

TOWN OF CONCORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
7:00 p.m.

December 12, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CLYDE M. DRAKE, SUPERVISOR

PRESENT: CLYDE M. DRAKE, SUPERVISOR
JAMES M. KREZMIEN, COUNCILMAN
KENNETH D. ZITTEL, COUNCILMAN
WILLIAM F. SNYDER, III, COUNCILMAN
PHILIP DROZD, COUNCILMAN

ALSO PRESENT: DARLENE G. SCHWEIKERT, Town Clerk
BARRY A. EDWARDS, Hwy Supt.
BRIAN F. ATTEA, Town Attorney
CAROLYN ROBINSON, Dog Control Officer

KELLEN M. QUIGLEY, Springville Times
GEORGE DONHAUSER
MARY JANE MIESS
DAVID GRAVES

MAX BORSUK, Springville Journal
CHARLES SCHWEIKERT, JR.
JOHN MIESS

INVOCATION DELIVERED BY TOWN CLERK SCHWEIKERT

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG LED BY SUPERVISOR DRAKE

ITEM #1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Town Board Meeting – 11/14/2019 – Motion by Councilman Zittel, seconded by Councilman Krezmien, to approve the Minutes as presented. Councilmen Krezmien, Zittel, Snyder & Drozd; Supervisor Drake, voting aye. Carried.

ITEM #2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Drake opened the floor for Public Comment.

a) John and Mary Jane Miess thanked the Board, Town Attorney Attea, Hwy Supt Edwards, Town Clerk Schweikert and Deputy Town Clerk Bacon for doing their duties this year and gave each a box of candy. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Miess.

No one else wished to address the Board. Motion by Councilman Krezmien, seconded by Councilman Zittel, to close Public Comment. Councilmen Krezmien, Zittel, Snyder & Drozd; Supervisor Drake, voting aye. Carried.

ITEM #3. MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion by Councilman Krezmien, seconded by Councilman Zittel, to approve the Monthly Reports, Items a-f. Councilmen Krezmien, Zittel, Snyder & Drozd; Supervisor Drake voting aye. Carried.

a) Code Enforcement Officer – November 2019; there are currently 6 new homes and 14 significant additions or renovations being regularly inspected and monitored by the CEO that are carried over from 2014-2018 or new in 2019. The CEO continues to investigate various complaints as they are received regarding suspected code violations, junk accumulation and construction without permits.

b) Dog Control Officer – November 2019; 8 Summonses were served; 34 calls were received and 62 calls were made.

c) Town Supervisor Report – October 2019

d) Town Clerk Report – November 2019

e) Judge Frank Report – October 2019; \$9,920 was received

f) Judge Gibbin Report – October 2019; \$8,263 was received.

g) Highway Report – Hwy Supt Edwards reviewed his filed report.

Hwy Supt Edwards asked if the Board had any questions. Councilman Drozd commended Hwy Supt Edwards on the plow frame work performed in house; excellent job and saved the Town a lot of money.

Motion by Councilman Krezmien, seconded by Councilman Zittel, to accept the Highway Report. Councilmen Krezmien, Zittel, Snyder & Drozd; Supervisor Drake, voting aye. Carried.

h) Fire Department Report – Councilman Drozd, board liaison to the Springville Vol Fire Co., reported that the Springville Fire Company held their elections of officers for the term beginning January 1, 2020. The Installation Dinner will be held January 25, 2020. Councilman Drozd also noted that the department's grant application for the new parking lot has made it to Round 2 of the process.

Motion by Councilman Zittel, seconded by Councilman Krezmien, to accept the Fire Department Report. Councilmen Krezmien, Zittel, Snyder & Drozd; Supervisor Drake, voting aye. Carried.

ITEM #4: OLD BUSINESS

a) Supervisor Drake advised the Board that Historian Batterson did come into his office regarding the Standard Work Day Resolution that was tabled previously. Supervisor Drake asked Historian Batterson to review the information and to try to separate his time spent at the Historical Society and as Town Historian. Historian Batterson said it may be hard to separate the time. Supervisor Drake expects to have this information back for the January 2020 meeting.

b) Councilman Snyder advised that he continues to have a concern about a number of issues with the trail. One is going right back to the beginning. The Resolution the Board adopted in 2008; those points still hold true now. One of those primary points being we have landowners, taxpayers that we represent in the Town of Concord that live adjacent to the railroad property who are adamantly against having the snowmobile trail in their backyard; many of them did not want the walking trail and now it's turned into a snowmobile trail. The Town has not seen any legal agreement between the Railroad and the Rails to Trails organization; the Town has no idea what it says or whether the Town has any say or not in this matter. He feels the Town needs to see this Agreement. Secondly, and a more recent issue, is the construction of at least one bridge on Sharp Street. The Town uses certain logic to pass Codes. Recently the Town approved a Code change that requires a private homeowner on his own property to get a permit to shingle a shed but allow a bridge to be constructed to be used by the public with motor vehicles crossing it; with no permit and no inspection. Councilman Snyder's thought would be to temporarily close that bridge because he feels that the Town could be liable if there were an accident until the Town has a recommendation from the Planning Board. He is ready to make a motion but would like to have conversation with the Board. Town Atty Attea noted that would be dead on if the bridge fell under the definition of a building or structure then Code provisions would apply and a permit would be required. There are certain things that can be built on private property and others that can't without Code approval so that is something the Town would need to look at. It does make complete sense from a logical standpoint because of the intended use but there needs to be a Code provision that would apply to be able to enforce that. There might be other sections of the Code that would apply from a public safety standpoint but as far as the Town taking a position as to how it was built and whether it was built according to Code, it might be something that fell in between the cracks. Councilman Snyder questioned if the Town would be liable if there were a fatality snowmobile accident on the bridge? Town Atty Attea said probably safe to assume that the Town would be included in the parties that would get sued. He would believe, without researching it, that the Town would have a very defensible position because it is on private property, and not authorized by the Town; the Town had nothing to do with the construction of the bridge. There could be some potential exposure so the Board may

want to look at it more closely. Councilman Snyder noted that the Board is just about to sign Fire Contracts and hold the fire companies responsible for responding to any emergencies on the trail that are going to be open to the public. Town Atty Attea noted that this might be concern from an equipment standpoint because there would be no rating to that bridge and no idea what kind of equipment can go over it and is there a safety issue there. Part of the language that goes into those Code provisions is because the fire companies need to know that if there are answering a call that the structures have been approved and there are certain things that they can anticipate. Councilman Snyder advised that the Town just went through the Master Plan and through that process the Town held a number of public meetings where a number of residents raised concerns about the trail. The Rails to Trail idea is outlined in the Master Plan but there were a number of things that needed to take place before the trail would open. Councilman Snyder thought that correspondence to the snowmobile club and another plea to see the legal agreement between the Railroad and the Rails to Trail organization is necessary. Councilman Zittel asked if the Town had the authority to tell someone that they can't use private property that they have gotten permission for. Councilman Snyder thought that before the snowmobile club opened the trail, they came here. Councilman Zittel doesn't know if this is something the Town can do; the Town can state their opinion. Town Atty Attea advised that the Town can't tell someone, unless there is some justifiable Code provision or a law that would support the Town's position, the Town would not be in a position to tell a private landowner what they can or cannot do. If it is tied into a legitimate public health or safety concern then the Town would have the right. Do these trails require the crossing of a public thoroughfare? The simple is the Town would not be in a position unless there was something under the Town Code, State Law or County Code that would be in the Town in the position where they do have the legal authority to a position. But because of the nature of the trail and the properties that it passes through and the concern of some of the landowners, it would be appropriate to raise the question that the Town should at least have the opportunity to review the contract. Mrs. Miess asked how neighboring towns are handling this matter. Councilman Snyder advised that other municipalities were in favor of Rails to Trails. Mr. Graves wondered if the homeowners were aware of the financial liability if there were an accident and the insurance. Councilman Zittel advised that they would be trespassing if they went on the homeowner's property; the railroad property is separate from the homeowner's property. This bridge was built on the railroad property and supposedly with the permission of the railroad. Councilman Snyder noted that there have been cases where people have trespassed, get hurt and sue the landowners and have been successful in their litigation. Supervisor Drake advised that he will discuss this matter with Planning Board Chairman Kelly to bring it to the Planning Board. He will also again request a copy of the contract for Town Atty Attea to review. Supervisor Drake said that that snowmobile club has been building trails and bridges on landowner's properties since the 1960's but having the Planning Board review is a start. Councilman Snyder thanked the Board.

ITEM #5: NEW BUSINESS

a) **Audit of the Bills** – Supervisor Drake stated that these bills were audited by Councilman Zittel, and reviewed by the Board.

General Fund A, abstract 12, bills 1351-1438 & 1466; \$29,777.86
 General Fund B, abstract 12, bills 1430-1433; \$405.72
 Library Fund, abstract 12, bills 1434-1436; \$434.40
 Fire Protection, abstract 12, NONE
 Joint Van, abstract 12, bills 1437-1438; \$537.98
 Joint Youth, abstract 12, NONE
 Craneridge Lighting, abstract 12, bill 1439; \$1,676.86
 Craneridge Sewer, abstract 12, bills 1440-1450; \$18,632.48
 Highway DA, abstract 12, NONE
 Highway DB, abstract 12, bills 1451-1460; \$16,731.96
 Kissing Bridge Water, abstract 12, bills 1461-1462; \$146.00
 Kissing Bridge Sewer, abstract 12, bills 1463-1465; \$6,151.88
 Trevett Rd. Water, abstract 12, NONE
 Cattaraugus St. Water, abstract 12, NONE
 Trust & Agency, abstract 12, NONE

Capital (HA) Craneridge Sewer, abstract 12, NONE
Capital (HB) Land, abstract 12, NONE
Capital (HD) Catt St, abstract 12, NONE
Capital (HE) Sr. Ctr, abstract 12, NONE
Capital (HF) Hwy Equip, abstract 12, NONE
Capital (HG) Waste Study, abstract 12, NONE

Motion by Councilman Zittel, seconded by Councilman Drozd, to approve the bills as presented. Councilmen Krezmien, Zittel, Snyder & Drozd; Supervisor Drake, voting aye. Carried.

b) **Wrap Up on Solarize Program** – Supervisor Drake received an email from Reed Braman, President of Green Springville. Mr. Braman advised that there were 10 systems sold during the Solarize Southtowns Campaign which amounted to 125kW. There were also 2 Solar for all sign-ups. The 10 sales threshold puts us one step closer to obtaining the Clean Energy Communities designation. Supervisor Drake thanked Mr. Braman and Green Springville for their efforts. Jason Kulaszewski from UB, who worked with us, will see what we can do to get the Clean Energy Communities status.

c) **Mobile Home Court Renewal** – Motion by Councilman Zittel, seconded by Councilman Krezmien, to approve the renewal of the Perkins Mobile Home Court with the condition that the inspection of the premises will take place in April 2020. Councilmen Krezmien, Zittel, Snyder & Drozd; Supervisor Drake, voting aye. Carried. The North Street Mobile Home Court has not yet submitted their renewal to the Town Clerk.

d) **Craneridge Sewer Operating Agreement 2020** – Supervisor Drake advised that this Agreement is \$3,500/month; \$42,000/year and the amount is within the 2020 Budget. This amount increased \$100/month. Motion by Councilman Zittel, seconded by Councilman Drozd, to approve the 2020 MDA Consulting Engineers Management Services Agreement and to authorize Supervisor Drake to sign the Agreement. Councilmen Krezmien, Zittel, Snyder & Drozd; Supervisor Drake, voting aye. Carried.

e) **Kissing Bridge Sewer Operating Agreement 2020** – Supervisor Drake advised that this Agreement is \$2,600/month; \$31,200/year and the amount is within the 2020 Budget. This amount is the same as the 2019 Agreement. Motion by Councilman Drozd, seconded by Councilman Zittel, to approve the 2020 MDA Consulting Engineers Management Services Kissing Bridge Sewer Agreement and to authorize Supervisor Drake to sign the Agreement. Councilmen Krezmien, Zittel, Snyder & Drozd; Supervisor Drake, voting aye. Carried.

f) **Resolution against criminal reform** – Gov. Cuomo passed a Bail Reform Law that goes into effect January 1, 2020. This Law eliminates bail for defendants charged with non-violent or felony crimes. According to Gov. Cuomo, New York's current bail system fails to recognize that freedom before trial should be the rule, not the exception, and by tying freedom to money, it has created a two-tiered system that puts an unfair burden on the economically disadvantaged. Furthermore, in practice, the location of an arrest often defines whether or not you are released or have to pay money for your freedom creating further injustice.

The Association of Towns put together a Resolution to support legislation to halt the new criminal justice reform bill. Supervisor Drake noted that people in Albany say this Resolution is a waste of time but the Town does not want blood on their hands.

Councilman Krezmien moved the adoption of Resolution 13, seconded by Councilman Zittel:

WHEREAS, protecting the people from harm by enforcing the rule of law is the foundational role of government, and

WHEREAS, County governments are vested by the State of New York with the responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us, including the socioeconomically disadvantaged, the disabled, the elderly, and children; and

WHEREAS, no group is more vulnerable than the victims of crime, and a just society demands that crime victims should be recognized as key participants within the criminal justice system and be treated with dignity, fairness, and respect; and

WHEREAS, for the past twenty-five years the State of New York has committed itself to reducing crime, and has succeeded as evidenced by official U.S. Department of Justice Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics showing that New York transformed from the second most dangerous state in America in the early 1990s to the safest large state in America by the early 2000s; and

WHEREAS, in the final stages of adopting its FY 2020 Budget, the State of New York enacted sweeping criminal justice reforms including the elimination of cash bail for many specific enumerated crimes and the imposition of stringent discovery mandates on police and prosecutors; and

WHEREAS, under bail reform, beginning January 1, 2020, judges will be stripped of their discretion to set bail for many specific enumerated crimes, which means those suspected of committing these crimes can no longer be held in jail after their arrest, regardless of the strength of the case against these defendants, or the length of the potential sentence faced by these defendants, or the extent of the harm allegedly caused by these defendants, and instead these defendants will be released back into the general public; and

WHEREAS, these crimes include those that result in the deaths of innocent people, including several subcategories of homicide and manslaughter, resulting in those responsible for these deaths being released back into the community of grieving families; and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Making a Terrorist Threat and Money Laundering in Support of Terrorism in the Third and Fourth degree, resulting in those alleged to have supported terrorism in his manner, or who have threatened to commit acts of terrorism, being released immediately from police custody; and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child; Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child; Failure to Register as a Sex Offender; and Patronizing a Person a Prostitution in a School Zone, resulting in suspected child predators being released and returned into our community; and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Aggravated Assault Upon a Person Less than Eleven Years Old; Reckless Assault of a Child by a Daycare Provider; Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance to a Child; Abandonment of a Child; and Criminal Possession of a Weapon on School Grounds, resulting in those suspected to have physically harmed or endangered children in this manner being free from custody; and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Endangering the Welfare of a Vulnerable Elderly Person or an Incompetent or Physically Disabled Person, resulting in the potential for further endangerment of seniors and these defenseless individuals; and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Aggravated Cruelty to Animals; Torturing Animals and Injuring Animals, resulting in the immediate release of those suspected of deliberately injuring, torturing and killing animals; and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Assault in the Third Degree, Aggravated Vehicular Assault, and other crimes of physical violence against people; and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Burglary of a Residence, resulting in immediate release of these individuals back into the neighborhoods they are suspected of targeting; and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Bail Jumping and Unlawfully Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle, resulting in release on recognizance of the very individuals who have demonstrated a propensity to evade the law; and

WHEREAS, all of the offenders mentioned heretofore are at risk of not showing up for court, thereby placing a burden on public employees who, under this law, are required to send multiple court appearance reminders to these offenders, as well as police officers and District Attorneys who must commit resources to tracking and pursuing those who evade prosecution; and

WHEREAS, all offenders who are currently being held in custody for non-qualifying crimes including those mentioned heretofore will be eligible for release from custody on January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the discovery mandates imposed by the State of New York will require police and District Attorneys, beginning January 1, 2020, to turn over voluminous trial-related materials to defense attorneys within 15 days, creating a mandate that will inevitably not be achieved in some cases and may result in the inability of the People to properly prosecute cases against criminal defendants; and

WHEREAS, discovery reform will also result in an opportunity for defendants to gain access to crime scenes that may include a victim's residence, thereby giving defendants accused of burglaries, assaults, rapes and other crimes committed in victims' homes the right to return to those same homes; and

WHEREAS, the issues mentioned heretofore will undeniably impact past, present and future victims of crime in a negative manner, and in so doing, the bail and discovery reforms adopted by the State of New York will themselves further victimize these innocent individuals; and

WHEREAS, these bail and discovery laws, in their current form, represent a clear and present danger to society, will tilt the scales of justice in favor of suspected criminals and away from innocent crime victims, and risk reversing decades of bipartisan progress made by the State of New York in reducing crime; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental responsibility of governments to protect the vulnerable in society demands that the shortcomings of these laws be remedied prior to their effective date of January 1, 2020:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Concord hereby supports legislation (S.6853) introduced by Senator Chris Jacobs and implores the State of New York to immediately amend or otherwise delay implementation of these laws by convening an emergency session of the State Legislature, or by emergency executive authority, or by another means deemed possible by the State, and to do so before December 31, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Concord Town Board asks all counties in New York State to urge their state representatives to take immediate action on the foregoing issues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the copies of this resolution be provided to Attorney General Letitia James, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kristen Gillibrand, the New York State Association of Counties, the New York State Sheriff's Association, the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, the District Attorneys Association of New York, the New York State Defenders Association, the New York State Probation Officers Association, the New York Council of Probation Administrators, the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, the New York State Association

of City Court Judges, the County Judges Association of the State of New York, and the County Attorney's Association of the State of New York.

Voting as follows:

Councilman Drozd	Aye
Councilman Krezmien	Aye
Councilman Snyder	Aye
Councilman Zittel	Aye
Supervisor Drake	Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Drake noted that there had been meetings between the Town and the fire companies with regard to new fire contracts. These agreements have a 3% increase and are for a three-year term.

g) Springville Fire Contract –

Councilman Snyder moved the adoption of Resolution 14, seconded by Councilman Zittel:

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Schweikert had published the Notice of Public Hearing in the Springville Times on November 22, 2019. The Public Hearing Notice was posted on the signboard at the Town Hall and on the Town's website: townofconcordny.com on November 15, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Concord held a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 12, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Concord does hereby approve the Springville Fire Protection Agreement for the Years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Voting as follows:

Councilman Drozd	Aye
Councilman Krezmien	Aye
Councilman Snyder	Aye
Councilman Zittel	Aye
Supervisor Drake	Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

h) Mortons Corners Fire Contract –

Councilman Snyder moved the adoption of Resolution 15, seconded by Councilman Zittel:

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Schweikert had published the Notice of Public Hearing in the Springville Times on November 22, 2019. The Public Hearing Notice was posted on the signboard at the Town Hall and on the Town's website: townofconcordny.com on November 15, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Concord held a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 12, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Concord does hereby approve the Mortons Corners Fire Protection Agreement for the Years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Voting as follows:

Councilman Drozd	Aye
Councilman Krezmien	Aye
Councilman Snyder	Aye
Councilman Zittel	Aye
Supervisor Drake	Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

i) East Concord Fire Contract –

Councilman Krezmien moved the adoption of Resolution 16, seconded by Councilman Snyder:

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Schweikert had published the Notice of Public Hearing in the Springville Times on November 22, 2019. The Public Hearing Notice was posted on the signboard at the Town Hall and on the Town’s website: townofconcordny.com on November 15, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Concord held a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 12, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Concord does hereby approve the East Concord Fire Protection Agreement for the Years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Voting as follows:

Councilman Drozd	Aye
Councilman Krezmien	Aye
Councilman Snyder	Aye
Councilman Zittel	Aye
Supervisor Drake	Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

j) Boston Fire Contract –

Councilman Drozd moved the adoption of Resolution 17, seconded by Councilman Zittel:

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Schweikert had published the Notice of Public Hearing in the Springville Times on November 22, 2019. The Public Hearing Notice was posted on the signboard at the Town Hall and on the Town’s website: townofconcordny.com on November 15, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Concord held a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 12, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Concord does hereby approve the Boston Fire Protection Agreement for the Years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Voting as follows:

Councilman Drozd	Aye
Councilman Krezmien	Aye
Councilman Snyder	Aye
Councilman Zittel	Aye
Supervisor Drake	Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

k) East Concord General Ambulance Service Agreement –

Councilman Snyder moved the adoption of Resolution 18, seconded by Councilman Drozd:

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Schweikert had published the Notice of Public Hearing in the Springville Times on November 22, 2019. The Public Hearing Notice was posted on the signboard at the Town Hall and on the Town's website: townofconcordny.com on November 15, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Concord held a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 12, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Concord does hereby approve the East Concord General Ambulance Service Agreement for the Years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Voting as follows:

Councilman Drozd	Aye
Councilman Krezmien	Aye
Councilman Snyder	Aye
Councilman Zittel	Aye
Supervisor Drake	Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

l) **Set Organizational Meeting Date** – Supervisor Drake would like to set the Organizational Meeting for Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. and the regular Town Board Meeting to follow at approximately 7 p.m. Motion by Councilman Krezmien, seconded by Councilman Snyder, to set the Organizational Meeting for Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. with the regular Town Board Meeting to follow at approximately 7 p.m. Councilmen Krezmien, Zittel, Snyder & Drozd; Supervisor Drake, voting aye. Carried.

ITEM #6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ITEM #7. CONSENT AGENDA

There was nothing for Consent Agenda.

ITEM #8. COUNCILMAN NOTES

1) Councilman Snyder had attended the last SYI Meeting and brought the

Board up to date. President Nils Wikman will be stepping down at the end of the year so SYI will need to elect a new President. The SYI Board is also very concerned about the Snack Shack at Community Park. Supervisor Drake was informed by Mitch Martin of Senator Gallivan's Office that the majority of the house has now signed off on the grant money so the only signature remaining is that of Gov. Cuomo. Supervisor Drake noted that there is still hope.

2) Councilman Snyder wanted to clarify his earlier comments regarding Rails to Trail. He knows it is not a popular position to take up a position against the snowmobile club; there are a lot of members in the club and they do a lot of good things. He does not want to be misconstrued there. What he has discussed represents the landowners who are against it; that is what his primary focus is. Councilman Krezmien noted that Councilman Snyder brought up some very good points.

3) Councilman Drozd advised that he will meet with Supervisor Drake to construct a letter to send to the Commissioner of Public Works to see if the Town could at least get some Snowmobile Crossing signs. Councilman Krezmien thinks that the alignment of the road out there (Sharp Street) is dangerous; if it wasn't for the curb, you'd keep going and going.

4) Councilman Zittel advised that the Southtowns Planning and Development meeting will be held on January 27, 2020 starting at 6 p.m. at Steelbound.

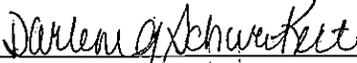
5) Supervisor Drake had attended a Springville Regional Planning Group meeting at the school. This group conducted a survey over the years on several different towns but the Village of Springville and Town of Concord were combined. This survey was about low income, poverty and the barriers that the residents find to get out of this situation. Big on the list was transportation and education. Their survey shows the northern half of Concord as being low income, almost poverty level. Supervisor Drake advised that some of the information contained in the survey was not correct: the Seniors do not meet here; the Senior Center was built and that was not on their display. There is a website and address that changes can be sent in. Supervisor Drake advised that the Group is saying that this information is coming from the census survey so the Town will see if the 2020 Census puts a different spin on this information.

6) Town Attorney Attea regrets that he can't join the Town for the holiday lunch tomorrow and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. The Town always does a great job on the luncheon and it is great to see everyone in a setting that is not official business.

ITEM #9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Councilman Drozd, seconded by Councilman Zittel, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. in memory of:

William Joseph Pabst
Corey D. Rehrauer
Gary W. Webster
James W. Krah
Carl J. Schelble, III



Darlene G. Schweikert
Town Clerk