

Supervisor Drozd discussed the following with the Board:

1. The names of Eagle Scouts Michael Reese, Justin Buczek, Christopher James Jozwiak and Thomas Kent Orndorff will be added to the Eagle Scout Plaque. Supervisor Drozd noted that there was a delay in obtaining these nameplates from Sheret Jewelers but they will be added to the Plaque as soon as they are completed by Sheret Jewelers.

2. A Special Town Board meeting will be held near the end of December. This will allow the Town to pay any final 2023 invoices, do any known budget line transfers, review the applicants for the laborer position and the Expressions of Interest for the Ross Road Bridge project. There may also be an Executive Session to review a litigation matter with Attorney Ryan McCann. Council Member Drake noted that there will still be some invoices received in 2024 for Year 2023; abstracts for 2023 may still be needed in January and February 2024.

3. Council Member Krzemien provided Supervisor Drozd with the NYS Department of State rules for Winter Burials.

4. Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail sent a "Get Acquainted" email from President Mary Brummer who would like a meeting. The ECRT has been awarded a grant from NYS Environmental Protection Fund with matching funds from the Ralph Wilson Jr Foundation to begin the structural evaluation and engineering design for the historic Cascade Bridge over Cattaraugus Creek. The plan is to eventually restore the bridge for pedestrian use. Supervisor Drozd will reach out to Ms. Brummer to arrange a meeting time.

5. There was an amendment to the EPA Policy for Buy America Build America Waivers. The Waiver finds all WIIA projects that have started the design process prior to May 2022 to be BABA exempt. This means that the Town will definitely qualify for the BABA Waiver because this project started prior to May 2022.

6. The Sales Tax Information was released. The year-to-date receipts are running 2.5% higher than last year at this time.

7. The Buffalo Niagara Partnership will be hosting an Advocacy Agenda Rollout & Public Officials Reception on January 11, 2024. Attending would provide an opportunity to hear the priorities of local employers, and how the private sector can partner to build an even better, stronger Buffalo Niagara. This is the next Town Board meeting night so our Board cannot attend.

8. Senior Director Eschborn sent a letter to the Board about the problems the Center is having with the homeless people in the area. Supervisor Drozd and Senior Director Eschborn met with Erie County representatives to discuss this issue. The County suggested that the Town needs to do some kind of membership card and have people register with permanent addresses and contact information. Council Member Krzemien will work with Senior Director Eschborn to come up with a plan.

9. The Town received confirmation of the Congressional Grant for the Kissing Bridge/Craneridge Waste Water Treatment Plant. This Grant is for \$2,000,000.00. Another \$420,000 was received from NYS for the emergency repairs at the KBWWTP.

10. The Concord IDA has been dissolved. Supervisor Drozd met with Erie County IDA President John Cappellino and invited Mayor Michaels, Administrator Melock, Village CEO Baker and Town CEO Roberts to this meeting. Mr. Cappellino explained the Erie County IDA program and packets are available at the Town and the Village so we know what to do if someone wants IDA services.

11. The KBWWTP officially went offline on Tuesday, December 12th. Now the effluent is going to the CRWWTP. The big tank was set today. There will be discussions with the Highway Department about demolishing the old metal building. The DEC is coming out to inspect the site on December 21st.

12. Supervisor Drozd met with the CDBG representatives on November 16th to score the Town's projects at the Senior Center. The Town is hopeful that we will be some funding.

13. The Highway Department cut down some cherry trees at Community Park and Potter Lumber purchased them. The Town received \$850 for the trees. The Highway Department dismantled an old shed and the buildings were winterized at Community Park.

14. Jens Glass repaired the Handicap Accessible Door at Town Hall and replaced the door threshold.

15. Chapmans were at Town Hall to switch out old electrical switches and plugs.

16. DCO Robinson asked the status of the freezer. Supervisor Drozd noted that money was set aside for this purchase and will call Strykersville in the morning to try to arrange the purchase still in Year 2023.

17. Valley Fab is still waiting for the box for the new highway truck.

18. The Town may need to take over the Sibley Road Cemetery now that Roger Griffith is deceased.