

To: Ancram Town Board
From: Art Bassin
Date: February 18, 2020
Subject: Supervisor's Report



1. January Report – January numbers were as expected. We received our \$752,000 in 2020 property tax money before month-end so we ended January with about \$1.7 million in the bank. We got our 4Q sales tax money in early February. It was about \$7,000 less than we expected at \$82,000, caused apparently by the State deducting the Town AIM payments from the County sales tax share. Do not yet have final December financial reports, but they should be available next week.

2. CSCTF Initiatives

1) **Geothermal HVAC system** at Town Hall – CPL Engineering has given us a \$3,500 proposal to do an analysis of the costs and benefits of geothermal compared to a new conventional system. FAC has reviewed that proposal and recommends we accept it as the next step in this process. If we decide to go geothermal, we will have to put the project out to bid, as the cost is likely to come in at around \$115,000. We plan to use the \$70,000 remaining of our NYSERDA grant to partially fund a geothermal system, which will make the net cost to the town of geothermal about \$45,000, which is the approximate cost of a conventional system.

2) **Converting to LED streetlights** – A letter has gone out to all members of the lighting district, and an email has been sent to the Ancramemail list advising everyone of this project and that we will be holding a public hearing on 3/14 at 10 am. Central Hudson's proposal will cost of about \$3,800 and save about \$2,200 annually. We have gotten one complaint from a resident in the center of Ancram about the brightness of the LEDs that have been installed in the center of Town as replacements.

3) **Lime Energy's proposal** to replace the lights at Town Hall and the Town Garage with LEDs – We are still waiting for answers to some questions CSCTF had about the level of lumens being proposed. If the proposal is accepted as is, the cost for Town Hall would be \$6,900, with an annual savings of \$2,600 per year, and the cost at the Garage would be \$3,600, with a savings of \$3,300 per year.

3) LL #1 of 2020 – We will conduct a public hearing on Local Law #1 (SCOZ) at 6.30, evaluate the SEQRA for this local law, and consider a resolution with a negative SEQRA declaration. We will consider LL #1 for adoption in March after getting feedback from the Town and County Planning Boards, and after the public hearing.

4) 2019 Audits – FAC audited the Building Department last week, and will conduct 2019 audits on the Court, the Planning & ZBA departments, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the Town Supervisor over the next 60 days.