

To: Ancram Town Board
From: Art Bassin 
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Subject: Supervisor's Report – January 2012

January Financial Report: January spending came in substantially under budget as we benefitted from no snow, eliminating the sand, salt, overtime and fuel costs related to plowing. Total spending in January was \$56,000, about 4% of the full year budget. We ended January with about \$509,000 in the bank, and received a \$60,000 4Q 2011 sales tax check and \$844,675 from the Town Tax Collector early in February, giving us a current cash balance in mid-February of about \$1.4 million. While you have seen preliminary December and January financial reports, final December and January reports and the Annual Update Report we will send to the Comptroller's office will not be ready until later this month.

Intersection Advisory Committee: The Intersection Advisory Committee met on February 4 to discuss the County's plan to improve traffic safety at the 82/7 intersection in Ancram. Notes from that meeting are attached. The Committee concluded that best case would be if the County could do the needed traffic safety improvements at the intersection without moving or taking the Tin smith House down. This has been shared with the county. We plan to meet with the County again on Thursday, February 16 just prior to the Town Board meeting, so I expect to have more to report about the 82/7 intersection is plan at the Board meeting

Cell Tower Status: The Mariner application at the Tucker site on 82 at the Gallatin boarder is still on hold at Mariner's request, as they seek ATT approval for alternate sites. I have received a call from a different tower development company which indicated they too were looking for sites for ATT in the Ancram/Gallatin area. More on this as it develops.

County Issues

County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan: Members of the County Ag Plan Committee met in Ancram last night with members of the Ancram Ag Council, the Claverack Ag Committee, the Columbia Land Conservancy and Gallatin Supervisor Tom Garrick to review progress on the County Ag Plan. A draft of the County ag plan should be available for review in a couple of months.

Financial Reports: As promised by BOS Chair Pat Grattan, Supervisors have started receiving monthly financial reports covering County departmental revenues and costs compared to budget, and the monthly County Treasurer's report.

DSS Space: We expect to hear about the Phase 2 on the 25 RR Avenue space later this month. Unless the contamination assessment suggests it is not possible to keep DSS at 25 RR Ave, I will support the idea that DSS buys and stays at 25 RR Ave, which will save the county \$400,000 a year in rent.

Fire Coordinator: Nothing new on this issue.