

To: Ancram Town Board
From: Art Bassin
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Subject: November 2016 Supervisor's Report

- 1. Financial Report** – November was another “normal” financial month. November YTD total spending in the general fund was up over the same period in 2015 about \$20,000, caused primarily by \$19,000 of 2016 pool capital improvements. Excluding the \$399,000 truck purchase last year, Highway Department spending is flat this year over last, after absorbing the \$84,000 truck bond payment. We had about \$813,000 of cash on hand at the end of November, and about \$190,000 in culvert grant and Chips receivables. Assuming we get reimbursed for expenses related to the culvert grant & Chips prior to year-end, we should end 2016 with about \$835,000 in cash, which is what we have been anticipating.
- 2. Garage Oil/Water Separator** – Was installed last week.
- 3. Parcel adjacent to Town Garage** – Have removed the trailer, and are waiting for additional estimates on demolishing the house on the property assuming asbestos. The one estimate we have for taking down the house assuming asbestos is \$20,000.
- 4. Climate Smart Communities Task Force** – Doug Brenner has volunteered to Chair the CSCTF. In addition, we have 7 people who have expressed interest in serving on the CSCTF committee. Next meeting will be 12/17 at 9/30 at town Hall.
- 5. Monument Committee** – Jim MacArthur has agreed to chair the Monument Committee.
- 6. Broadband Committee** – We have four people who have volunteered to serve as Ancram reps on the Connect Columbia broadband committee.
- 7. 2017 Holiday Party** – Lynne Perrella has suggested that we consider holding a holiday party at Town Hall in December 2017. Mark Rust, who did the Veterans Event last month, apparently has a holiday party sing along show that we could use as the basis for the holiday gathering.
- 8. County Issues** – County 2017 tax levy will be about flat to last year...up .68%