

**To: Ancram Town Board**  
**From: Art Bassin**  
**Date: June 17, 2012**  
**Subject: Supervisor's Report**



**May Financial Report:** Spending for the five months ending May 2012 totaled \$472,000, about \$95,000 better than the YTD budget and about \$80,000 better than last year. Our spending this year continues to benefit from a mild winter, with snow removal and fuel costs down from last year by over \$40,000, from moving our Rescue Squad costs to the county (\$41,000) and from having no playground costs this year (\$20,000). Revenues, in aggregate, continue to track slightly above budget. We ended May with \$1,108,000 in the bank, and assuming no unpleasant surprises, expect to end the year with over \$500,000. The detailed budgets reports were been emailed to you last week.

**ZRC Package 3:** Hugh Clark has indicated we will receive Package 3 of the zoning revisions at our June 21 TB meeting. Among other things, this set of proposed revisions includes the updated use table.

**Revised Cell Tower Law:** We will consider the revised cell tower law for adoption at the June 21 Town Board meeting, following a public hearing immediate prior to the Town Board meeting at 6:30.

**Cell Tower Status:** Mariner has applied to the Town of Gallatin for a tower permit for a site just off Wilmer Hill Road, which is opposite the County Transfer Station on SR 82. This site is slightly west of the Tucker site in Ancram that has been withdrawn, and will give Ancram pretty much the same coverage as the Tucker site would have. Mariner's tower in Copake is up and being fitted with antennas. The site just north of Jackson Corners on the west side of the Taconic has been approved, and will be constructed over the next 6 months or so.

**Dog Census:** We have received one proposal, from Animal Control Officer Wes Powell, to conduct a dog census. The proposed fee is \$2000. We'll discuss and decide next steps at the 6/21 meeting.

**Purchasing Policy:** We will do a final review the Purchasing Policy Draft at the TB meeting Thursday and consider it for adoption.

**Gift of Property:** We have been offered an half acre parcel adjacent to the town garage as a gift. There are some back taxes due, and there is a lien on the property we would have to work with the county to lift. We will discuss and decide our next steps at the 6/21 meeting.

**County Certified Home Health Care Agency:** The County BOS voted against selling the County Certified Home Health Care Agency, which loses \$750,000 according to the county controller, to a private company. I voted in favor of the sale, because I think a private company that specializes in this kind of service can do at least as good a job as the county, and save the County a lot of money. Those who voted against the sale expressed concerns about the quality of the service that would be given by a private company motivated by profits. I am hopeful that we can resolve the open issues and reconsider this sale over the next few months.