

To: Ancram Town Board
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Subject: Supervisor's Report



August Financial Report: Spending for the eight months ending August 2012 totaled \$874,000, about \$23,000 better than the YTD budget and about \$200,000 better than YTD August last year. Our spending this year continues to benefit from the mild winter, from moving our Rescue Squad costs to the County, and from having no playground costs this year.

Revenues continue to tracking slightly better than budget. We ended August with \$820,000 in the bank, and assuming no unpleasant surprises, expect to end the year with over \$550,000 in the bank.

The August 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 August TB meeting, and at Town Hall, and have been emailed to you separately.

Garage Loan payment: We have a garage loan payment coming up this month. We have to decide if we want to pay the \$40,000 contractual 10 year amortization, or more. As you may recall, we budgeted a repayment of \$80,000.

Package 3 – Zoning Revisions: We will review a revised Package 3 of the Zoning Revisions at Thursday's TB meeting and consider it for adoption

Package 4 – Zoning Revisions: Hugh Clark has indicated that we should get Package 4 to consider this month.

2013 Town Budget: We will hold our first public hearing on the 2013 budget at 6:30, prior to the 9/20 TB meeting. Open issues include the possibility for salary increases for elected and appointed officials who have not had increase in 5 years, and whether we should continue to increase our reserves or consider a tax reduction.

82/7 Intersection: Dave Robinson will be at the 9/20 TB meeting to review where we are with the intersection. The County is waiting for State DOT work permit before it begins work. The Intersection Advisory Committee will review the intersection plan at 5:30 on 9/20, prior to the TB.

Historical and Cultural Resources Survey: We have received \$4525 in donations for this project, have commitments for an additional \$2000, and indications from several residents that they will cover any shortfalls in fundraising.

County homeless housing: The number of homeless singles needing county emergency housing has dropped to 16 people in 14 rooms as of the end of August. The proposal for a 37 room facility seems hard to justify at this point. The County is rethinking this situation.