

Draft Resolutions 1/20/2022

1. Iron Star Petition for Zoning Map Revision – Deferred to February Board Meeting

2. Adopt Local Law # 1 of 2022 – Zoning Amendment – separate attachment

3. Spreader for highway pickup – Resolved, that the Highway Superintendent is authorized to buy a spreader for one of the town pickup trucks to allow simultaneous plowing and sanding primarily on dirt roads.

4. Employee Handbook – Resolved, that the 2022 Employee Handbook is approved as presented.

5. Fee Schedule – Resolved, that the 2022 Fee Schedule is approved as presented

6. Organizational Resolutions – Resolved, that the 2022 Organizational Resolutions are approved as presented.

7. ASHP Bids – Resolved, that the Ancram Town Supervisor is authorized to enter into a contract with Ginocchio Electric of Ancram NY to provide electrical system upgrades and a new generator in accordance with the Town RFP at a cost not to exceed \$56,000, and is further authorized to enter into a contract with McCourt Heating & Cooling of Wappingers NY for the installation of two packaged air source heat pumps in accordance with the Town RFP at cost not to exceed \$30,500.

8. Ancramdale Neighbors Helping Grant – Resolved, that the Ancram Town Board approves a \$12,500 grant to the Ancramdale Neighbors Helping Neighbors Association to support the ANHNA's 2022 food delivery program, and that the Ancram Town Supervisor is authorized to allocate \$12,500 of the Town's ARPA funds to support this award.

9. Town Assessor Authority to Grant Exceptions on the 2022 Town Assessment Roll - WHEREAS, on December 26, 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul issued Executive Order No. 11, declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and **WHEREAS,** this State disaster emergency has resulted in limited hours in municipal offices in the Town of Ancram and rendered senior citizens and individuals with disabilities residing in the Town of Ancram homebound. These factors combined have made it difficult, if not impossible, for many in these populations to file their real property tax exemption applications in person and many, further, lack the ability to file such applications online; and **WHEREAS,** in recognition of the above problems caused by the pandemic, Governor Hochul issued Executive Order No. 11.1 on December 26, 2021, thereby extending Executive Order No. 11. This extension of the Governor's Executive Order modifies subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, the effect of which permits the governing body of an assessing unit (i.e., the Town Board of the Town of Ancram to adopt a Resolution directing the Assessor to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all property owners who received such exemptions on the 2021 assessment roll (i.e., senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income), thereby dispensing with the need for such persons to file

renewal applications to request such exemptions, and further dispensing with the requirement that assessors mail renewal applications to such persons; and **WHEREAS**, Executive Order 11.1 further allows the governing body of said assessing unit, in any such Resolution, at its option, to include procedures by which its Town Assessor may require a renewal application to be filed if he has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner or died; and **WHEREAS**, pursuant to said Executive Order, the Town Board of the Town of Ancram wishes to adopt such Resolution directing the Town Assessor of the Town of Ancram to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all eligible senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income, and granting the Town Assessor of the Town of Ancram the authority to require renewal applications for due cause, as discussed above, utilizing procedures outlined below;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 11.1, issued by the Governor of the State of New York, that the Town Board of the Town of Ancram hereby directs the Town Assessor of the Town of Ancram to:

1. Grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all individuals who received the senior exemption on the 2021 assessment roll and all individuals who received the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll because they were recognized as a person with disabilities and limited income, thereby dispensing with the need for any such individuals to file renewal applications for such exemptions, except that;
2. The Town Assessor may, in his sole discretion, require a renewal application to be timely filed with his office if he has reason to believe that any such individual, who qualified for the aforementioned exemption on the 2021 assessment roll, may have since changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed for the relevant property, transferred such property to a new owner or died. If the Town Assessor requires such renewal application be filed, he shall notify the owner of the subject property of such requirement by regular mail, with such notice shall containing instructions on how to file the renewal application. Said renewal application may be returned by mail or by making an appointment to drop same off at the Town Assessor's office, 1416 County Route 7, Ancram NY 12502.