

TOWN OF CONCORD TOWN BOARD
Work Session 6:15 p.m.

January 12, 2023

Supervisor Drozd discussed the following with the Board:

1. There is no heat at the Hulbert Library. Reding Inc will be going to the library in the morning.
2. Updated the Board regarding Kissing Bridge Waste Water Treatment Plant. Ben Slotman emailed January 11th noting the aeration tank at the Kissing bridge Plant. The aeration piping in the pre-aeration tank has rotten through. One section failed this summer and was shut down with the idea that we could get through. Now a second section has failed leaving the tank with little to no aeration. The drop legs to the diffusers have rusted though allowing the air to get out before getting to the diffusers located in the bottom of the tank. Although this is not urgent, the Town needs to look at this and come up with a plan to get it back in service. Mr. Slotman has some recommendations to get this plant to get through until we know what we are doing with the new plant. He will meet up with Mr. Slotman on site and then update the Board at the February meeting. It will then be determined if some work could be done in house or if it would need to be contracted out.
3. Reding Inc brought salt to the Senior Center for the softener due to the new water softener malfunction. The new part was installed; this repair is under warranty.
4. The Board members received informational packets regarding the Volunteer Firefighter's exemption. This is just an FYI at this time; it's too new to have all details at this time.
5. Ben Slotman emailed January 9th regarding the Craneridge & Kissing Bridge Sewer Plant. The DEC has issued a violation notice to the Town for both sewer plants. The DEC is requiring the Town to have additional testing done at both plants between May 1st and June 30th for fecal coliform counts and Total Residual Chlorine levels at the chlorine contact tank and effluent outfall. The DEC wants 10 samples over this 8-week period. Last year the Town just put in all that chlorine stuff in there last year so not sure why the DEC is doing this. Dave Tessmer who does the testing has been contacted and will put together a quote because this is over and above the work that he does for the Town. These issues may assist the Town in obtaining more grant funding.
6. The Hulbert Library electric bill is off the Town's general bill. The first bill has been received the library; the Town is not paying this bill anymore. It was \$268.26. Erie County will pay electric bill for the library, the same with the water and sewer.
7. The Hulbert Library aid grant was amended by Ken Stone at the Central Library for the full amount of the parking lot paving project \$97,299 and the LED Lighting \$15,343. The total project cost for everything is \$222,317; 71.5% of that is eligible for the grant; \$158,847. The Town will not need to use the ARPA funds for the LED Lighting. The grant also included the architect fees for the outdoor reading space improvements that the Library Board would like to do. The Library Board hopes to know mid-summer. Anything from the parking lot amount will come right back to the Town to go back into our maintenance fund. Out of the \$97,299 for the parking lot, the Town would get back 71.5% of that \$69,568.
8. Notified by Erie County that the Town can use a generator powered by natural gas, diesel fuel or propane. There was a generator there but to the best of anyone's recollection is that when Ray Wozniak left, the generator left; not sure if it was Mr. Wozniak's personal generator. Regardless, the Town needs to have a backup source up there. This was noted in the inspection during the summer. The size of the generator still needs to be determined. Supervisor Drozd and Tim Domes will be looking into this matter; looking into a propane fired one. All the casings are still there from the old generator; the switch gears are in there yet and then it goes out to conduit and comes up. That part is done. The prior one might've been diesel powered. Supervisor Drozd will look into quotes for a propose one and bring this matter back to the Board.
9. Worked with Ben Slotman and filed the required renewal SPDES Permit for Craneridge Sewer District #1.
10. There was an article on Kiwanis Aktion Club in the Springville Journal; copies given to the members.

11. The Town received \$226,861.78 in sales tax, which is still ahead.

12. Spoke with Hwy Supt Edwards regarding FEMA. Supervisor Drozd listened in on most of the FEMA meetings. The Town did not qualify for anything this latest storm either. FEMA regulations have changed where regular plowing is not allowed to be claimed under FEMA. Question then is how those areas hit hard, how do they differentiate between regular plowing and emergency plowing. FEMA doesn't have an answer nor do the local officials. The Town did not have anything out of the ordinary so we cannot get FEMA money. Received recent/current FEMA rate schedule 2021 Edition and got a copy to Disaster Coordinator Willibey.

13. Received an email from Deb Fenn, ECRT, distributed to the members. ECRT did not qualify for the grant for the structural evaluation and design for the high-level bridge (Cascade Bridge).

14. Met with Town Attorney Attea and Andrew Reilly at Wendel Companies regarding the EDF 94-c project. Mr. Reilly feels that the company will be reaching out to the Town soon on the solar project. On Mr. Reilly's urging, Supervisor Drozd spoke with Sardinia Supervisor Gambino so that the Town of Concord and Town of Sardinia could use the same attorney. Council Member Drake advised that in the past the Town Board of the Town of Sardinia would not approve this. Sardinia's attorney is very involved in these types of projects and it would be a big asset to both towns if he represented both of us. Town Attorney Attea has no problem talking to and sharing information with the Sardinia attorney. Supervisor Gambino will be directing her Town Attorney to share any and all information with our Town Attorney so we work together on this project. Sardinia did agree to that as well as Town Attorney Attea.

15. Submission for CFA Grants for Zoning Code Updates will be opening soon. Andrew Reilly, Wendel Companies, will notify the Town when these grants are available and open for submission.

16. Schenne & Associates will be getting the water project design specs to the Town next week. The Town will be able to put this out to bid and open the bids on February 6th at 10:30 a.m.