

**Town of Ancram  
Town Board  
Public Hearing  
February 14, 2008**

**Present:** Supervisor Thomas Dias                      Councilman James Bryant  
                 Councilman Robert Podris                      Councilman Gerald Roberts  
                 Councilman John MacArthur                      Town Clerk Monica Cleveland  
                 Town Attorney Jason Shaw

**Others:** Paul DeLuca, Joan DeLuca, Emilia Roth, George Wittlinger Sr., Bill Morey, Gene Morey, James Miller, Perry Miller, Fred Schneeberger, Jim Stickle, Robert Seymour, Mary Seymour, Casey Miller, Betty Boyles, Rich Bitel, Ron VanTassel, Clara VanTassel, Joan Roberts, Madeline Israel, Nancy Bryant, Robert Wilcox, Margaret Reed, Fay Reed, Mark Reed, Leah Wilcox, Kenneth Legget. Mary Faith Boice, Linda Dias, Bill Grossi, Maseline Grossi, Gerald Kluge, Reginald Kluge, Lynn Miller, David Boice, James MacArthur, Ron Brant, Jean Brant

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Supervisor Dias opened the Public Hearing with a salute to the flag.

Town Clerk Monica Cleveland read the public notice.

Town of Ancram Assessor Ken Legget gave an overview of the limits. He recommended raising the maximum income levels for aged exemptions to \$24,000.00 with a sliding scale to \$32,000.00. At this time Ancram is at \$18,500.00 which was approved in January of 2005.

Mr. Dias asked for comments in favor.

Mr. Bill Grossi asked how many seniors will be effected by this. Mr. Dias stated that 17 people get the exemption now and that 27 more will qualify if the amount is raised.

Mr. Legget stated that the County was at this amount last year.

Mr. Bob Mayhew stated that he felt it was a good idea. This would support the older people of the town.

Mr. Dias asked for comments from the Town Board.

Councilman MacArthur asked why the town EMS and Firefighters are not getting the exemptions available. He asked if this could also be done at the same meeting.

Mr. Legget stated that they cannot be both adopted from the same public hearing.

Mr. Shaw stated that this was a separate exemption. Mr. Shaw asked if the proposed income level changes were acted on by Local Law or by Resolution. Councilman Bryant stated that this action has always been done by a resolution.

Mr. Perry Miller stated that the fireman exemption may have to go before the board of fire commissioners. Mr. Legget stated that this exemption was something separate from the fire district and has nothing to do with the fire commissioners. Mr. Shaw will look into this exemption.

With no further discussion, Mr. Dias called the hearing closed.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Monica Cleveland  
Town Clerk