

To: Ancram Town Board
From: Art Bassin
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1) Financial Report – March financial results were as expected, but given the likely continuation of a combination of high inflation, rising interest rates, 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 until we see how things evolve, and what happens with sales tax and mortgage tax revenues.

2) Attorney Report – Lindsey Presentation – Attorney Elena DeFio Kean has completed a draft of her report looking into the comments made by Jack Lindsey at our January Board meeting, and will present a summary of her findings at our meeting on 4/21.

3) 2023 Property Revaluation – The data collection phase of the 2023 revaluation is progressing well. We have been asked by NYS to update our 2019 resolution authorizing the revaluation to reflect that it will be as of 2023, not 2022 as originally planned.

4) Town Audits - FAC has completed the annual audits of the Town Court, Building Department, Planning Board and Town Supervisor using the NYS Comptroller's Department audit checklists. All books and records are reported to be in good order and fairly reflect the financial condition of the Town. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector audit will be done in June after the tax books are closed for the 2022 calendar year.

5) Kids Camp & Pool – Planning continues to open the town pool and Kids Camp this summer, as long as the Covid-19 situation does not force us to reconsider. Camp will be open from July 5 to August 12, and the pool will be open from July 5 to the end of August. We have circulated information to the Community and are accepting applications for camp.

6) EEP Contract/Traffic Control – We have approved the 2022 EEP contract with the Sheriff's Department and 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. We have not yet scheduled any EEP patrols, and should discuss if we want to do this now or wait a while longer.

7) Solar Inverters – We received a proposal to replace the five 11 year old solar inverters at Town Hall for a cost of about \$8000. The inverters are out of warranty, and the four solar contractor cannot repair them. One of the inverter are making a buzzing noise indicating that the transformer is failing, and a second is intermittently showing a red warning light indicating it is not operating. I have talked to an electrical engineer at CPL Engineering who is familiar with solar installations and inverters who confirms that inverters have a 10-15 year useful life and that if two of our five are showing signs of wear and tear that cannot be repaired, its time to replace them to maximize our solar benefit.

8) ASHP HVAC Installation – The installation of the two air source heat pumps at Town Hall is scheduled for Monday, 4/18 and is expected to take two days.