

TOWN OF CONCORD TOWN BOARD
Work Session start 6:05 p.m.

January 11, 2024

Supervisor Drozd discussed the following with the Board:

1. The Cattaraugus Street Water District project for the hook-up for the property located at 8934 Cattaraugus Street now owned by Courtney Ebling has been completed. A packet of all the documentation will be in the Cattaraugus Street Water District retention file for future reference in case any other resident would like to connect to the water district.

2. Since last meeting, the Town has received the check from the Hulbert Library for the lighting. Chapman will be back on Monday to work on the outside lights; the inside lights are done. This project should be done shortly.

3. The Town was notified that the Town was selected to receive our Community Development Block Grant for Senior Center Improvements in the full amount of \$132,301. Supervisor Drozd will keep the Board updated. This project will include the garage for storage of the Senior Van as well as much needed items for the Center.

4. Assemblyman DiPietro sent a letter to the Town welcoming the Board. Assemblyman DiPietro will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting to discuss windmills on January 27th in North Collins. Drew Reilly, Wendel Companies representative, saw that this meeting was scheduled and would like to have a joint meeting with the four towns; a couple representatives from each town. Supervisor Drozd will supply details when available.

Supervisor Drozd stopped Work Session at 6:15 p.m. to open the Organizational Meeting.

Supervisor Drozd started Work Session again at 6:37 p.m.

5. Members were provided with an update of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The balance at the end of Year 2023 was \$28,071.69. Supervisor Drozd advised that boardroom audio (\$11,038.49) was approved by the Board late last year and will be paid for with ARPA funds. Other projects discussed were the Bensley Center flooring and a couple of items for Community Park.

6. The push mower purchased for use at the Town Hall had a recall by LandPro. The engine has been re-built on the mower and it is back at Town Hall.

7. Supervisor Drozd was alerted by members of the Mortons Corners and East Concord fire departments that the LOSAP (Length of Service Award Program) was set up for 30 years and some members are reaching that 30-year milestone. Supervisor

Drozd reached out to Hometown Firefighters & EMS Services to obtain estimates to increase the LOSAP program to 50 years. Any increase in the LOSAP program would need taxpayer approval. The estimated amounts were discussed; this is just “food for thought”. No decision needs to be made tonight. This will be reviewed by the Board in the upcoming months.

8. Supervisor Drozd noted that there is a compressor at Springville’s Main Street hall that is used for filling air bottles. The compressor was taken from Franklin Street to the new fire hall in 1988 and it was used until it could not be used anymore and the State inspector said it had to be replaced. The cost at that time was split between four companies but Sardinia is not out because they left the Control Center and got their own system. Now it is just the three companies here in the Town of Concord. The current compressor will fill the bottles but will not fill these new bottles to their capacity. NYS Governor Hochul announced \$25 million in grant funds for Volunteer Fire companies over and above all other grants. This grant is administered by NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and applications are due by April 30th, 2024. Supervisor Drozd has been in contact with Village Administrator Melock and the fire companies regarding this matter. Last year the Village of Springville applied for a grant for this compressor but the grant was not approved. Supervisor Drozd proposed to the Village to do a joint grant application. This grant will be researched to see if the Village and Town can write the grant themselves or if a grant writer would be necessary. The grant would be filed under Safety and Health and Safe Firefighting practices or Consolidation of Services. The grant could be filed under Consolidation of Services for the three companies to have one compressor for portable air supply and for the health and safety of the firefighters. Letters of Support can be obtained for our fire companies and surrounding companies who come in on mutual aid; Assemblyman DiPietro and Senator Gallivan. Supervisor Drozd will move forward on this grant application with the Village of Springville. If the compressor goes down before it can be replaced, the departments will reach out to surrounding departments.

9. The Code Enforcement End of Year Report was reviewed. There was a decline in permit activity from 123 in 2022 to 111 in 2023. However, there was an increase in fee revenue for \$26,325 to \$26,600 in 2023.

10. Two items will be added to tonight’s regular meeting Agenda. (1) Reaffirm the Hulbert Library Board of Trustees for Year 2024 and (2) SGI Use of Community Park for the upcoming 2024 season.