

**Town of Ancram  
Town Board  
Year End 2008 and 2009 Organizational Meeting  
January 5, 2008  
Ancram Town Hall**

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

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**Year End**

Supervisor Dias called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with a salute to the flag. Mr. Dias stated that the sales tax check was forthcoming from the County offices and that when it arrives, the Town bookkeeper will proceed to close out the 2008 financial books.

**Transfers**

**General:** To the following accounts:  
Supervisor 1220.4: \$7,109.38  
Assessors 1355.4: \$2,316.19  
Attorney 1420.4: \$637.28  
Buildings 1620.4: \$4,365.42  
Ambulance 4540.4: \$11,000.00  
Garage 5132.4: \$108.31  
Street Lighting 5182.4: \$223.24  
Historian 7510.4: 857.63  
Unemployment 9050.8: \$.29  
Hosp/Med Insurance 9060.8: \$4,933.10

From the Following Accounts  
Town Board 1010.1: \$1,041.69  
Assessors 1335.1: \$2,316.19  
Elections 1450.4: \$4,226.00  
Unallocated Insurance: \$3,534.70  
Municipal Dues 1920.4: \$1,000.00  
Contingent 1990.4: \$898.00  
Constable 3120.1: \$1,200.00  
Supt. of Highways 5010.4: \$3,460.83  
State Retirement 9010.8: \$13,873.43

Councilman MacArthur asked why there had to be money transferred into these accounts. Mr. Dias stated that one example of this would be account number 1220.4. There was no money set aside for an accountant last year, so he was being paid out of the supervisor account and it overdraw it. Mr. Dias stated that the board will be watching the spending

more closely in the year to come. Mr. MacArthur asked why money was being put into the ambulance account. Mr. Fitzgerald, the accountant, stated that he believed that there was not \$64,000.00 in the account at the beginning of the year. Councilwoman Hoyt asked why money was being moved from one assessors account to another. Mr. Dias stated that they were two different accounts. Mr. Fitzgerald suggested that the board pay more attention to the accounts from month to month and then transfers would not have to be made at the end of the year. Mr. MacArthur stated that the board paid the rescue squad more then they had planed. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the town paid them what they were billed for. Mr. Fitzgerald will look into this more deeply at his office. The board asked what happens to the unspent \$82,000.00 Mr. Fitzgerald stated that it will stay in the general fund.

### **Resolution #1: Approval of Year End Transfers**

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Mayhew and moved for adoption:

RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Ancram does hereby authorize the Town of Ancram Bookkeeper to make the necessary account transfers to balance the year-end 2008 as noted above with the stipulation that the bookkeeper will look into a possible overage in the rescue squad fund.

Resolution passed by a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Hoyt stated that it may be as simple as a prior bill from 2007 being paid in 2008. Adjustments can be made later on.

A motion was made by Councilman MacArthur and seconded by Councilwoman Hoyt to close the 2008 year end meeting. Carried.

## **Organizational**

The following resolutions were offered by Councilman Mayhew, seconded by Councilman Miller and moved for adoption. Carried unanimously.

### **Resolution #2: 2009 Appointments**

RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Ancram does hereby make the following official designations for the year 2009 with all appointments to continue at the pleasure of the board:

Budget Officer:	Thomas R. Dias
Deputy Supervisor:	Donna Hoyt
Registrar of Vital Statistics:	Monica Cleveland
Records Management Officer:	Monica Cleveland
Planning Board Clerk:	Suzanne Bressler
Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk:	Suzanne Bressler
Town Attorney:	Jason Shaw
Town Historian:	Clara VanTassel
Deputy Town Clerk:	Ruth Wittlinger

Deputy Tax Collector: Amanda Bishop  
Official Newspaper: The Register Star and the Independent  
Clerk of the Board of Assessors: Mary Faith Boice  
Official Depository: National Bank of Kinderhook  
Representative to the Advisory  
Council to the Office of the aging: Caroline Garbarini  
Alternate Representative to the Advisory  
Council to the office of the aging: Donna Hoyt

Official Polling Place

District #1 The Ancram Town Hall  
District #2 The Ancramdale Presbyterian Church

The Following Serving at the Pleasure of the Board

ZEO/CEO Ed Feratto  
Deputy ZEO/CEO William Hunt  
Animal Control Officer TBD  
Dog Control Officer Michelle Graziano  
Deputy Dog Control Officer TBD  
Dog Kennel Columbia County Humane Society  
Town Assessor Ken Legget

**Resolution #3: Compensation of Officials**

RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Ancram does hereby authorize the Supervisor to compensate Officials of the Town for duties on a quarterly basis, with the following exceptions:

Highway Department Personnel- will be paid bi-weekly

Dog Control Officer- Monthly

Department of Youth Employees- Weekly

Assessor, ZEO/CEO, Deputy ZEO/CEO- Monthly

Town Clerk, Board Clerks, Court Clerks, Tax Collectors, and Town Attorney- All of whom will be paid monthly.

**Resolution #4: Authorizations, Designations and Salaries:**

RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Ancram shall approve the following authorizations and designations:

1. Authorizing the Highway Superintendent to spend up to \$3,000.00 for a single expenditure without prior Town Board approval.
2. Setting the rate of mileage per the IRS rate per mile for Town Officials performing their duties of Official Town Business.
3. Accepting all County and State bids that will apply to the Town of Ancram including but not limited to regular gasoline, propane, heating oil, diesel fuel, stone, road oil, tires and culvert pipe.
4. Salaries set for elected and appointed officials for the year 2009 in accordance with the budget.

5. Designating the official meeting of the Ancram Town Board as the third Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:00pm at the Ancram Town Hall on County Route 7. Beginning in February 2009 the first Thursday of each month as the Town Board workshop meeting, beginning at 7:00 pm at the Ancram Town Hall, 1416 County Route 7.
6. Clerk Salaries are to be set by the department they work in with a maximum of \$14.50 an hour.
7. Authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for, accept and open all bids presented before this board, with such bids in sealed envelopes, marked "sealed bids".
8. Authorizing the Town Clerk to purchase all supplies, stationary and dockets.
9. Authorizing the Deputy Town Supervisor to sign all checks without having them countersigned.
10. All conferences and training sessions that will be attended by any Town of Ancram Official must be passed by a Town Board Resolution prior to attending.

**Resolution #5: Appointments, Reappointments and Reaffirmations:**

RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Ancram does hereby approve the following appointments/reappointments and reaffirmations of earlier appointments:

Youth Commission:

David Boice- Chairperson	Robert Wilcox
Kyle Lougheed	Ruth Wittlinger
Colleen Lutz	Monica Cleveland
Alyson Kozlowski	Lisa Stickle

Zoning Board: 5 year terms ( with term expiring on 12/31 of year listed)

Kurt Sommerhoff	2009 Chairperson
Sheldon Waldorf	2010
Susan Bassin	2011
Jordan Katz	2012
Fred Schneeberger	2013
Willaim Lutz	alt.

Board of Assessment Review: 5 year terms (with term expiring on 12/31 of year listed)

Baxter Stickle Jr.	2009
Robert Roth	2010
Rosalie Rothvoss	2011
Chris Thomas	2012
Thomas Gumm	2013

Planning Board: 7 Year Term (with expiration on 12/31 of the year listed)

Donald McLean	2009
Barbara Docktor	2010
Jamie Purinton	2011
James Stickle	2012 Chairman

Madeline Israel	2013
Denis Sigler	2014
Terry Boyles	2015
Colleen Lutz	Alt.

Ethics Committee: Per the Town of Ancram Local Law #2 of 1970 Code of Ethics and Board of Ethics, a three member board will be named upon review of the candidates.

Mr. Dias stated that this was something that was overlooked and that the names will be appointed at a future date. Mrs. Hoyt asked if the town was planning on switching over to the county Ethics Law. Mr. Dias stated that would be discussed.

Councilman Mayhew asked if the Thursday Town Board workshops would be open to the public. Mr. Dias stated that they will be advertised as workshops and that no business will be approved. The meetings will be advertised as workshops to remain legal.

Mr. Dennis Sigler asked if the Town Board had considered that the Planning Board has met on the First Thursday of the month since he began on the board thirty years ago. Mr. Don McLean asked if the board would like comment on this subject from members of the Planning Board that are present. Mr. Dias stated that there will be public comment allowed at the next Town Board meeting. Councilman MacArthur asked why the Town Board cannot pick another night to hold the workshops. He did not see the need in upsetting another board. Councilwoman Hoyt stated that there was a reason that the meetings were two weeks apart and that was so there was time for all of the paperwork to be submitted and looked at. Mr. Dias stated that if the Town Board feels so inclined they can change the Workshop meeting to another night at the next town board meeting. Mr. McLean asked if he, a member of the planning board could comment on the issue. Mr. Dias stated that there was no public comment allowed at this meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Mayhew and seconded by Councilman Miller to adjourn the meeting with the stipulation that the Town Board will review at the January regular meeting the workshop date with public comment. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Monica Cleveland  
Town Clerk