

**To: Ancram Town Board**  
**From: Art Bassin**  
**Date: 7/17/2016**  
**Subject: Supervisor's Report – June 2016**



### **Town Issues**

- 1. Financial Report** – June was another “normal” financial month. For the six months ending June 2016, we have spent about \$100,000 less than through June 2015. The Highway Department accounted for the entire \$100,000 “savings”, caused by less spending for fuel, snow removal and repairs. Jim expects he will “catch up” over the next few months and will come in pretty close to the 2015 actuals and 2016 budget by year end.
- 2. Year-end Cash Projection** - I have updated the attached 2016 cash projection chart. We have identified \$499,000 of revenue risks and unbudgeted projects, including the \$275,000 culvert project and a new \$71,000 dump truck, offset by \$485,000 of unbudgeted savings and revenues. Net, net, our cash at year end 2016 is projected to come in at \$797,000, \$14,000 under the \$811,000 originally budgeted amount. As you recall, the TB has established a policy that requires the Town to maintain about \$800,000 of cash reserves at year end, so we are “in the ballpark”.
- 3. Culvert Project** – Project will begin the first week of August and is scheduled to be done by the end of the first week of September.
- 4. Right to Farm Law** – We will consider this local law for adoption at the 7/21 TB meeting. We received the County Planning Board “no objection” letter last week.
- 6. Highway** - Jim Miller proposes we buy a 1 ton dump truck. He will fund it with internal budget transfers from road repairs. Jim also proposes we give the highway crew an annual uniform allowance rather than paying an outside supplier for uniform services. Jim's proposal will save the Town almost \$2000 annually. Still waiting for DEC approval for the garage drain oil/water separator.
- 7. Parcel adjacent to Town Garage** – This .54 acre parcel has been taken over by the County in a tax foreclosure. County has offered it to Ancram for \$2500.
- 8. TH Wireless Smoke, Gas, Carbon Monoxide Detectors** – Have contacted Vector at David Boice's suggestion. They will be giving us a proposal for the TH and Garage. Discovered we do not have any smoke detectors in the utility rooms, where we are most likely to have a fire start.
- 9. Camp/Pool** – Signups for camp are at about 65 kids, double last year. Actual attendance during the first two weeks was about 55. I am recommending we give the Camp Director and the Head Lifeguard a \$1 increase over the \$17.75/hr budgeted for this year to recognize the increased complexity and responsibility involved with organizing and running our expanded pool and camp activities. We have received \$23,500 in donations for the camp and pool, \$8500 more than \$15,000 in camp/pool revenue we had budgeted for 2016.

### **County Issues**

- 1. Pine Haven** - Sale was completed June 30. County received about \$8 million in purchase price and receivables, paid the buyer about \$3 million in management fees and netted about \$5 million. The County expects to receive a net of about \$3.5 million in IGT money from NYS over the next few years related to the 2013-2016 period.
- 2. Broadband** - County has appointed a broadband committee to work on improving broadband around the County.
- 3. CGCC** – County has appointed a Committee to work with the Community College on a long term plan.