

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

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Supervisor Drake discussed the following:

1. Copies of the Town of Caneadea Fund Balance Management Report of Examination was provided to the members. Supervisor Drake reviewed the Key Findings in this report that shows Caneadea did not develop and adopt a comprehensive written Fund Balance Policy, Multiyear Financial Plan or Capital Plans. He believes the Fund Balance Policy is something that the Town really needs to look into before the next budget. Supervisor Drake has taken the Town's budget and projected the budget for the next four. The Town will also need to develop a capital plan. The condition of the Bensley Center roof was discussed and will need to be considered in a capital plan.

2. Supervisor Drake has been working with Erie County on our Hazard Mitigation Plan. An engineer came out to look at our HVAC systems at the Senior Center and what we needed to make it more environmentally friendly. He met with Senior Director Eschborn and the representative and made a pitch for the kitchen window to have a better divider there and also a divider to divide the big room. A recommendation was going to be put in for the Town for \$40,000 for the big room divider and \$10,000 for the kitchen divider and \$5,000 for PPE. At this time, it looks like the Town will make it to stage 2 but is not sure if it will go.

3. Senior Director Eschborn would like the Board's permission to have a Chicken BBQ fundraiser to raise funds for the Seniors to go on a trip. This is not the Senior group; just the people going to the Center. She'd like to have the event on a Wednesday night with hopes of making \$1,000. Councilman Snyder noted that people do seem to like BBQs and that it should just be spaced out from other dates that other groups will be having them. Councilman Krezmien wasn't sure that one BBQ event could make enough money and that the Center would need to do pre-sale ticket sales. The Board has no problem with Senior Director Eschborn having the fundraiser event.

4. Councilman Drozd advised that the Center for the Arts would like to put a mural on the town-owned shed at the Hulbert Library and is asking the Town's permission. Councilman Drozd noted that the Center for the Arts will be working on a prototype of their drawing to submit to the Town for approval.

5. The Center for the Arts has organized the Thursdays, Downtown concert series. The Board members may be asked to announce at these events.

6. Thomas Milligan, Community Solar Ambassador for Solar Farms of New York, introduced himself and gave an overview of his company's Solar Farms NY's residential Clean Energy Discount Program. They are part of New York State's Community Solar Network and are recognized by NYSEG as a Community Distributive Generation Host. They produce local, renewable, clean energy and feed the grid as a power plant and their members receive a direct benefit for signing up into their clean energy discount program. Members are entitled to a guaranteed discount off their NYSEG bill if they enroll into the clean energy discount program. Mr. Milligan explained the benefits of the program and how the program works. With this program, NYSEG continues to reduce their carbon emissions in New York State at the residential level. To sign up, residents need their NYSEG bill available for review. At this time, this is only available for residential programs; not commercial. There will be more farms

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built in New York State and as they are built, these programs would open up for commercial programs. They currently work with NYSEG and RG&E; probably by the end of summer they will be working with National Grid. Solar Farms New York also teams up with non-profit organizations that share their vision for a cleaner New York State and helps them to promote their clean energy discount program as a fundraiser. As a Clean Energy Partner, the non-profit brings new members can waive the \$50 enrollment gift card and Solar Farms would contribute \$100 donation to the non-profit. The company is looking for Clean Energy Partners in our community. Mr. Milligan's contact information is (716) 604-5963. Mr. Milligan thanked the Board.

