

To: Ancram Town Board
From: Art Bassin
Subject: Supervisor's Report
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1. Financial Report – Another normal financial month. We still expect to end the year with over \$1.4 million in cash, compared to our normal \$800,000. Sales tax continues strong

2. Climate Smart Planning – Kelsey West of Cornell Cooperative Extension has been working with our CSCTF and CAC to develop recommendations for how the Town can better deal with climate change and be better prepared to deal with flooding. Kelsey will be at our 12/16 Town Board meeting to review her work, talk about next steps and respond to questions.

3. Iron Star Petition - Iron Star has applied to the Town Planning Board to build a retreat center on 82 just east of the hamlet of Ancram. As part of their development plan, Iron Star has submitted a Petition requesting that the Ancram Town Board consider revising the town zoning map to move a 13.27 acre section of land now included in the Ancram Hamlet Zone to the adjacent Ag Zone. Iron Star will be at our 12/16 meeting to explain their Petition request and respond to questions. Next steps for us after our 12/16 meeting will be to review the Petition with our legal and planning advisors and decide at the January 20 Town Board meeting if we want to consider the Petition for approval. If we do decide to consider the Petition, we will refer it to the Town and County Planning Boards for review and schedule a public hearing, probably at the February Town Board meeting.

4. Local Law # 5 of 2021 - Salary Increases for Elected Officials – We will conduct public hearing on Local Law #5 of 2021, which sets 2022 salaries for elected officials, and consider this local law for adoption at our 12/16 Town Board meeting. This local law is required because the salaries for elected officials proposed in our 2022 Budget are in aggregate about 3% (\$5,000) higher than the amounts indicated in the public notice for the Preliminary Budget public hearing and is subject to a permissive referendum.

5 Town Hall HVAC – We have issued the RFPs for the ASHPs, electrical upgrades and new generator. We expect to have bids in by the end of December.

6. Planning Board Appointments – Dennis Sigler has indicated he will be resigning from the Planning Board as of December 31. Planning Board Chair John Ingram has recommended that we appoint Planning Board alternate Palmer Irving to replace Dennis. As you may recall, we received 8 expressions of interest for the two Planning Board alternate positions and interviewed five people. Planning Board Chair John Ingram has recommended we appoint Colleen Lutz and Philip Hack as Planning Board alternates. These appointments will be part of the Organizational Resolutions we approve at our January 20 Town Board meeting.

7. Technology – Edmunds GovTech installed our new server and upgraded security software last week. After the normal conversion issues were resolved, things seem to have settled down and the new system seems to be working well. Technology Committee members Philip Hack and Michael DelRossi actively participated in the conversion process and have been active and essential in assisting staff to resolve the technical issues that came up.

8. Local Law # 4 of 2021 - Zoning Amendments – We will hold a public hearing on LL#4 prior to the 12/16 Town Board meeting, but will have to wait until the County Planning Board reviews the Law before we can consider it for adoption which should be at our January 20, 2022 meeting.