

**To: Ancram Town Board**  
**From: Art Bassin**  
**Date: March 15, 2020**  
**Subject: Supervisor's Report**



**1. February Financial Report** – February numbers were as expected. The COVID-19 situation will probably have a significant negative impact on 2020 sales tax receipts, so we should start thinking about slowing down spending where we can, in anticipation. Highway Superintendent has indicated that a lighter than normal snow season has left us with full salt & sand sheds and about \$25,000 under budget in the sand/salt account.

**2. COVID - 19** – No telling at this point how bad this situation can get, how long it will last or how it will impact Town or County services. If schools are closed and do not reopen before summer, the County may close all summer camps and pools for the summer. We should anticipate this and figure out a way to employ our camp counselors and lifeguards for community projects, and how to provide activities for campers short of running a camp. Our Town Hall is currently open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. As the health crisis develops we may want to consider opening town hall only on Wednesday and Saturday, and providing cell numbers to the community for all Town officials so we can be reached by phone on an as needed basis any time during the week. . . .

### **3. CSCTF Initiatives**

1) **Geothermal HVAC system** at Town Hall – CPL Engineering analysis of the costs and benefits of geothermal compared to a new conventional system should be available by our April TB meeting.

2) **Converting to LED streetlights** – The streetlight public hearing on 3/14 was attended by three people. Suggestion was made to consider reducing the number of streetlights. The public safety value of the streetlights was discussed. Derek Porter, a CSCTF member and lighting expert will survey all streetlights around town to see if it makes sense to eliminate some without deteriorating public safety, or if we should add some to enhance public safety.

3) **Converting Garage & Town Hall lights to LEDs**- We have arranged with Ginocchio Electric to replace the Garage and Town hall lights with LEDs for a cost that is about 50% of the original Lime Energy proposals. Garage is done, and Town Hall is in process .

**4. LL #1 of 2020 (Incorporating the Scenic Corridor Overlay Zone Law of 2003 into the 2014 Zoning Law)** – We will consider this local law for adoption at our 3/19 meeting.

**5. 2019 Audits** – FAC audited the Town Court last week, and will conduct 2019 audits on the Planning & ZBA departments, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the Town Supervisor over the next 60 days.