

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



1. Financial Report – November numbers were as expected, and our year end cash forecast continues at about \$1.1 - \$1.2 million. YTD sales tax receipts are about flat to last year. We received \$36,000 in the second mortgage tax check, which makes the total 2020 mortgage tax number about \$66,000, about \$36,000 better than budget.

2. Ancram Historic District Marker – Ancram Hamlet Planning Group co-chair Paul Ricciardi will review final recommendations for the location of the Ancram Historic District sign.

3. Draft Organizational Resolutions – We will review and discuss these resolutions and consider them for adoption at our Organizational Meeting in January.

4. Copake Resolutions – We will review and consider two resolutions proposed by the town of Copake – one objecting to Article 10 of the NYD Public Service Law in that it violates Home Rule and one that opposes the Shepherd's Run solar project in Copake.

5.. Town Property & Liability Insurance – FAC has reviewed bids from two firms and recommends that we accept the proposal from Kneller Insurance to go with Tokio Marine-HCC at an annual cost of \$23,500, which is about \$5,000 less than our 2020 cost. Tokio Marine is an A+ rated company. The competing bid was \$1,000 higher annually, from NYMIR, which is an A- rated company and is a reciprocal, which means policy holders could be assessed to help pay losses.

6. Employee Health Insurance – We will consider a resolution approving an employee health insurance plan that is basically same as our 2020 plan.

7. Retiree Health Insurance – We will consider a resolution to approve a health insurance program for eligible employees who retire after January 1, 2021 and their spouses.

8. HVAC at Town Hall – The geothermal system we have been looking into has become significantly more expensive than originally assumed, so we are now looking into an air source heat pump system, which our remaining \$70,000 NYSERDA grant will support. George Wittlinger and Suzan Flamm have met with 4 contractors who may be interested in bidding on this project. We expect to get estimates in the next few weeks, and will develop an RFP to solicit formal bids if the project seems economically feasible.