

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

April 9, 2020

Supervisor Drake discussed the following:

1. A thank you note was received from the family of Marilyn Dickhut thanking the town for remembering their loved one at our March meeting.
2. Delaware River Solar LLC sent correspondence to the Town stating their intention to build one or more solar projects in the Town Concord. They are working or plan to work with the Town Officials on any permitting requirements.
3. Supervisor Drake received correspondence from PERMA offering a renewal of our policy during this Coronavirus pandemic with a decrease in the premium. Supervisor Drake discussed this with Town Attorney Attea and also Ron Miller, Evans Agency. There being no objection to signing the renewal, Supervisor Drake signed.
4. Hwy Supt Edwards will not be at tonight's meeting. Councilman Drozd had his Monthly Report and the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds and distributed them to the Board members. There was discussion on the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds since this is funded by the sales tax amounts received by the Town. Supervisor Drake advised that he is reluctant to sign the Agreement with the current NYS Pause Order and how this will impact the sales tax. The 2020 Budget utilized a figure of \$753,000 from sales tax with \$543,000 of that budgeted for Highway and \$210,000 budgeted in Fund B. The first quarter of 2020, the actual sales tax was \$227,242.33 but Supervisor Drake is estimating that sales tax for the second quarter will be about \$47,000; the third quarter will be about \$94,125 and hoping that the fourth quarter will be up to \$188,250. This would total \$556,617.33 which would leave the Town a deficient in sales tax of \$196,382.67. Governor Cuomo has stated that NYS will meet once a quarter to balance the State budget and any line in their budget could be cut and impact monies to the Town. Supervisor Drake has asked Hwy Supt Edwards to assess the roads for critical road repairs and report back to the Town Board. Councilman Drozd volunteered to ride with Hwy Supt Edwards to assess the roads. Councilman Drozd said he understands the current situation but the Town needs to put some money in the account so that the Highway Department can do some work; there are tasks that the department can do such as ditching, pipe replacement, cross culverts, tree trimming, roadside mowing, shoulder work. Tasks that are labor but with little or no material costs. Councilman Drozd thinks that the Board should put in some dollar amount presently and then a "To Be Determined" at a later date. Supervisor Drake suggested that the Board put a figure on the Agreement for General Repairs and then the Improvements could be determined at a later date. This will be discussed later during the Board meeting.