

**To: Ancram Town Board**  
**From: Art Bassin**  
**Date: May 13, 2012**  
**Subject: Supervisor's Report**



**April Financial Report:** Spending for the four months ending April 2012 totaled \$386,000, about \$62,000 better than the YTD budget and about \$104,000 better than last year. Our spending this year through April has benefited from a mild winter, with snow removal and fuel costs down from the April YTD 2011 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, appear to be tracking slightly above budget. We ended April with \$1,108,000 in the bank, and assuming no unpleasant surprises, expect to end the year with over \$500,000. The April YTD Financial Summary Chart is attached. The detailed financial reports are available on the home page of the Town website ([www.townofancram.org](http://www.townofancram.org)) as part of the background for the May TB meeting, and at Town Hall, and have been emailed to you separately.

**Ancram Revitalization Committee:** The Ancram Revitalization committee met again last Saturday to continue the discussion leading to the development of a Historical and Cultural Resources Plan. The objective of this effort is to develop a Plan which will identify the unique qualities of our Town and help attract investors and grant funding to support the revitalization of Ancram.

**Salt Shed Siding:** Our basic options are 1) replace or repair the wooden siding and paint the salt shed, 2) vinyl siding, 3) board and batten, or 4) Hardy Plank, similar to what is on the Garage. We should have cost estimates for each option by Thursday night.

**82/7 Intersection:** No new news. We are waiting for the county and the State DOT to agree on next steps and a timetable.

**Cell Tower Status:** No new news. We are waiting for Mariner to get ATT approval and apply for the site on the Gallatin-Ancram border they say they have secured.

**Roadside Tree Cutting Policy:** We will discuss this again, and determine if we want to adopt the County Highway Department's tree cutting policy. The County policy is outlined in the draft resolutions.

**Dog Census:** We will put out a RFP into the papers next week for the dog census, and will circulate the RFP public notice to the Ancramemail list. We should have proposals by the June TB meeting.

**Purchasing Policy:** We will review the Purchasing Policy Draft at the TB meeting Thursday. I will circulate a revised draft which incorporates comments before our meeting.

**Building Permit Letter:** We will also review the draft Building Permit letter at the TB meeting. The purpose of this letter is to communicate how the building permit process works, to help people understand what they need permits for and why, and to encourage compliance with the NYS Uniform Fire and Building Code and Town zoning laws.

**DSS:** The County Board of Supervisors voted at the May 9 meeting to buy 25 Railroad Avenue for about \$1.3 million. This will save the county over \$400,000 a year in rent, and once we do some improvements to the building and the sites, should provide DSS with a long term space solution.