



Ancram Town Board Agenda February 20, 2025

6:45pm: Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2025: Amended and Restated Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Worker Property Tax Exemption.

7:00pm: Regular Town Board Meeting.

Moment of Silence for Denise Hamm

Meeting called to order by Supervisor MacArthur with a Salute to the Flag.

Recusal Check

Motion and Second to approve the 2025 Organizational Meeting Minutes and the January Town Board Meeting minutes.

Supervisors Report

Highway Department Report

Town Clerk and Tax Collector Report

Town Board Member Comments:

Councilwoman Hundt: -Housing Report

Councilwoman Gold- Intersection update

Councilman Boice-

Councilwoman Lutz- Planning Board and Zoning Board report (appointment of new members)

-Blass Pavilion Project update

-Discussion on Grant Writer position

Old Business:

Discussion on proposed Local Law #1 of 2025.
Town Hall Roof Repair and Solar Pannels

Public Comment

Resolutions:

Resolution #8 of 2025: Local Law #1 of 2025: Amended and Restated Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Worker Property Tax Exemption

WHEREAS: The Town of Ancram has been instructed by Columbia County Department of Real Property to update Local Law #5 of 2023;

RESOLVED: That the Town Of Ancram does hereby pass Local Law #1 of 2025: Amended and Restated Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Worker Property Tax Exemption.

Resolution #9 of 2025: Appointment of member to CAC:

RESOLVED: That the Town of Ancram does hereby appoint Tom Ciano to the Conservation Advisory Council.

Resolution #10 of 2025: Appointment of member to the Housing Committee

RESOLVED: That the Town of Ancram does hereby appoint Tom Ciano to the Ancram Housing Committee.

Resolution #11 of 2025: Intersection Safety Improvements at the Ancram Intersection of State Rt. 82 and Cty Rt. 7:

RESOLVED, that the Ancram Town Board supports the plan by the NYS DOT, described in their communication dated 2.6.25, to convert the existing two-way slip in the center of town to a one-way slip, and for progressing with signing and pavement marking improvements that will address safety concerns at the intersection of State Rt. 82 and County Rt. 7 in Ancram. It is understood that the new slip ramp would not be addressed by Department forces in the short term but would be added to a local project or permit.

Resolution #12 of 2025: WHEREAS The Town Board of the Town of Ancram has received notice of a grant funding award in the amount of \$125,000 from the Office of Didi Barrett on May 18, 2023. The funds were awarded to make improvements and upgrades to Blass Memorial Field and Park;

AND WHEREAS The Town of Ancram owns Blass Memorial Field and Park; and the grant stipulations include demonstrating a budget line item to showing the "Project will be funded by a line item from an adopted budget, a letter from the Grantee's Financial Officer along with an adopted budget resolution....".

AND WHEREAS The Town Board of the Town of Ancram supports the improvements to Blass Memorial Field and Park including, by not limited to, the construction of a pavilion for community use;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to establish an additional line in the 2025 budget for funding for the Blass Field Pavilion and Park Upgrades in the amount of \$125,000, naming 8020.4HTF as said budget line.

Resolution #13 of 2025: Town Clerk Conference

RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Ancram does hereby grant permission for the Town Clerk to attend the 2025 New York State Town Clerks Association Convention April 27-30, 2025 in Syracuse, NY.

RESOLUTION #14 OF 2025: In Recognition and Appreciation of Service To the Town Of Ancram by Fred Schneeberger

WHEREAS, The Town of Ancram takes pride in having devoted volunteers on various boards and committees;

AND WHEREAS, Fred Schneeberger served on the Town of Ancram Zoning Board of Appeals for nearly three decades,

AND WHEREAS, Fred Schneeberger was well-respected and served as a dedicated member of the Town of Ancram Zoning Board,

AND WHEREAS, Fred Schneeberger also volunteered his time to town projects, most recently the Blass Park project,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ancram recognizes and extends it's deep appreciation to Mr. Schneeberger for his years of service to the Town of Ancram.

Motion and Second to approve the warrants and pay the bills.

Motion and Second to enter executive session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion and Second to exit executive session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation and reconvene the regular meeting.

Motion and Second to adjourn the meeting.