

**Town Board
Town of Ancram
May 17, 2008
Regular Meeting**

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

The regular meeting of the Ancram Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Dias with a salute to the flag at 7:00 PM.

The Town Board read the May 10, 2008 and April 17, 2008 minutes.

Supervisor Dias read the following financial statement:

General Checking: \$26,229.09
General Savings: \$112,746.79
T&A Checking: \$2,097.91
Capital Equ.: \$19,548.98
Highway Savings: \$51.22
Highway Checking: \$33,242.38

Councilman Bryant asked if the new highway pickup truck had been bought? Supervisor Dias stated that the Town Board had accepted the bid. The bid did not include options. The options are listed at \$5,402.00. The total will be \$30,269.00. The snowplow is listed under total options listed. Councilman Bryant asked how this price compares to the county bid and what happened to the state bid. Councilman Roberts stated that Mr. Dias was going to speak to Ford. Councilman MacArthur stated that they should go ahead with the state bid so that the town does not get sued. Councilman Bryant stated that the bid was accepted with listed options and that this could get them out of the contract. Mr. Dias stated that he did not want the town to have exposures. The Town Attorney stated that the bid was accepted so the town is in a contract. Councilman Podris made a motion to accept the bid with the options added. Motion seconded by Councilman Dias. Motion carries with two votes against, Councilman Bryant and Councilman Roberts and three votes for, Councilman Podris, Councilman MacArthur and Supervisor Dias.

A motion was made by Councilman Podris and seconded by Councilman MacArthur to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Correspondence

1. A thank you card from Ms. Davenport for the award presented to her by the Town Board.

Old Business

A new version of the Noise Ordinance is being drawn up. The Town Attorney explained the changes. The enforcement section was changed in section #4. Section #10 will include power tools, lawn mowers, leaf blowers and agriculture and construction equipment. The time limits will be 7am to 8pm on the weekdays and 9am to 8pm on the weekends. Councilman will look over the draft and hard copies will be available. A public hearing will be set. Sonya stated that the dcbls can be removed but that leaves no way to measure the sound. A motion was made by Councilman Bryant and seconded by Councilman Podris to set the public hearing for the Noise Ordinance for 6:30 prior to the Town Board meeting on June 19, 2008. Motion carried.

Perry Miller gave an update on the Highway Garage. They have looked at a property on Roche Drive that has a barn. It needs floors and doors. The owner will also sell land to build a new barn if the town wants. If the Town board wishes to proceed, plans can be drawn up to compare prices. Supervisor Dias asked what a reasonable amount would be for this. Mr. Hoyt asked if the town can share plans with other towns. Mr. Dias stated that the town board needs to allocate money to draw possible plans for the Town Board. Councilman Roberts asked if there were parameters'. Councilman MacArthur stated that the committee knows what is needed they just need someone to draw up the prices. Mr. Dias stated that when looking at this situation the DEC came down and did a review of the site. They stated that it is to close to the swamp and that it has been filled with brush and fill. They are concerned with the condition of the ground. The DEC officer is sending an official letter. They are requiring that the town pull back from the swamp and create a burn. They may come back in three months to see if this has been taken care of. No fine was set for now. Councilman MacArthur stated that the basketball court is being used now for storage. Lisa Stickle asked where the children are to go to play this summer.

Mr. Dias stated that he spoke to Gary Kennedy at the mill about the odor. The mill is interested in correcting the problem. Councilman Bryant asked if the holes the town board authorized to be dug on the ball field had been done. Mr. Dias stated that the mill is still waiting and that they are on a three month hiatus.

Mr. Dias stated that Gallatin and Copake have joined Ancram to make a movement on a cell tower.

Mr. Dias stated that the bridge for Hall Hill road is now in Maryland and will be in Ancram in the next month. The footings are being put in.

Mr. Dias stated that in regards to the surveys of the ball field and highway garage there was difficulty getting a deed for the ball field. Lyden Chase will be the surveyor. The deed arrived on Monday.

Privilege of the Floor #1

Mr. Hoyt asked if the town can share Gallatin and Valatie's Highway Garage prints. Mr. MacArthur stated that they do have Millerton's plans and are looking at Ulster County. Other towns do not like to give out what they have paid for. Mrs. Hoyt asked if buying

the already existing building due to the state regulations. Mr. Dias stated that the WICS law does add more to the cost due to union wages. Councilman Roberts stated that there are five trades needed in building a building and that there is no general contractor. This brings problems.

Mrs. Brant asked how the DEC got involved. Mr. Dias stated that one of the Highway Committee members called the DEC. Mr. Dieter stated that the factory had dumped in the swamp for years. Mr. Dias stated that what was dumped will be used to create the berm. It will not be needed to take it away. Mr. Brant asked if the DEC stated that the town has to remove themselves from the property. Mr. Dias stated that was not an issue. Mr. Brant asked if there was land available around the current barn. Mr. MacArthur stated that they had walked the area with Mr. Slott and looked at the property. The buildings have to be 150 feet from the swamp. Mr. Slott is now not interested.