

**To: Ancram Town Board**  
**From: Art Bassin**  
**Date: 2/12/2016**  
**Subject: January 2017 Supervisor's Report**



**1. Financial Report** – Normal month. Received tax receipts of \$781,000. Cash on hand at month end was \$1.546 million excluding the \$273,000 fire tax money we had on hand, which we paid to the Fire District early in February. Not in the January cash on hand is \$57,250 in 2016 culvert grant reimbursements and the \$69,000 4Q sales tax check received last week.

**2. Doodletown Wildlife Management Area** – Ken Leggett reported that NYS DEC recently bought five parcels in Ancram between Doodletown and Westfall roads totaling 325 acres as part of a 689 acre purchase to set up the Doodletown Wildlife Management Area. We will lose about \$3000 in property taxes.

### **3. Highway**

**a. Houghtaling Property** – Highway Superintendent Jim Miller has received a quote for removing the asbestos shingles on the Houghtaling house of about \$11,000. Assuming there is no interior asbestos, the Highway Department can demolish the rest of the building. We will have the interior inspected to see if we are asbestos free.

**b. Hall Hill culvert** – We have started planning for the implementation of the Hall Hill culvert, which will be done next summer. Hall Hill will be a concrete culvert installation similar to the Pat's Rd project.

**c. Snyder Rd** - We are in the process of comparing the DEC recommended open bottom concrete culvert solution against a larger pipe option. If we go with a larger pipe, it appears the Highway Department will be able to do the work in less time and at a lower cost than if we install another concrete culvert using outside resources. We are examining the advantages and disadvantages of both options related to cost, capacity and aquatic passability. If we decide to move ahead with another concrete culvert, we will apply for additional DEC grant funds.

**4. Kids Camp & Pool** – The Camp/Pool Board will have its first meeting on 2/15 at 10 am. Grant requests have been submitted to Rheinstrom Hill, Bank of Greene County, Berkshire Taconic Foundation and Stewarts.

**5. Planning/Zoning Alternate law** – We will review a draft of a local law which permits Planning Board and ZBA alternate members to replace regular members for reasons other than a conflict of interests. We will schedule this local law for a public hearing prior to the March TB meeting, and will consider it for adoption in April or May after County Planning Board review.

**6. National Historic District Designation** – We received official notification in January that the Ancram Historic District had been officially recognized in the National Registry of Historic Places. Work on the Ancramdale Historic District will begin later in 2017.

**7. FAC Audit** – FAC will begin is 2016 Audit of Town books and records in March.

**8. TH Repairs & Maintenance** – We have had and have a variety of TH repair and maintenance issues facing us, including uneven pavement along the walkway to the front door, ice in the parking lot, replacing exterior doors, securing light fixtures, telephone system problems and replacing the humidity control system in the records room. We are likely to exceed our building budget in 2017, as we did not budget for any major repairs.

**9. Rabies clinic** - March 14 at the Town Garage. 10-11 cats. 11-12 dogs. Details to follow.