

**To: Ancram Town Board**  
**From: Art Bassin**  
**Date: February 12, 2021**  
**Supervisor's Report**



- 1. Financial Report** – January was a normal month financially, and having ended 2020 with about \$1,150,000 in fund balance, our financial situation is strong. It is not yet clear how 2021 will turn out in terms of sales & mortgage taxes, but early signs are indicating both may be stronger than budgeted. Early indications are that state highway aid may be down, but not as much as we anticipated in the budget.
- 2. CSCTF Report** - CSCTF Chair Suzan will present the 2020 CSCTF Report, and update us on where things are with the Town Hall HVAC project, which is now focused on evaluating the feasibility and economics of an Air Source Heat Pump system. Next step is to develop and issue an RFP for bids on an ASHP system, which should be done by early March. Because ASHP systems do not work well in very cold weather, we will probably have to maintain our existing propane system as a backup.
- 3. Solstice** – Colleen Lutz will update us on where we are with the Solstice program, which looks like it will start rolling out in early March.
- 4 Radar Speed Signs** – We had submitted our application to NYS DOT for permits to permanently install radar speed signs on 82 just north of Ancram and Ancramdale. DOT requested we get engineered, stamped drawings of the signs themselves, the posts we plan to use and how they will be installed, proposed locations of the radar signs and locations of all existing signs within 1000 feet of the proposed radar signs. I have requested that Town Engineer Pat Prendergast provide DOT with these engineered drawing. We hope to get approval for these signs in time to install them by early spring.
- 5. Communications Sensitivity Training** – When we conducted the Communications Sensitivity Training for the Planning Board last fall, we discussed the possibility of conducting this program again early in 2021 for all board, committee and council members. I suggest we do this.
- 6. Purple Heart Community** – NYS Senator Daphne Jordan has reached out to us again to request that we adopt an resolution becoming a Purple Heart Town, as a way to honor and commemorate all of Ancram's veterans and especially those who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for being wounded or killed in combat.