



Mr. Dias stated that there are issues at the Town Garage in regards to the water sources at neighbors homes. The DEC has come and collected samples. Columbia County Department of Health also came to collect samples at the Town Garage. They will have results in 9-12 days. Mrs. Terry MacDonald stated that she has also taken samples to the DEC that would test the new tanks that were installed by the town to see if they were leaking. There is a possibility of oil leaking in the Milk House and a pit by the Town Garage has oil in it.

On Tuesday the DEC was at the garage but not to test the soil. On Monday the DEC was called because there was an oil spill at that time.

The Health Department stated that contamination is either oil or iron and that they look the same. Mrs. MacDonald would like to know what the town will do to clean up her property.

Mr. Dias stated that he has also spoken to the DEC and that the representative has not called him back. He stated that he does not know where this is going to go. He stated that the town is doing what they can to make this right. Councilman Mayhew stated that he thought the town should make some test holes on the property to make sure that Mrs. MacDonalds was not contaminated. Mr. Dias stated that he felt the town should wait and see what the procedure is to take care of this problem. Councilman Mayhew stated that DEC has flagged out the wet lands with pink flags. Councilwoman Hoyt asked if when Mrs. MacDonald received the spill # (0909126) was it a different agency then the DEC. Mrs. MacDonald stated that no, it was considered a spill and they gave her the number.. Mr. Donald McLean stated that he felt that if Mrs. MacDonald was given a spill number and the spill was on town property, the town should make sure that she did not become responsible for costs to clean up the property. Attorney Shaw stated that this would not happen and that the issue was in its preliminary stages.

The following Resolution was proposed by Supervisor Dias and Seconded by Councilman Mayhew.

**Resolution #22 of 2009: Charter Communications**

WHEREAS, an application has been duly made to the Town Board of the Town of Ancram, Columbia County, New York by Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC (“Charter Communications”), a holder of a cable television franchise in the Town of Ancram for the approval of an agreement to renew Charter Communication’s cable franchise for an additional five (5) years; and  
WHEREAS, the Franchise Renewal Agreement would bring the franchise into conformity with Title 16 of the Regulations of the New York State Public Service Commission; and  
WHEREAS, a public hearing was held in the Town of Ancram, Columbia County, New York, on August 20, 2009 in the Town Hall and notice of the hearing was duly published.  
NOW, THEREFORE, NE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ancram hereby renews the cable television franchise of Charter Communications in the Town of Ancram for five (5) years subject to approval by the New York State Public Service Commission.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the supervisor of the Town Board of the Town of Ancram is hereby authorized to execute the Franchise Agreement, a copy of which is attached with this resolution and incorporated by reference herein.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the franchise agreement replaces all previous franchise agreements previously executed by the Town of Ancram and Charter Communications.

Being moved and seconded, the Town Board approved the afore written resolution with a unanimous vote of approval.

Mr. Dias stated that there was a JNS Tower Master Agreement before the board. Mr. Dias stated that this would make JNS the sole antenna supplier for the town. Mr. Dias stated that he felt this was not a good idea.

**Privilege of the Floor #2**

Councilwoman Hoyt asked Councilman MacArthur what his objection was to the budget. Mr. MacArthur stated that the board decided to cut money throughout the budget but then put money in the budget for

celebrations. He stated that this was his objection.

Mr. Jerry Roberts stated that Mr. MacArthur would be able to defeat the expenditure in the future when it is spent if he feels this way.

Mrs. Lisa Stickle asked if all of the water in Ancramdale was going to be tested. Mr. Dias stated that the board will do what is right and appropriate. Mr. Shaw suggested that the town wait and see what the DEC recommends. Ms. Jane Shannon stated that anyone can have their own water tested for less than \$25.00. Councilman Mayhew stated that the regular tests does not test for petroleum products. Nancy Broe stated that Smith labs tests for petroleum. Mrs. Terry MacDonald stated that she had the water tested in March and that it is \$125 to \$175 for petroleum products. She stated that due to her well not being deep, she has the water tested periodically because of the situation.

Supervisor Dias made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Mayhew. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ruth Wittlinger  
Deputy Town Clerk