

**To: Ancram Town Board**  
**From: Art Bassin**  
**Date: March 11, 2018**  
**Subject: Supervisor's Report**



**1. Financial Report** – No financial surprises in February. Highway spending on snow removal will require that we add \$15,000 to the snow removal budget to restock our sand and salt supply. February spending in in both the general fund and highway fund was slightly lower than last year. Cash as of the end of February was \$1,428,000.

**2. TD Bank Investment Account** – We have opened an investment account with TD Bank which currently will pay us 1.4% (compared to .5% from BOGC). BOGC has made the argument that we should stay with them at the lower rate because TD Bank has been accused (apparently incorrectly) of discriminatory lending practices, has not invested as aggressively in Columbia County, and does not employ as many people in the County as BOGC. FAC discussed the BOGC arguments and concluded we should go ahead and move money to TD. We are ready to move money into the TD account, which I plan to do right after the TB meeting assuming the Board agrees. I suggest we move \$1 million, and transfer funds back, as needed, to fund operations.

**3. NYS Department of Transportation** – Highway Superintendent Jim Miller and I met with two NYSDOT managers last week at DOT's request. They have asked us to sign a shared services agreement to allow NYS DOT to assist the Town in the event of disasters that do not result in a Governor's declaration of a state of emergency. DOT has also requested that we sign a related document called "Undertaking" that governs Town work in state highway right of ways.

**4. 82/7 Intersection** – I reviewed the 82/7 intersection with the DOT managers, and asked if they would be interested in a State-County joint project to improve the turn radius from 82 to 7 going north. They indicated they would be interested if the Town or county could acquire the Tin Smith house and remove it.

**5. Adopt a Highway** – NYS DOT is interested in working with local organizations interested in adopting parts of state roads to assist with trash clean up. I will be circulating information next week via the email list to advise the community.

**6. FAC Audit** – The Financial Advisory Council has started the audit of the 2017 books and records of the Town Supervisor, Town Court, Town Tax Collector, Building Department and Planning/Zoning Department. Audit should be done by the end of April

**7. Comp Plan Review Process** – The first Comp Plan workshop will be Saturday, March 17 at 10 am, followed by a second workshop on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 pm. We have also scheduled additional Comp Plan discussion group meetings on April 5 with the Fire Company, and on April 7 with the Ancram, Ancramdale and Boston Corner Planning Groups.