

4. 82/7 Intersection – I reviewed the 82/7 intersection with the DOT managers, and asked if they would be interested in a State-County joint project to improve the turn radius from 82 to 7 going north. They indicated they would be interested if the Town or county could acquire the Tin Smith house and remove it.

5. Adopt a Highway – NYS DOT is interested in working with local organizations interested in adopting parts of state roads to assist with trash clean up. I will be circulating information next week via the email list to advise the community.

6. FAC Audit – The Financial Advisory Council has started the audit of the 2017 books and records of the Town Supervisor, Town Court, Town Tax Collector, Building Department and Planning/Zoning Department. Audit should be done by the end of April

7. Comp Plan Review Process – The first Comp Plan workshop will be Saturday, March 17 at 10 am, followed by a second workshop on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 pm. We have also scheduled additional Comp Plan discussion group meetings on April 5 with the Fire Company, and on April 7 with the Ancram, Ancramdale and Boston Corner Planning Groups

Mr. Bassin reported that following a meeting with the State Highway department where they discussed the dangerous intersection in the center of the Ancram hamlet, he approached the owner of the Tin Smith house and asked if he would be willing to donate the building to the town. He was in favor of this. Mr. Bassin will look into the process. Mr. Boice said that he would like to see the plans before a final decision is made.

Mr. Bassin brought to the Board's attention the resignation of Judge Wilcox. He asked the Board's feelings on how to move forward. A motion was made by Councilman Boice and seconded by Councilman Clark to allow the seat to remain open until the upcoming election on November 8, 2018 and to allow the court to bring in an outside judge if the workload becomes overwhelming. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Israel and seconded by Councilman Clark and moved for adoption. Resolution carried.

Resolution #12 of 2018

Judge Wittlinger Salary adjustment – Resolved, that the annual compensation for Judge George Wittlinger shall be increased from \$5000 per year to \$7500 per year effective on February 10, 2018 and continuing for so long as Judge Wittlinger serves as the only judge on the Ancram Town Court.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Boice and seconded by Councilman Clark and moved for adoption. Resolution carried.

Resolution #13 of 2018

TD Bank Investment Account – Resolved, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to deposit up to \$1 million with TD Bank in a liquid investment account for as long as the TD Bank interest rate is more attractive than rates for liquid deposit accounts offered by the Town’s other banks.

Camp/Pool

The camp/pool committee met again. Sarah Mason will be the camp director and Johanna Boice will continue as the aquatic director. The incoming children will need to be 4 ½ by June 1st and have attended preschool. Registration dates are being decided.

The Board decided that the proposed lawn giveaway day for unwanted yet still useful items would be too cumbersome to regulate. The Board decided to keep Town dump day/clean-up day as it has been in the past.

Highway Department

Mr. Miller reported that the department has put in 350 hours of overtime this winter. The department has been forced to purchase more salt and sand than expected, which will have to come out of the road repair budget.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Israel and seconded by Councilman Clark and moved for adoption. Resolution carried.

Resolution #14 of 2018

NYS DOT Shared Services Agreement – Resolved, that the Town Highway Superintendent is authorized to enter into a Shared Services agreement with the NYS Department of Transportation to facilitate NYS DOT assistance to the Town in situations where the Governor does not declare a state of emergency, and be it further resolved that the Town Highway Superintendent is authorized to enter into an “Undertaking” agreement with NYS DOT which outlines the towns rights and responsibilities related to doing work along NYS roads and right of ways in the Town of Ancram, and be it further resolved that the Town Highway superintendent is authorized to apply for NYS DOT work permits as necessary to do work along NYS roads and right of ways in the Town of Ancram.

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk Monica Cleveland reported that she has collected 81% of the taxes so far for the season.

Communications

Councilwoman Israel reported that that a newsletter will be coming out next month.

The following resolution was offered by by Councilman Boice and seconded by Councilwoman Israel and moved for adoption. Motion carried.

Resolution #15 of 2018

CSCTF Grant Application – Resolved, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to submit to NYSERDA an application prepared by the Climate Smart Community Task Force for an \$80,000 no match grant to be used to conduct an energy study of town buildings to identify ways to save energy, to implement selected energy savings measures in town buildings, and to offer town residents free LED lights in exchange for incandescent lights, the number and/or value of lights per household to be determined pending available funds.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Isreal and seconded by Councilman Clark to approve the following budget adjustment. Motion carried.

To 5142.4 Snow Removal from 5110.4 General Repairs, \$15,000.00

A motion was made by Councilwoman Israel and seconded by Councilman Clark to approve the warrant and pay the bills. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Boice and seconded by Councilman Clark to allow the Highway Superintendent to attend Highway School at Cornell in June. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilwoman Israel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Monica R. Cleveland
Ancram Town Clerk