

From the Desk of the Supervisor:

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August 2026 Town Board Meeting

Workshop- The board began the budget process in August, what the proposed timeline for the budget discussions and when the public hearings and workshops would be scheduled. The Budget Officer explained that he would be meeting with the departments to go over upcoming 2027 expenses and with the accountant to develop the tentative budget for the September meeting. He reported that the FAC recommended a tax increase above the tax cap after reviewing the 2026 budget and expenditures to date (7/31/2026).

Senior and Low-Income Disabled Law:

The board discussed the possibility of passing local laws to amend our exemption limit for both Senior and Low-Income Disabled homeowners to match the county lower income limit, as was done in 2023. Some towns, like Taghkanic, have already opted to offer the maximum lower exemption limit allowable in New York State, which was \$50,000 (2023). In 2026, that limit was raised. If Ancram were to adopt the same lower income limit as the county (\$45,000), using 2026 figures, the cost to non-exempted property owners would be approximately \$0.05/\$100,000 of total value on their county taxes.

Regular Meeting-

The supervisor gave a brief report about the activity at the county Board of Supervisors and Public Safety and Public Works Committees.

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 reported that the KISS program was scheduled for September 14th. She also reported that the Roe Jan Young at Hearters had submitted a letter for support for 2027. Each year the Town gives the group \$1,000 and many of the members are Town of Ancram residents.

Councilmember Jennifer Boice reported that she has scheduled CPR classes for September 10th and September 14th. Due to a generous donation, the costs would be reduced per person for the training. The pool would be open, pending staffing, from 11 am- 6pm until Labor Day.

Councilmember Amy Gold reported that the Tech committee was continuing work on the website. Isalyn Connell was reaching out to each of the departments to define priorities and demo the new layout.

Council member David Boice shared that he was pleased with the town pool and swimming lessons. He also discussed the town board censure in July and showed a video from 2024 which highlighted a violation in the code of conduct.

Old Business items were discussed; town hall building updates and the town committee attendance policy. The Board also discussed the 2027 budget schedule and decided on the following dates:

September 17th- Tentative Budget presented to town board and public hearing

October 6th- Budget Workshop 6pm?

October 15th- Preliminary Budget and Override Tax Cap Local Law and a public hearing for both
November 19th- Workshop – final budget changes, if needed, Regular Meeting- Approval of Final Budget
November 20th – Submission of Budget

New business items included Senior and Low Income Disabled Exemption Laws, and the 2026 Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence Training schedule.