgeting errors, and dealing with unbudgeted requests and requirements which place pressure on our on cash reserves. In this uncertain environment, we will continue to be very careful how we spend money, and will focus on the important priorities.

County issues: Mr. Bassin stated that the DSS have 4 locations in Hudson which are being looked at. A new IT guy has been hired to take Mr. Stickles position. Mr. Bassin explained that every year the county has a youth program which allows one college student or recent high school graduate to work as an intern at the county offices. Mr. Bassin asked that the board consider a student from town for this position.

Councilwoman Israel questioned about the Okawamic building the County purchased and what it would be used for. Mr. Bassin stated that it isn't clear at this time who will be going there.

### **Revised Ethics Law**

Mr. Bassin stated that last month a new Ethics law was handed to the Town Board from the Ethics Committee. Mr. Bassin asked the board members for questions and comments. Mr. Bassin stated that the procedure to adopt the law will happen in next few months.

Councilman Thomas stated that he had no comments except to say that the changed are needed.

Councilman Miller stated that the law looked good and that he thanked the committee.

Councilwoman Israel stated that she liked that the law is taken out of the political forum and that no more then 3 members of a political party can be on the board.

Councilman MacArthur stated that he is working on reading it.

Mr. Bassin stated that he is puzzled by why there is so much confidentiality. Mr. Jack Lindsey, ethics board committee head, stated that if the committee receives a complaint, their first step is to guard the people included in making the complaint and the person complained about. Because of that fact the law and complaints are exempt from open meetings law and FOIL requests. The committee will spend time talking with the complainant and then speaking with the person complained about. At that time, nobody but the committee knows who is involved. Once the town board is notified if the issue has to be acted on, it then comes to the public record.

Mr. Bassin questioned the recusal process and if there will have to be written up the reasons for the recusal afterwards.

Mr. Lindsay stated that if there is no challenge to the grounds of this, then there is no write up.

Mr. Bassin asked about the penalties

Mr. Lindsey stated that most issues which would involve penalties will be ill-gotten funds and they would be required to be paid back and the it will be decided if the crime is a misdemeanor or a felony by how much was taken. Mr. Lindsey stated that the Town Board administers the justice. The Ethics board will make a recommendation and then the Town Board will meet on it. Then, if Town Board doesn't take the issue, it can then go to the County. Councilwoman Israel asked if the Town is required to follow the county Ethics Law.

Mr. Lindsey stated that the Town Ethics Law cannot be weaker then the county. Some parts of the new proposed law is a maximum girt amount of \$25.00 and a time period that the person leaves the office and can enter into a contract with the town is 1 ½ year. There is also a \$2500 contractual agreement. If an outside person or business contracts with the town for more then \$2500.00, then they receive a copy of the ethics law which they will be subject to.

Donna Hoyt asked if the Ethics committee makes the decision of whether the issue is a misdemeanor or a felony. Mr. Lindsey stated no.

Mr. Bassin asked the next step.

Mr. Lindsey stated that the attorney Warren Replansky is reading through the law and has stated that it needs to be reworded in places. The committee will meet with him the first week of June. A finalized draft will be ready by the June Town Board meeting.

Sue Bassin asked if the extra forms are a part of the law.

Mr. Lindsay stated yes.

### **Highway Report-**

Mr. MacArthur stated that there are no major issues. The crew has been working on all the roads. Poole Hill road and Cottontail road will be paved the last week in June.

Leroy Dietter asked about dust on Woods Dr. Mr. MacArthur stated that he will get to this next

week.

LeRoy Dietter stated that the road keeps being widened and is eating up his lawn. Mr. MacArthur stated that he will look into it.

LeRoy Dietter questioned speeding on Woods Drive.

Lisa Stickle stated that the cops give tickets but the judges don't do anything about them. She stated that she was told this by the sheriff.

Ruth Wittlinger, Court Clerk stated that the town gets \$15.00 for every ticket.

Nancy Bryant agreed about the dust.

### **Planning Board-**

Don McLean stated that the board has had a couple of small lot lines adjustments. The board has interviewed five different people for attorney and has decided they would like to appoint John Lyons, Grant Lyons LLP. Mr. McLean stated that this is the same attorney working with the ZRC for the legal review as the zoning is developed. He charge \$150.00 an hour, cheaper then the others interviewed. Mr. McLean stated that the Planning Board tries to use the county planning office without using the attorney as much as they can.

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The zoning board is in the process of discussing a wind turbine on Carson Road on Mr. Gershons property. There will be two turbines on the property. A public hearing was held last week and will remain open for written comments. The turbines will be masked largely by the trees. They have been lowered to 100 feet which is shorter then the Pulver tower. The largest question from the neighbors was why there were two proposed turbines. By NYSERTA standards, property owners can put as many as 3 turbines per acre, equal to 110% of bill. The only issue which remains with the town is if they fall down, they will be on the town road. No other neighbors will be at risk. It is suggested there be a written agreement with the town and the owner regarding this.

Nancy Bryant asked if there are buildings on the property.

Sue Bassin stated that there is a house and garage.

Mr. Bassin stated at this time, that the solar panels are on the town hall.

### **Ancram Youth Commission**

Mr. Wilcox stated that the AYC has brought before the board a resolution reaffirming the mission of the Youth Commission which was established in the 1950's.

### **Communications Committee-**

Councilwoman Israel gave a thank you to Sue Bassin for working on the website. Jane Shannon continues to work on the newsletter. Nancy Bryant is still working on the town business directory. Nancy stated that if a business wanted to be added to the directory she has forms for this.

### **Garage Committee-**

Mr. Emile Rassnet stated that the committee is looking at the feasibility of doing over the old garage and adding 50 feet. The committee has met with the architect. There is a questions of door sizes. The quote given is \$239,000.00 for the garage. The committee would like to hire an engineer to do some site work, the drainage and a site plan. Donna Hoyt asked if the site plan will go before the Planning Board. Mr. Bassin stated it would. The Building Inspector stated that the 32 ft setback is a problem and will make him turn down the building permit. It will then go to the ZBA for a

variance. This is the only Building Inspector issue. Donna Hoyt questioned the septic and what the committee is going to do with it. Emile stated that there have been questions on this and that it may have to put this somewhere else.

Councilman Thomas asked when the board will have something to look at.

Emile Rassnett stated that the committee has a picture of a side view.

Mr. Thomas asked the time frame for the project.

Mr. Bassin stated that from the point the board gives an okay to go ahead, and they begin, the project can be finished in 6 months.

Emile stated that the current piers are strong but may have soil issue.

Mr. Bassin stated that the committee is also going to look at a metal addition as well.

### **Cell Tower**

Mr. Bassin stated that he and Mr. Roth had a conversation with the acquisition man from AT&T. They were told that the town would have to amend the cell tower law. If the town has an amendment to the law, then Ancram can get the cell tower. Donna Hoyt stated that the previous town administration were told to put the tower on municipal land, in order to get the revenues from the tower. She stated that she did not appreciate the previous town board being the people blamed as to the mix up at AT&T.

Bob Roth stated that he did not know why AT&T said this.

Mr. Bassin questioned why Brennen said this happened, AT&T being told that the tower was to be on municipal land.

Bob Roth stated that his objective was to get the cell towers to come here. At&T were to only ones to say they would.

Donna Hoyt stated that nothing that was ever said to this effect.

Mr. Bassin stated that he was told by the company that it was understood that the tower had to be on town property. This came from AT&T.

Bob Roth stated that it is important that there is wireless service, for the fire dept and the emergency people. If the town amends the current cell tower law, the tower can begin being built by the end of the year.

### **Board of Assessment Review**

Mr. Bassin stated that they will meet next Tuesday from 10 to 12:00noon and 7pm to 9pm at the town hall.

### **Town Historian-**

Mrs. VanTassel stated that she has taken slides made by Hal Fabor and Hal Zucerman with Joe Dembo narrating them and had then put on a DVD. The DVD's are on sale for \$20.00 and all monies return to the Historians budget.

### **OLD Business**

Mr. Bassin stated that the board needed to discuss anonymous letters to the town board. The board needs to have a way to deal with them. Mr. Bassin got a sense from the board that they felt they would like to not pay any attention to anonymous letters. The Association of Towns stated that there are times when they have to be dealt with for the welfare of the town.

Mr. Bassin polled the board.

Councilman Thomas stated that he doesn't think the letters should be responded to especially

property issues. The board doesn't know the proof or have the evidence.

Councilman Miller stated that he is inclined not to listen to them if they cannot put their name to this.

Councilwoman Israel stated that if the person has something to say, then they should sign their name.

Councilman MacArthur stated that the board should ignore them.

Jack Lindsey stated that a lot of towns roll this into the ethics committee.

Donna Hoyt stated that in the ZRC, the Building Inspector has the right to take anonymous complaints and keep them quiet.

Hugh Clark stated that in section 7 of the new zoning, administration and enforcement, there were questions about this. The lawyer John Lyons stated that zoning officer is obligated to investigate any complaint. At the same time, he is not necessary obligated to reveal to complainant.

Mr. Bassin stated that it would be prudent of the board to deal with each letter as an individual matter and make case by case decisions.

#### **Ancramdale Polling Place-**

Mr Bassin stated that the Board of Election concurrence of the ramp costing \$8400.00. They stated that there is State money available up to \$4000.00. If this money is gotten the church will have to sign a 5 to 10 year contract allowing the poling to stay in their building. Mr Bassin stated that the project will go ahead if the money can be raised by the community. He stated that the town should not incur the bulk of the money.

Councilman Thomas stated that he has a problem with this because there is nothing to say the Board Of Elections can then pull out in another year after the money has been spent. This, he stated, is why he will vote no.

Councilman Miller stated that he can see Mr. Thomas' point and that he will commit to only spending the money already agreed upon but no more.

Councilwoman Israel stated that there is an emotional commitment to the polling place from many people.

Councilman MacArthur stated that this was all fine with him.

Nancy Bryant asked if this was a Portable Ramp.

Mr. Bassin stated that it is a modular 47 foot ramp. There are eight or nine sections and it can be taken down each year.

Adriene Citrin asked if this would allow the church to have access into church.

Clara VanTassel asked if the fire company just bought a ramp. Councilman MacArthur stated that it is a residential ramp.

Donna Hoyt stated that there has to be a cheaper way to put the ramp in.

Adrienne Citrin stated that the town has to remember that the building belongs to the church and that in the end the decision is theirs.

In regards to the installment payments of the school tax bills, Mr. Bassin stated that the county is exploring the options.

Mr Bassin stated that in regards to the flooding on Town Road, the town is considering its options, one possibility is putting in a 600 ft pipe down the road. The Highway Garage Committee is putting

this on the agenda and may possibly tie it into the garage.

Mr. Bassin stated that \$755.00 was collected for the painting of Town Hall.

Direct Deposit of Payroll for the Highway will begin in the next two weeks.

Mr. Bassin stated that the work on the Hall Hill Bridge will be starting soon.

### **New Business**

Mr. Bassin addressed the Town of Ancram Lighting district. He stated that there are 24 streetlights in the district and they are charged only to those who live in the district, on their tax bills. Several owners in the district feel that they are being singled out yet the whole town benefits from the lights. Mr. Bassin stated that there is also the point of view which wonders why the town has the lighting district at all. Clara Van Tassel, who lives in the light district, stated that she likes having the lights. Mr. Bassin suggested that if the town wanted to keep the district, he would like to see it become a part of the general fund. He also suggested that the town could get Central Hudson to cut back on the amount of lights.

Councilman Miller stated that the whole town should pay for something that they don't all benefit from. Councilman Thomas stated that he was sorry for people who live in district but that there is a reason for the lights. Mr. Thomas also stated that the lights have been lit for years and that most who have bought their homes in the district purchased them with the lights in place. Mr. Thomas stated that this becomes like a deed restriction. Nancy Bryant, who lives in the Ancramdale lighted area, stated that she agreed with Clara. Mrs. VanTassel stated that if the town expands, we will want the street light. Jerry Stone stated that when he leaves his residence he takes the county and state roads, not the town roads, yet he pays town highway taxes. This he also disagrees with. Leah Wilcox stated that there is a benefit to having the hamlets lit. She felt it was a safety issue. Jane Shannon felt that the light district should be a shared tax with all the properties in town.

Mr. Bassin stated that the subject of the Town Hall lights being left on has come up several times. He suggested putting a master switch on the door and all the lights can be killed at once when the last person leaves the building. Kyle Loughheed is figuring out how to do that at this time.

Mr. Bassin spoke about the Town Hall Parking lot. He stated that it has become an issue that there is much congestion at the meetings and there is an overflow of parking. Stripes are going to be painted and the parking lot may have to be expanded.

Mr. Bassin stated that the town may plan a community clean up day in the fall.

Mr. Bassin and Mrs. Israel spoke about the proposal of having "mini board meetings". These would not be official meetings, and no more than two board members would attend them. But, the people who cannot make it to the meetings can be informed about what is going on and can express their concerns or ask questions.

The board discussed the Saturday meeting for the month of July. Mr. Bassin stated that he thought it was great to have a Saturday meeting but that the turn out were the same people who come to all of the meetings. Donna Hoyt suggested that the board hold the meeting in the afternoon on a Saturday.

Mr. Bassin stated that it was suggested that the town pool be opened earlier this year. Upon further investigation, it was found that this would add \$7,000.00 + to the pool budget. The board felt that this was not reasonable.

Mr. Bassin spoke about the Pool Liability issues. One area which could be addressed is the lifeguards taking care of and anticipating things which may go wrong. This came from a seminar that Bob Wilcox attended. Mr. Wilcox stated that there has never in the past been a risk of death or injury at the pool.

Donna Hoyt stated that she has concerns with the perception that comes from the town regarding the Conservation Advisory Council. She stated that when the prior board established this committee, it was perceived that their job would be to look into how to best help and not harm the environment when the town or residents complete projects. She stated that they Council has done what has been asked of them. She stated that no one is looking at their reports and the board and town are not treating the volunteers the respect they are due. She stated that the environment has to be considered and that these people, her son included, are not asking to be treated as experts. Mr. Bassin stated that he didn't see where they were being mistreated but said that they deserved a thank you.

The following resolution was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilwoman Israel:

**Resolution #47 of 2010: Garage Planning Costs**

WHEREAS the Town Board has previously authorized \$15,000 for a Contamination Assessment at the current garage site and for developing specifications and a bid package for a new pre-engineered metal garage facility; and whereas costs incurred to date for these activities total \$6400; and whereas it is now necessary to conduct a geotechnical engineering assessment of the soils and pilings of the current garage building, develop a site plan, a drainage plan for the garage site and Town Road, a storm water retention plan and a feasibility study of how to use the Milk Factory building as a salt shed; and whereas the proposal to renovate and expand the current garage building and convert the Milk Factory building into a salt shed could offer the Town substantial savings over building new facilities; and whereas it has been suggested that we should evaluate the possibility of using a pre-engineered metal building at the current garage site to expand and renovate the current garage building, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Garage Committee be authorized to use the \$8,600 balance still available from the previously approved \$15,000, and an additional amount not to exceed \$15,000, for the engineering and architectural work necessary to develop specifications and a bid package for the proposed renovated/expanded garage and salt shed at the current garage site on Town Road, and to explore the possibility and economics of using a pre-engineered metal building on the current garage site as part of that solution.

Councilman Thomas asked what was a part of the \$15,000.00. Mr. Bassin stated that includes detailed drawings of the project and the salt shed.

Vote taken by roll call: Councilman Miller- Aye, Councilman MacArthur- Nay; Councilman Thomas- Aye; Councilwoman Israel- Aye; Supervisor Bassin- Aye  
Motion carried.

The following resolution was made by Councilman MacArthur and seconded by Councilman Miller:

**Resolution #48 of 2010: Handicapped Ramp for Fellowship Hall**

RESOLVED: That the Ancram Town Board will contribute up to \$2500, if necessary because community contributions are not sufficient, to assist with the purchase of a ramp to make the Ancramdale polling place at Friendship Hall handicapped accessible.

The board decided to look into the possibility of a wooden ramp as well as a portable.

Vote taken by roll call: Councilman Miller- Aye, Councilman MacArthur- Aye, Councilman Thomas-Nay, Councilwoman Israel- Aye, Supervisor Bassin- Aye.  
Motion Carried.

The following resolution was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman MacArthur:  
**Resolution # 49 of 2010: Revise the Cell Tower Law**  
RESOLVED: That the Town Supervisor review and propose revisions to the Cell Tower Law for review by the Town Board at the June meeting.

There were no comments.

Vote taken by roll call: Councilman Miller- Aye, Councilman MacArthur- Aye, Councilman Thomas-Aye, Councilwoman Israel- Aye, Supervisor Bassin- Aye.  
Motion carried.

The following resolution was made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman MacArthur:

**Resolution #50 of 2010: Reconfirm Youth Commission Mission and Organization:**

Town of Ancram Youth Commission **RESOLUTION: Whereas:** The Ancram Youth Commission (AYC) has a long history of fulfilling its mission to provide facilities and programs that improve the physical, emotional and intellectual well-being of the children of Ancram; *and*

**Whereas:** The AYC has been in continuous operation for over fifty years, is appointed by the Town Board each year at the Organization Meeting, receives funds from the Town budget for its programs and is authorized to: (1) administer Memorial Pool and Wallace Blass Field, (2) plan and administer various recreational and educational activities for all the children of Ancram, and (3) to raise donations to accomplish the above activities; *and*

**Whereas:** The AYC has up to nine members approved and appointed by the Town Board and has been authorized by the Town Board to elect its chairperson from the appointed members; *and*

**Whereas:** After extensive interviews with older residents and a review of newspaper articles we are confident that the AYC was formed in the 1950's with a structure and a mission unchanged to this day; *and*

**Whereas:** The Ancram Town Board wishes to reconfirm the authority, mission and organization of the Ancram Youth Commission;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved:** That the Town Board of the Town of Ancram confirms the authorization and organization of the Ancram Youth Commission and its mission to provide facilities and programs that improve the physical, emotional and intellectual well-being of the children of Ancram; and to empowers the volunteer members of the AYC with all the rights and privileges and responsibilities needed to achieve the mission of the AYC and benefit all residents of the Town of Ancram.

There were no comments.

Vote taken by roll call: Councilman Miller- Aye, Councilman MacArthur- Aye, Councilman Thomas-Aye, Councilwoman Israel- Aye, Supervisor Bassin- Aye.  
Motion carried.

The following resolution was made by Councilwoman Israel and seconded by Councilman Miller:  
**Resolution #51 of 2010: Appoint Planning Board Attorney**  
RESOLVED: that John Lyons of the firm Grant Lyons, LLP be designated the attorney for the

Ancram Planning Board.

There were no comments.

Vote taken by roll call: Councilman Miller- Aye, Councilman MacArthur- Aye, Councilman Thomas- Aye, Councilwoman Israel- Aye, Supervisor Bassin- Aye.

Motion carried.

The board agreed that they would have a Saturday meeting in September.

Ruth Wittlinger stated that the Zoom Flume trip for the Ancram Youth Commission will be the First Monday in August at a cost of \$20.00 a person.

A motion was made by Councilman MacArthur and seconded by Councilman Thomas to pay the bills. Councilman Miller- Aye, Councilman MacArthur- Aye, Councilman Thomas- Aye, Councilwoman Israel- Aye, Supervisor Bassin- Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman MacArthur and seconded by Councilman Miller to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Monica Cleveland  
Ancram Town Clerk