

To: Ancram Town Board
From: Art Bassin
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1) Financial Report – A normal financial month. T-Bill portfolio is steady at \$1,755,000. Assuming rates stay at current levels of between 4% and 5% for T-Bills under 1 year, our T-Bill interest in 2023 is likely to be about \$60,000. Cash on hand is about \$250,000, and indications are that sales tax revenues will be at or higher than last years' revenues.

I have updated the 2023-2027 Capital Plan which identifies possible capital spending projects of about \$2 million over the next five years. If we do all the projects that have been identified we will have about \$150,000 in cash on hand at the end of 2027, which is about \$600,000 less than our target level of cash reserves of about \$750,000. To avoid reducing cash reserves to under targeted levels without raising taxes or incurring debt, we will have to find grant money to support some of our projects, or delay or cancel projects.

2) Revaluation Status – County Real Property Director Suzette Booy and Ancram Assessor Rene Deleeuw will update us on where we are with the revaluation process and what the next steps are.

3) Planning Process Proposal Review – Nan Stolzenburg has started work on the project to simplify the Building Department and Planning board application processes and will give us an update on where she is and e/next steps.

4) Tobacco and Smoke Free Policy – We will consider approval of an updated Tobacco and Smoke Free Policy and related signs for installation at all town facilities and the

5) Strategic Investment Committee – The SIC will be providing an update on its activities and will present investment recommendations for the Town Board to consider. The Ancram Opera House has requested we consider a \$67,500 grant to help support their plans for a community room in the recently acquired house next door to the AOH and will attend our 4/20 meeting to present their request.

6) NYS Housing Plan – The Governor has presented a plan as part of the NYS budget that establishes targets for new housing for municipalities statewide and has provisions to allow the State to override local zoning if these targets are not met. The Governor's plan is meeting resistance. We will discuss whether we want to pass a resolution in support or in opposition, or to do nothing and wait to see ow this debate ends. While everyone supports more affordable housing, municipalities. Ancram included, would prefer to see a plan that provides financial incentives to meet the State targets, not a plan that allows the State to override local zoning.

7) Enhanced Enforcement Patrols (EEP) – We are waiting for a decision by the County about whether they will remove a provision in the EEP contract that requires towns to have police liability insurance if we use participate in the EEP program. If the County does not remove the insurance requirement, we will not be able sign the EEP contract.