

**Town of Ancram
Town Board
Tentative 2021 Budget Hearing
Zoom Meeting
September 17, 2020**

Present: Supervisor Arthur Bassin Councilman Hugh Clark
 Councilman David Boice Councilwoman Madeline Israel
 Councilwoman Bonnie Hundt Town Clerk Monica Cleveland
 Highway Superintendent James Miller

Supervisor Arthur Bassin called the Public Hearing for the 2021 Tentative Budget of the Town of Ancram to order at 6:45pm. The meeting had been properly noticed in the towns official papers and was being conducted via zoom due to the Covid Pandemic.

Mr. Bassin asked if there were any comments on the tentative budget from the public.

Tamara Gaskell of the RoeJan Library thanked the board for keeping the library funding equal to that in the 2020 budget.

Mr. Bassin felt that the sales tax numbers for 2020 look stronger than was anticipated due to the pandemic. Mr. Bassin said that once the board knows the third quarter number, they may wish to adjust the budget for the 2021 sales tax revenues.

Councilwoman Hundt asked if the town has begun to look for a building department clerk. Mr. Bassin stated that when the current clerk moves, the department will need a new clerk. Mr. Bassin suggested the town advertise the position to allow for Marie to train the person and have the new clerk overlap.

Councilwoman Hundt asked if Mr. Wittlinger was still the towns building manager. Mr. Bassin said that Mr. Wittlinger was but that for larger projects, like the Geothermal System, project managers will assist. Councilman Boice asked who took care of the everyday items in the building. Mr. Bassin said that the town has the part time highway employee do light maintenance and the town has a cleaning lady. Councilwoman Israel asked what Mr. Wittlinger is responsible for. Mr. Bassin said Mr. Wittlinger identifies jobs needing to be taken care of then someone from outside is brought in to do the work. Mr. Bassin said that if the board would like to look at this position further, they can decide to do so.

There being no more public comment, a motion was made by Councilwoman Israel and seconded by Councilwoman Hundt to close the tentative budget hearing. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Monica R. Cleveland, Ancram Town Clerk