

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

August 11, 2022

Supervisor Drozd opened the Work Session and discussed the following with the Members:

1. The following items will be added to tonight's Agenda under New Business:
No new items to add.
2. The new water softener was installed at the Senior Center and a timer was installed on the hot water tank.
3. Amherst Alarm installed the alarm system at the Senior Center.
4. Amherst Alarm completed the installation of the alarm system at the Bensley Center.
5. The first part of the Town Hall flooring project has been completed: the Court Room/Board Room, the Judge's Office, the DA's Office, the Town Clerk's Office, the front vestibule, the front stairs and the hallway in the basement.
6. The water softener at the Town Hall has been replaced.
7. There will possibly be a new Area Code in 716 region in the future.
8. The new floor scrubber for the Town Hall has been delivered.
9. The damaged fence at Community Park has been repaired. Our insurance covered this repair. The grill has been received and has been installed by Parks Superintendent Schweikert.
10. Erie County completed the inspection of the Kissing Bridge Water System. Two deficiencies were found. One has been rectified and Supervisor Drozd will contact Ehmke to rectify the second.
11. Sue Fischbeck, Library President, Sue Putney, Library Treasurer, and Jennifer Morris, Library Director, were all in attendance to give an update on the Library Construction Aid Grant application. The estimates from Joy Kuebler will be available 8/12. Sue Fischbeck said that the money from the NYS Dormitory Authority will be used to cover 75% of the cost of the parking lot project, new LED lighting and the landscaping/seating project being designed presently. In order to proceed, the Library needs to provide a 10 year lease agreement and a letter of support from the Town Board. They are also there in order to foster a healthy relationship between the Library and the Town, as the owners of the Library building and property. Sue explained the phases of the proposed outdoor project. Councilman Snyder had a question regarding the living wall on the brick exterior of the building. He and Councilman Zittel both worry that anything attached to the exterior could degrade the brick. This can be modified, as can any of the plans. The deadline for the grant application is August 31st. The Library has 6 years to complete the project when the money is awarded. Supervisor Drozd said that the Board will sign the letter of support and 10 year agreement.
12. The Highway drainage project is complete.
13. The pre-construction meeting has taken place for the Morton Rd culvert project.
14. There is a sewer washout at Meadow Creek. The Town is still waiting for permission from the NYS DEC to repair this.
15. Supervisor Drozd and Town Clerk Schweikert are currently working on obtaining a grant from NYSEDA for the Senior Center LED lighting replacement.

16. Supervisor Drozd gave an update on the American Rescue Plan Act expenditures.

17. Town Attorney Attea said that he recently handled an eviction proceeding at a Village of Springville property. The evicted individual left 8 vehicles behind and many attempts to contact him regarding these vehicles have failed. The Village has declined to pursue the matter further. The Town has jurisdiction and could obtain salvage titles to take ownership of the vehicles. They could then be auctioned or sent to the junk yard. Supervisor Drozd verified this information with a contact at the Erie County Auto Bureau. Town Attorney Attea will work on pursuing this avenue.

18. Erie County has completed the study the intersection at Buffalo Rd. The study determined that while multi-way stop criteria were not met based on traffic volume and accident history, the limited sight distances at the existing stop signs restrict a driver's ability to see conflicting traffic. Therefore, a multi-way stop is recommended.