

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

December 8, 2022

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

1. There will be an employee Holiday Luncheon next Friday, December 16th at the Senior Center. The elected officials will pay for this luncheon.
2. The Highway Department truck that was ordered previously is due in by the end of month.
3. Supervisor Drozd attended the Hulbert Library Board meeting this morning and updated the Board on the status of the capital improvement project grant application. It has been reviewed by the State and the Library Board of Trustees is making suggested amendments and then it will be re-submitted. Ken Stone, Chief Financial Officer of the Buffalo & Erie County Library, was in attendance and assisted in this process. Also in attendance was Andrew Wiede who will be taking over Ken Stone's position upon his retirement.
4. Supervisor Drozd met with the Village of Ellicottville and received the signed Sewer Plant Agreement and also learned that Ellicottville has started their water line inventory project which is due by the end of 2024.
5. An update of the American Rescue Plan Act funds was provided to the Board. There is a balance of \$13,189.25 from the first installment of \$213,691. The second installment has not yet been used. Bloom's Flooring just finished the Assessor's Office and the Conference Room; the Supervisor's Office and Bookkeeper Office will be done next week. The painting will be done right after the holidays.
6. There was discussion about the date of the Organizational Meeting; should the meeting be held prior to the January 12th meeting date? Town Attorney Attea said the Town has no legal requirement to have the meeting earlier in the month. The Board agreed to have the meeting before the regular January meeting.
7. The update of the Investment Policy is on tonight's Agenda. The update is to add NY Class as a depository.
8. Bill Krebs will be in attendance to discuss the Scenic Byway Letter of Support request. Copies of his request letter and Letter of Support were provided to the Board in their packet.
9. The Garden Club requested use of the Town Hall side lawn for their Annual Garden Walk on July 8, 2023. The Board approved this request for the 2022 Walk. The Town Hall is not open for the event; they just use the side lawn to set up a table to distribute brochures.
10. At yesterday's Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Committee meeting, it was noted that the Ross Road bridge in Concord ranked third in Erie County; highest in need of repair; the third worst one in Erie County. There is a Bridge New York program. The Town discussed this program last year for the Morton Road culvert project but the Town was too late to receive any funding. These are 95% grants and the Town would be responsible for 5% of the total project cost. CHIPS money can be used for the 5% local share. Drew Reilly at Wendel Companies contacted Supervisor Drozd with this information. Supervisor Drozd and Hwy Supt Edwards don't know why it is labeled as bad. Mr. Reilly's concern is that the Town has that 94-c Solar Project in that area. People will be using the bridge even if it is posted. This is something the Town will have to look into. Supervisor Drozd would like to see a copy of the report; not sure who inspected the bridge as he was not notified of any inspection. Council Member Snyder wondered if the Town could hire someone to do an inspection. Council Member

Zittel questioned if the Town has to post the bridge. Supervisor Drozd will try to get a copy of the report. In 2000, the bridge was put in; it is just two culvert pipes.

11. The Kiwanis Club has requested to use the Concord Senior Center for their monthly meetings. They would meet about 9-10 times a year. The Kiwanis Club also heads up the Aktion Club which provides meals to disabled individuals from the area. They cook and serve the dinners. There are currently four groups using the Center that are not associated with the Center: Women's Group, Garden Club, Craft Club and Book Club. Supervisor Drozd noted that the Kiwanis Club's generosity benefits the residents in our Town and would be asking for a motion to approve their request at tonight's meeting.

12. Council Member Zittel advised the Board that the Community Park Pavilion Project has begun. The holes for the piers were staked out. There will need to be some alterations from the original plan; two feet added on to the bathroom side and one foot on the Snack Shack side; the width is fine. The holes will be dug on Tuesday, December 13, 2022.