

TOWN OF CONCORD TOWN BOARD MEETING  
Work Session 6:30 p.m.

August 8, 2019

Supervisor Drake discussed the following:

1. Supervisor Drake advised the Board that he had contacted carpet cleaners to get a quote to have the Town Hall carpets cleaned. Ashford Carpet Clean was the low quote. The other quote was \$1,000 more. The carpets are over 20 years old and discussion as to whether a carpet clean would make any change. Councilman Krezmien noted that Ashford Carpet Clean does a good job. The elevator carpet is in bad condition. The Board agreed the carpets should be cleaned and authorized Supervisor Drake to sign the agreement with Ashford Carpet Clean.
2. Supervisor Drake discussed the legislation regarding school bus safety cameras. The Legislation allows School Districts to install stop-arm Cameras on school buses. The camera would be mounted on the stop sign that extends outward whenever a bus is stopped and automatically records each vehicle that passes it illegally. Violators would be ticketed and fined. It will be up to local education officials to decide whether to equip buses with cameras. Revenue from fines will be split between local school districts and municipalities.
3. Supervisor Drake informed the Board that the health insurance representative will be at the Town Hall on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> to review employee health insurance.
4. Supervisor Drake and CEO Singleton attended a meeting with regard to Zombie homes. County Clerk Mickey Kearns' program is called The Erie County Clerk's Zombies Initiative. This is a different program than the land bank. The Zombies Initiative is designed to help smaller towns use the tools afforded by new state laws that hold banks accountable when they foreclose on homes, and then fail to complete the foreclosure process; leaving them abandoned and eventually the homes deteriorate into neighborhood eyesores. This program would have a data base with people who are behind on their mortgage and the banks continue to pay the real property taxes. The WNY Law Center is working with County Clerk Mickey Kearns on this program. A Memorandum of Understanding was provided to the Board members and Town Attorney Attea for review. There is no cost to the Town to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. Supervisor Drake advised that he will add to the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding to tonight's Agenda.
5. Supervisor Drake and Councilman Zittel had attended the Fairview Cemetery Meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup>. The good news is that a new cemetery board was elected.
6. Supervisor Drake advised the Board that the security cameras, purchased through a Court grant, had been installed at the Town Hall. There are 16 cameras: 12 inside and 4 outside. The screen for the cameras is located in the Court office. Councilman Drozd would like Supervisor Drake to check with the company to see about locating a second screen in his office due to the part-time hours of the Court office employees and the office location.
7. Supervisor Drake received notification that Robert G. Smith II earned the Rank of Eagle Scout. A resolution was prepared recognizing his achievement.