

To: Ancram Town Board
From: Art Bassin
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- 1) Financial Report** – February financial results were as expected, but given the combination of high inflation, supply chain uncertainties, oil price spikes, potential oil shortages and the situation in Ukraine, the economic environment has become unpredictable and could negatively impact our costs and revenues. We should plan to be cautious and conservative in our financial planning for the next three to six months until we see how things evolve, and what happens with sales tax and mortgage tax revenues.
- 2) 2023 Property Revaluation** – We have started the data collection phase of the 2023 revaluation. Suzette Booy, Director of Real Property at the county will be joining Ancram Assessor Rene Deleeuw at our 3/17 meeting via Zoom to brief us on the project.
- 3) Court Report** – Court Clerk Ruth Wittlinger will be presenting the 2021 Court report. We had hoped to also have the 2021 Court Audit done by 3/17, but the snow storm on 3/12 caused the audit to be postponed for a week. We will get the results of the court audit at our April meeting.
- 4) Town Audits** - FAC will begin the annual audit process on 3/19 and over the next 60 days or so will audit the Town Court, the Town Supervisor, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the Building & Planning Departments. The FAC audit process is conducted in accordance with the OSC audit guidelines.
- 5) Kids Camp Director & Deputy** – We will consider Ruth Van Wagner for appointment as Camp Director, and Betsy Manzi as Deputy Camp Director. Ruth plans to address the Board with some of her ideas for the 2022 Kids Camp.
- 6) Town Pool** – Jen Boice is actively recruiting lifeguards, and is arranging for installation of the handicapped access chair, handicapped access to the bathrooms and pool repairs. The plan is to open the pool around July 1.
- 7) Historic Banners Video** – Lynne Perrella and B Docktor have been working on a video to help explain the Historic Banners. Lynne plans to present the video idea for approval.
- 8) EEP Contract** – We will consider approval of the 2022 EEP contract with the Sheriff's Department. We have \$12,000 in the budget for EEP, which will cover two shifts a week for 12 weeks or one shift a week for 24 weeks.
- 9) Solar Invertors** – We have received a proposal to replace the 11 year old solar investors at Town Hall for a cost of about \$8000. The inverters are out of warranty, and the form that made them may be out of business, which means they are not repairable. And the inverters are making a buzzing noise that is not normal
- 10) Investigation of Disrespectful Behavior** – Attorney Elena De Fio Kean is finishing up her interviews and expects to have a written report for us before our April meeting.