

From the Desk of the Supervisor:

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Workshop- The Town Board continued its discussion about the ZRC and the need to rethink zoning to address affordability in Ancram. Doug Larsen, an Ancram business owner, gave a quick presentation about his area of expertise and how his experience could help focus the ZRC to streamline the code and address some of the issues surrounding mixed use, multifamily dwellings, density controls in hamlets.

The Flag Day parade in Hudson was discussed and how the Ancram float will be decorated. It was suggested that Town Board members and Town Clerk should ride the float.

The Town Meadow project was discussed. After discussion with the group from the Resilient Farms and Gardens group, they have decided to work with a private landowner for the project. There was concern about the proximity to the helipad and difficulty to get water to the planting areas.

The board agreed that the phone system needed to be upgraded. The Tech Committee submitted an example quote from Nextiva which was for 15 lines for 2 years. The Board agreed that additional work need to be done to figure out how many lines were needed and what the final cost would be.

The board reviewed the pavilion rules and made several edits to the proposed sign and signup procedure and forms.

Regular Meeting-

The supervisor gave a brief report about the county Public Safety and Public Works Committees. She also discussed the Pine Plains Central School Building Utilization Committee meetings. At the County Government committee meeting, she learned about the Columbia Forward Microenterprise Grant offered by CEDC, aimed at local small businesses with 5 or fewer employees, with at least one being the owner. She also reported that the Gallatin substation would be closed indefinitely until the County could analyze the impacts and costs of solid waste operation in the county.

Highway Superintendent Jim Miller gave the report for the highway department.

The Town Clerk and Tax Collector Monica Cleveland gave the report for the town clerk's office. She also reported that she had attended the NYS Clerks Association Conference. At the conference the clerks took classes related to identification of human trafficking and AI in Government. She also gave the Meerkat report.

Councilmember Jennifer Boice reported that there would a be a roadside cleanup in May. In June or July, she indicated that she would like to have a town CPR class, perhaps on a Saturday. She also indicated that she had continued to interview for additional lifeguards and would like to have at least one older guard WSI certified.

Councilmember Amy Gold reported that she was continuing to coordinate a Senior's Day with the CC Office for the Aging to help connect seniors and caregivers with programs offered in the county. It will be in July, on a Saturday, and open to the towns of Ancram, Copake, Gallatin, Hillsdale, Taghkanic. She also reported that the utility pole in the center of Ancram had been moved by Central Hudson.

Council member David Boice shared that the fire company had been extremely busy that month. He also reported about the condition of communications along Route 22 during a very serious auto accident. He also reminded the community that there was a burn ban until May 14th and that conditions were extremely dry.

Old Business items were discussed, including the 250th celebration, Town-Wide Yard Sale, Pavilion Rules and Regulations and Reservation Procedures.

New business items were discussed, including the Town Pool, Planning and Zoning Board Operations. A resolution was passed to accept Jessica Myers as the deputy Planning and Zoning Clerk.