

the question then is why John over Bonnie. Ms. Mary Murfitt spoke and noted that Mr. Ingram works in Long Island and she has not seen him at a Town Board meeting. Mr. MacArthur said that he would like to think about this. Mr. Steve Olyha reminded those that the town had elected Mr. MacArthur and that means his judgement and temperament should be trusted. Mr. Olyha felt that the characterizing of Mr. Ingram in this matter is not fair. Ms. Hundt felt that this was an important decision and that the entire board needs to agree on this.

The following resolutions were offered by Councilwoman Hundt and seconded by Councilwoman Lutz and moved for adoption with the removal of the Deputy Supervisor appointment at this time. Resolutions passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #1 of 2024: Legal Representation: Resolved that the Town of Ancram will continue current arrangements with attorneys John Lyons and Elena Defio-Kean to provide legal services for the Town of Ancram during 2024, and has retained Johnathon Tingley of Gilchrist Tingley to represent the Town in Article 7 and Article 78 matters, other matters arising out of the 2023 Revaluation and other general legal matters services as requested. Services will be provided as requested by the Town Board, and by Town Departments, Boards and Committees with prior approval of the Town Supervisor, at agreed on hourly rates; further resolved that the Ethics Board, Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Zoning Revisions Committee and the Subdivision Regulations Revision Committee may use these designated attorneys, or retain legal counsel of their choice, subject to the prior approval of the Town Board.

Resolution #2 of 2024: Property, Liability and other Insurance: Resolved that the Ancram Town Board accepts the proposals of the Kneller/Brad Peck Agency to renew the property, inland marine, automobile, public officials, general liability and liability umbrella insurance coverage through the US Specialty Insurance Company and Tokio Marine HCC Company beginning January 4, 2024 for a premium not to exceed \$33,000.

Resolution #3 of 2024: Appointments and Designations: Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ancram does hereby make or reaffirm the following official appointments and designations for the year 2023, with all appointments to continue at the pleasure of the Board, except as otherwise noted.

Appointments

Budget Officer: Steve Olyha

Bookkeeper: Monica Cleveland

Deputy Town Supervisor: TBD

Town Attorneys: John Lyons, Elena Defio-Kean, Jonathon Tingley

Town Planning/Zoning Consultant: Nan Stolzenburg

Town Engineers: George Schmitt, CPL Engineering; Pat Prendergast

Town Historian: Robin Massa

Deputy Town Historian: TBD

Town Hall Building Manager: Brian Ingles

Deputy Town Hall Building Manager: TBD

Town Assessor: Rene Deleeuw (appointed through September 2026)

Assessor's clerk: Monica Cleveland

Building Inspector, Zoning Enforcement and Code Enforcement officer: Ed Ferratto

Deputy Building Inspector – TBD
Clerk for Building Inspector/ ZEO/CEO: Pat Millius
Planning Board/ZBA Clerk: J Hoffman
Deputy Planning Board/ZBA Clerk - TBD
Animal Control Officer: Richard Prentice
Emergency Preparedness Coordinators: Jim MacArthur, Jim Miller, Dave Boice, Devon Rueger
Registrar of Vital Statistics: Monica Cleveland
Records Management Officer: Monica Cleveland
Foil Officer: Monica Cleveland
Clerk of the Town Court: Ruth Wittlinger
Deputy Clerk of the Town Court: Lori Weigl
Deputy Town Clerk: Ruth Wittlinger,
Deputy Tax Collector: Ruth Wittlinger,
Kid's Summer Camp Director: Ruth Van Wagner
Ancram Pool Director: Jen Boice
Head lifeguard: Johanna Skoda
Town Accountant: Brian Fitzgerald
Insurance agent & agencies: Kirk Kneller – Kneller, Brad Peck, Lofgren & Apollo agencies
Town Designations
Official Town Bank/Depositories: Bank of Greene County, Key Bank
Banks for Treasury Bill Investments – KeyCorp; Bank of Greene County
Town Justices Depositories: Bank of Greene County
Town Clerk Depository: Bank of Greene County
Town Tax Collector Depository: Bank of Greene County
Official Newspapers: The Register Star and the Columbia Paper
Official Dog Kennels: Pine Plains Vet Clinic; Columbia Greene Humane Society, Fraser Kennels,
Town of Pine Plains
Town Representatives to Columbia County
Representatives to the Advisory Council to the Office of the Aging: Madeleine Israel, Erma Bressler
Representative to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Board: Bill Gillers
Representative to the County Environmental Management Council: Colleen Lutz
Representative to the Columbia County Climate Smart Community Task Force: Suzan Flamm
Official Polling Places: District #1 and 2: Ancram Town Hall
Resolution #4 of 2024: Frequency of Compensation: The Town Board of the Town of Ancram does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to compensate Officials of the Town for duties performed on the following basis:
Annually: Town Historian, Assistant Town Historian
Quarterly: Town Board, Town Supervisor, Town Justices, and Town Hall Building Manager
Monthly: Pool Director
Every other week: Highway Department Superintendent and Personnel, Animal Control Officer, Assessor, Town Clerk, Registrar, Tax Collector, ZEO/CEO; summer life guards and kids' camp staff, Camp Director, Head Lifeguard, Planning and Zoning Board Clerks, Building Department

Clerk, Court Clerks, Town Hall Cleaning Custodian, Assessor's Clerk, Technology Committee Owl Operators

Resolution #5 of 2024: Authorizations, Policies & Procedures: Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ancram approves the following authorizations, policies & procedures:

5.1 The Highway Superintendent and Town Supervisor are authorized to spend up to \$5,000 for an unbudgeted item without prior Town Board approval, and are authorized to purchase budgeted materials and services up to the amount in the approved highway and general fund budgets without prior Town Board approval.

5.2 Mileage reimbursement for Town Officials performing their duties on Official Town Business will be set at the IRS rate per mile.

5.3 The Town Board may accept bids from any NYS County and State bids that apply to the Town of Ancram, including but not limited to gasoline, propane, heating oil, diesel fuel, salt, stone, road oil, tires and culvert pipe, so long as State and County bids are equal to or less than locally available alternatives, but the Town Board may also select suppliers that are not the best price but provide, in the judgement of the Town Board, the best value based on reliability and service.

5.4 Salaries and per hour pay rates for elected and appointed officials and employees for the year 2024 will be in accordance with the approved 2024 budget.

5.5 The official meeting of the Ancram Town Board will be the third Thursday of each month, at 7 pm at the Ancram Town Hall, 1416 County Route 7, the official meeting of the Ancram Planning Board will be on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Ancram Town Hall, 1416 County Route 7 and the official meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be the 4th Monday of each month at the Ancram Town Hall, 1416 County Route 7 at 7 pm.

5.6 Salaries for appointed clerks will be recommended by the Budget Officer and approved by the Town Board as part of the budget process.

5.7 The Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for, accept and open all bids presented before this Board, with such bids in sealed envelopes, marked "sealed bids".

5.8 Departmental clerks are authorized to purchase all necessary supplies, stationery office equipment and dockets on behalf of their departments not to exceed total budgeted amounts included in the 2024 budgets for such purchases as part of each department's budgeted .4 account, in accordance with the approved Town Purchasing Policy.

5.9 The Town Supervisor and Deputy Town Supervisor are each authorized to sign Town checks less than \$10,000 without having them countersigned. Checks for \$10,000 and more must be signed by both the Town Supervisor and the Deputy Supervisor. If either the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor is unavailable to countersign a check of \$10,000 or more, any Town Board member is authorized to provide the second signature.

5.10 All conferences and training attended by any Town official or employee and paid for by the Town in excess of \$100 must be approved, in advance, by the Town Board. Training and conferences that will be attended by the Town Supervisor or any Town Board member and paid for by the Town of Ancram in excess of \$200 must be approved, in advance, by the Town Board.

5.11 Town purchasing policies will follow standard NYS purchasing guidelines unless otherwise specified in the approved Town Purchasing Policy Document.

5.12 Town investment policy is to maintain funds in interest bearing money market or liquid investment accounts with the Town's depository banks, with deposits over FDIC insured limits

collateralized by securities pledged by the Town's depository bank or their agents or by letters of credit. In rate environments when short term US treasury securities offer significantly higher yields than bank money market rates, the Town Supervisor is authorized to invest town funds in short term US treasury securities purchased through the town's depository banks and their brokerage affiliates. The Town Supervisor shall report all trades in short term US treasury securities and the Town's net position in US treasury securities to the Town Board and the Financial Advisory Council monthly, as part of the Town's normal monthly financial reporting process.

5.13 Town will follow NYS and Town of Ancram FOIL laws, and will respond to FOIL requests within 20 business days, except in situations where the amount of information requested is significant enough to make the 20 business day turnaround impractical. There will be a 25 cent per page fee for all documents requested.

5.14 The Ancram Town Board will hold a public hearing on the Tentative Budget prior to the September Town Board meeting, a second public hearing on the Preliminary Budget prior to the October Town Board meeting and will consider the annual Budget for approval at the November Town Board meeting following a third public hearing.

5.15 To insure that the Town has adequate financial reserves to operate during the first two months of the year before current year taxes are received, to finance grant awards and CHIPS costs, to make periodic major equipment purchases without borrowing and to deal with unexpected or uncontrollable expense overruns or revenue shortfalls, and to deal with the unpredictable financial impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Town will maintain year-end fund balances totaling approximately 1.5X the amount of county, state and federal aid and grants received in the previous year, and based on receiving sales tax, mortgage tax, and CHIPS aid totaling approximately \$800,000 in 2023, that the Budget Officer will manage the Town's financial affairs to target a 2024 year-end fund balance totaling approximately \$750,000.

5.16 The Ancram Town Board will annually review and revise, if necessary, the Town Employee Manual, the Town Purchasing Policy, the Town Financial Control Process Manual, the Town Fee Schedule and the Town Hall Directory.

5.17. Whereas Town Law requires the Town Board to audit the Supervisor's financial records before January 20 of each year, and whereas prior year financial reports and records are not usually available by January 20, therefore it is the policy of the Ancram Town Board that the Ancram Town Board will review and audit, or have reviewed and audited by an outside auditor or the Financial Advisory Council, following NYS Comptroller Division guidelines, the books and records of the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Town Tax Collector and the books and records of the Building Department and Town Court annually, prior to the end of May each year.

5.18 The Ancram Town Board authorizes and requires all department heads to back up and store, outside of Town Hall and the Town Garage, all computer data needed to operate their departments at an alternate location in the event the current Town Hall or Highway Garage locations become unavailable for any reason; the Town Board further designates the Ancram Highway Garage and the Lutheran Church in Ancram as the Town Hall disaster recovery backup locations, designates the Town Hall as the Highway Department disaster recovery location, and authorizes the Town Supervisor to develop a disaster recovery plan which will allow the Town to reestablish Town Hall or Highway Department operations within 48 hours of a disaster forcing the closing of either the Town Hall or the Highway Garage.

5.19 The Ancram Town Board delegates to the Town Supervisor, and in his absence the Deputy Town Supervisor, the powers and duties necessary for the day-to-day administration of the Town.

5.20 Community organizations are authorized to use town facilities subject to the prior approval of the Town Supervisor, and subject to the community organization securing appropriate insurance to protect the Town from any liability arising out of the community organization's use of Town facilities.

5.21 The Highway Superintendent is authorized to enter into mutual aid agreements with NYS, counties, towns, villages, school districts and fire districts to provide support for and to receive support from these governmental entities; the Highway Superintendent shall notify the Town Board of all mutual aid agreements, and file a copy of each agreement with the Town Clerk.

5.22 The Highway Superintendent will submit the proposed annual 284 Contract to the Town Board for review and approval at or before the January Town Board meeting.

5.23 To insure bills are paid in a timely manner, the Town Supervisor or Deputy Town Supervisor in his absence, are authorized to pay bills without the prior approval of three Town Board members provided that the Town Board, Town Clerk and Town Accountant are notified of this action on the day of the payment, and Town Board approval is secured on the voucher as soon as possible, but no later than the next Town Board meeting.

5.24 The Town of Ancram will offer direct deposit of payroll to any employee who requests this service and provides the necessary information to the Town Supervisor or to the Town Clerk.

Resolution #6 of 2024: Appointments, Reappointments of Members and Chairs of Committees, Councils, Task Forces, Hamlet Planning Groups and Boards: That the Town Board of the Town of Ancram does hereby approve the following committee, commission, council, task force, hamlet planning group and board, appointments and reappointments of Chairpersons and members as indicated. All appointments are at the pleasure of the Board unless otherwise noted or governed by applicable law:

Camp/Pool Board

Madeleine Israel, Co-chair

Colleen Lutz Jeff Mousseau

Monica Cleveland Ruth Wittlinger Johanna Skoda Jen Boice

Lynne Perrella Paul Ricciardi

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA): (5 year terms expiring 12/31 of year listed)

Reappointment: Fred Schneeberger, 2028

Steve Olyha, 2024, Chair William Lutz, 2027

Sharon Cleveland, 2025 Ron Brant, 2026

Alternate: Carol Falcetti, 2025 Second alternate: Jim Stickle, 2027

Board of Assessment Review (BAR): (5 year terms expiring 9/30 of year listed)

Reappointment: Frederique Abramovic, 2028

Matthew Bernstein, 2024 Palmer Irving, 2026

Will Weiss, 2025 Steve Olyha, 2027

Alternate: Joe Brown, 2024

Planning Board (PB): (7 year terms expiring 12/31 of the year listed)

Reappointment: Erin Robertson, 2030, Vice Chair
Joe Crocco 2024, Chair Palmer Irving, 2028 Ann Rader, 2029
Bob Roche, 2025 Tom Brondolo 2027 Phillip Hack, 2026
Donald Tasch 2028, First Alternate Second Alternate TBD

Ethics Board: (5 year terms ending 12/31 of the year indicated):

David Dembo, 2024 Eric Weiner, 2025
Ron Brant, 2027 Jack Lindsey, Chair 2026 Linda Pulver, 2027 Sheila Gowan, Alternate, 2026
Second Alternate: TBD

Zoning Revisions Committee (ZRC):

Chair – TBD
Dennis Sigler Erin Robertson
Jim Miller Bob Roche Carol Falcetti
Steve Olyha Bonnie Hundt Kim Tripp

Ancram Town News Editorial Team:

Editor-in chief – Cathy Redlich
Joe Brown Marie Claude Stockl Susan Arterian
Bonnie Slonevsky Suzan Flamm Lynn Perrella
Brittany Morgan

Conservation Advisory Council (CAC):

Jane Meigs, Chair
Erin Robertson Jamie Purinton Jono Meigs
Kim Tripp Colleen Lutz Jay Lorenz
Walter Williamson Amy Gold
Choral Eddie, Associate member

Financial Advisory Council

John Ingram, Chair Mike Citrin
Steve Roberts Peter Scola Carol Falcetti
Steve Olyha Will Weiss Ann Rader
Jim Miller

Climate Smart Communities Task Force

Colleen Lutz, Co-chair Joe Brown, Co-chair
Madeleine Israel Doug Brenner Jeff Mousseau
Cathy Redlich Derek Porter Suzan Flamm
Paul Ricciardi Susan Arterian Elspeth Strang

Monument Committee (Design of new veterans' monument at Town Hall)

Jim MacArthur, Chair David Boice John Perrella

Hugh Clark Bob Wilcox

Economic Development

Paul Ricciardi, Chair Phil Dejan Dave Hall Bonnie Hundt

Housing Task Force

Bonnie Hundt, Co-chair Dave Hall, Co chair James Kennedy
Ann Rader Paul Ricciardi Terry Marx
B Docktor Elizabeth Gilmore Alexa Knight
Will Maitland Weiss

Ancram Hamlet Planning Group

Jay Corcoran, Chair Jeff Mousseau Lynne Perrella
Libby McKee Mike Roberts Ann Rader
Frederique Abramovici Cheryl McGuinness Paul Ricciardi
B Doctor Robin Massa Jaclyn Ryan
Santina Tirone James Kennedy Bob Bachler
Alexa Knight Mary Watkins Bob Dellureficio
Liz Dellureficio Susan Arterian Amy Allen
Nancy Grilikhes

Boston Corner Hamlet Planning Group

Carol Falcetti, Chair Jason Bram Gavin Berger
Craig Berggren Monica Blum Tom Brondolo
Stephen Bundshuh Dominick Buttner Beth Corteville
Angela Darling Bruce Darling Jed Dioguardi
Vanessa Dioguardi Chris Hiserodt Monica Hiserodt
Jim Grayson Robert Lemieux Brian O'Shea
Norman Osofsky Frank Schroeder Lisa Schwartz
Larry Stockl Marie-Claude Stockl Kristin Trautman
Anne Whitehouse Stephen Whitehouse Naomi Wolf

Accident Review Committee

Jim MacArthur, Chair David Boice Jim Miller

Technology Committee

Philip Hack, Chair Michael DelRossi Isalyn Connell

Strategic Investments Committee

Will Weiss, Chair Suzan Flamm James Kennedy
Carol Falcetti Steve Olyha Peter Scola
Ann Rader

Committee for Respectful Behavior

Jacyn Ryan, Chair Isalyn Connell, Vice Chair
Amy Allen Dave Hall Abby Westlake
Amy Gold, Board Liaison Bonnie Hundt, Board Liaison

Inactive Committees

Subdivision Regulations Revision Committee (SRRC)
Agricultural Advisory Council (AAC)
Heritage Resources Committee
Ancramdale Hamlet Planning Group
Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee
Broadband Committee
Trails Committee

Resolution #7 of 2024: Process for Appointments and Reappointments of Chairs, Members and Alternates of Boards, Committees, Councils, Task Forces and Hamlet Planning Groups:

Appointments to the four Boards with limited membership and fixed terms - the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Ethics Board and Board of Assessment Review - are made by the Town Board based on the recommendations of the Board Chairs.

When a Board member's term expires, that individual shall be reappointed if she/he is interested in reappointment and there are no issues of concern that have been voiced to the Town Board either by the Board chair or existing board members.

If an incumbent member is not reappointed or resigns, the first alternate shall be considered for appointment for the open Board position.

If a board chair resigns, the Town Board shall appoint a new board chair based on the recommendation of the outgoing board chair and input from the members of that board. Both the deputy chair and other existing board members with experience on that board should be considered with preference given to the deputy chair.

When an alternate position on one of these four Boards is vacant, the Town will advertise for applicants via Ancramemail and by public notice, and an interview committee consisting of the Board Chairperson, at least two members of the Board and up to two Town Board members will be convened to interview the applicants and recommend appointments to the Town Board.

The Town Supervisor and Chairpersons of committees, councils, task forces, hamlet planning groups and boards are responsible for recruiting members and recommending appointments to the Town Board.

Town Board Member Comments:

Councilwoman Hundt asked that the town board place politics aside and do their best for the town.

Councilwoman Lutz thanked everyone for the warm welcome to the board.

Highway Department:

Highway Superintendent Jim Miller warned everyone that there is a large storm coming in.

There being no more business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Lutz and seconded by Councilwoman Hundt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Monica R. Cleveland, RMC
Ancram Town Clerk