

To: Ancram Town Board
From: Art Bassin
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1) Financial Report – A normal financial month. T-Bill portfolio is still at \$1,755,000, but will be dropping over the rest of the year as we start paying for planned major projects. We are heading into a period of heavy spending which over the next few months will include highway department road work (about \$180,000), the down payment for the sand/salt shed (about \$46,000), the grant for the AOH (\$67,500) and the final payment on the Town Hall ASHP HVAC system (about \$38,000). We have a treasury bill for \$505,000 maturing on 6/16 which will fund this and other spending over the next few months.

2) Revaluation Status – Ancram Assessor Rene Deleeuw And BAR Chair Matthew Bernstein will update us on where we are with the revaluation & BAR processes and what the next steps are.

3) O&G Industries – At the request of the Planning Board, ZEO Ed Ferratto has requested that O&G Industries provide information regarding their mining activities over the past 5 years to determine if O&G discontinued operations for more than two years, which would terminate their non-conforming, pre-existing use mining status and require that they discontinue all mining activities.

4) Property Tax Exemptions - The County has adopted local laws increasing the amount of senior and low income/disabled property tax exemptions and providing property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. While the Town has already passed a local law providing property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers, I recommend we adopt the County version of the firefighter/ambulance worker property tax exemption local law so there is no difference between our law and the County law. We will review these local laws at our 6/15 Town Board meeting and schedule public hearings on these local laws prior to our July 15 Town Board meeting.

5) Town Hall HVAC – Work has been completed on the HVAC system at Town Hall, including final installation work on the two air source heat pumps, installation of a new 25,000 kw generator and conversion to 600 amp electrical service. We will pay the final \$38,000 installment on this project, and submit a request to NYSERDA for the remaining \$70,000 in grant funds we have available. Total cost of converting from propane to ASHPs was \$85,000, of which we hope to recover \$70,000 from NYSERDA.