

To: Ancram Town Board
From: Art Bassin 
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Subject: Monthly Supervisors Report

Financial Report: Spending for the nine months ending September 2012 totaled \$1,029,000, about on budget, and about \$160,000 better than September YTD last year. Our spending this year continues to benefit from the mild winter (\$45,000), from moving our Rescue Squad costs to the county (\$84,000) and from having no playground costs this year (\$20,000). Revenues, in aggregate, appear to be tracking slightly above budget. We ended September with \$817,000 in the bank, and assuming no unpleasant surprises, expect to end the year with over \$550,000 in the bank, which is about \$50,000 more than I have been expecting. The September YTD Financial Summary Chart is attached. The detailed budget reports are available on the home page of the Town website (www.townofancram.org) as part of the background for the September TB meeting, and at Town Hall, and have been emailed to you separately.

Zoning Revisions: We will review and adopt Package 3 with the proposed minor revisions to setbacks at the TB meeting next week, and will discuss Package 4, which we will consider for adoption at the November TB meeting. Public Hearing for package 4 is Monday, October 17 at 7 pm.

2013 Preliminary Budget: We will do a public hearing on the Preliminary 2013 Town Budget at 6:30 on October 18, right before the TB meeting. The Preliminary Budget proposes a tax cut of \$33,000 and a contingent account of \$72,000. We will consider the budget for adoption at the November TB meeting.

82/7 Intersection: The County and State are starting on this project this month.

Wind Turbines: We will be getting a short presentation on wind turbines and the low wind speed noise problems on Carson Rd on Thursday from Doug Passeri of Hudson Valley Wind Energy.

Historical and Cultural Resources Survey: We have received about \$8500 in donations so far. I hope to have \$10,000 by the end of the year.

Dog Law: We will discuss a proposed new dog law on Thursday, modeled on the New Lebanon law.

County Issues

Homeless shelter: With the number of homeless singles at around 16, down 50% from a year ago, the plan for the 37 room homeless facility has been tabled. DSS is looking into other options.

2013 County Budget: The County has started the 2013 budget process, and will be looking to hold County taxes flat again in 2013, for the third consecutive year. Nothing definite will be available probably until mid-November