

**Town of Ancram
Town Board
Final Public Hearing on the 2015 Town Budget
November 11, 2014**

Present:	Supervisor Arthur Bassin	Councilman James Miller
	Councilman Chris Thomas	Councilman Hugh Clark
	Councilwoman Madeline Israel	Town Clerk Monica Cleveland

The final public hearing on the proposed 2015 Town of Ancram budget was called to order at 6:00pm by Supervisor Bassin who noted that it had been duly advertised.

Mr. Bassin welcomed those present and gave a short explanation of the budget process.

Mr. Bassin opened the meeting to the floor for comments from the public.

Mr. Tom Ditto asked if, in view of the defeat of the Library 414 proposition, would the Town keep the \$5,000 contribution to the library in the 2015 budget. Mr. Bassin stated that the Town would continue to contribute \$5,000 to the library. Mr. Bassin stated that the final count is not in yet from the 414 but that at this point 71 absentee votes have been received and that there was a gap of 85 machine votes. Mr. Ditto offered a thank you to the people who worked on the 414 and suggested going forward that the libraries in the area become one large library that is overseen by all the towns.

Mrs. Adriene Citrin stated that Millerton has a very healthy 414 and their library is very well taken care of. The Pine Plains library is taken care of by their town. She stated that she felt those in Ancram who use the Millerton and Pine Plains libraries are riding on the taxpayers of those towns. She felt that the \$5,000 contribution is "pitiful".

There being no more comments, the meeting was closed at 6:03 pm on a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilwoman Israel. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Monica Cleveland
Ancram Town Clerk