

TOWN OF CONCORD TOWN BOARD MEETING March 14, 2024
7:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PHILIP DROZD, SUPERVISOR,
at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PHILIP DROZD, SUPERVISOR
 CLYDE M. DRAKE, COUNCIL MEMBER
 KENNETH D. ZITTEL, COUNCIL MEMBER
 KIMBERLY S. KRZEMIEN, COUNCIL MEMBER
 KENNETH KASSEL COUNCIL MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: DARLENE G. SCHWEIKERT, Town Clerk
 BARRY A. EDWARDS, Hwy Supt.
 KEVIN RAUTENSTRAUCH, Deputy Town Attorney
 CAROLYN A. ROBINSON, Dog Control Officer

GEORGE DONHAUSER ERIC WILLIAMS, Springville Journal

INVOCATION DELIVERED BY TOWN CLERK SCHWEIKERT

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG LED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZITTEL

ITEM #1 CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of Minutes:
 - (1) Work Session – 2/8/2024
 - (2) Town Board Meeting – 2/8/2024

Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Krzemien, to approve Consent Agenda, Items 1-2. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

b) Monthly Reports: Supervisor Drozd asked for a motion to add (9) Historian Quarterly Report. Supervisor Drozd agreed with the Historian that a quarterly report could be filed instead of monthly and also Judge Frank February 2024 report. Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Drake, to add the Historian Quarterly Report and Judge Frank's February 2024 Report. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

- (1) Code Enforcement Report – February 2024
- (2) Dog Control Officer Report – February 2024
- (3) Town Clerk Report – February 2024
- (4) Judge Frank – January 2024 & February 2024
- (5) Judge Gibbin – January 2024
- (6) Senior Transportation Van Report – November 2023
- (7) Senior Director Report – February 2024
- (8) Assessor's Report – February 2024
- (9) Historian Quarterly Report

Motion by Council Member Krzemien, seconded by Council Member Zittel, to approve Consent Agenda, Items 1-9. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

ITEM #2 RESIDENT CONCERNS

Supervisor Drozd opened the floor for Public Comment.

a) George Donhauser asked that status of the Boardroom Audio system that was discussed months ago. Supervisor Drozd advised that the contractor has not received one part yet. He checks in with the Town every Friday but is awaiting one

major component to the system due to the supply chain issue; it's on a national backlog. We are at the mercy of suppliers. The system will not work without that one component.

b) George Donhauser asked about the truck body purchase to be discussed at Item #3. Why is this needed? Hwy Supt Edwards explained that a new 10-wheeler truck has been ordered and is expected in Year 2025. Hwy Supt Edwards noted that the 550 Dodge has been received but the Town does not have the box, the plow or the wing. This purchase has nothing to do with the new 10-wheeler. The 10-wheeler is expected in Year 2025 and this has to be ordered now or the Town won't get it in Year 2025. The Town will just be ordering the truck body now; not paying for it.

ITEM #3 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

a) Hwy Supt Edwards read his Highway Report. Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Drake, to receive and file the Highway Department Report. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

(1) Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds – Hwy Supt Edwards had provided the Board with his Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds for approval. Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Drake, to approve the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. A copy of the signed Agreement is included in the Minute Book.

(2) Purchase Truck Body – This is for the new 10-wheeler that has been ordered. Hwy Supt Edwards advised that the bids are close. Valley Fab and Equipment is \$127,299.00 and Viking is \$128,032.50 which includes the 11' blade polarflex in the amount of \$4,398. This is not included in the Valley Fab quote. Once this quote gets approved, Hwy Supt Edwards will ask the company for a timeline so that the Town does not end up waiting like they are now with Valley Fab. Council Member Drake asked if there was an escalation clause in this quote or is it a solid quote? Hwy Supt Edwards advised that this will not change; it is a Sourcewell Contract. George Donhauser asked how many quotes there were and if they were local? Hwy Supt Edwards said he had two quotes; one local and one is not. Mr. Donhauser questioned if the Town needed to get three quotes. The Town does not because this off a Sourcewell contract. There was another option that the Town could piggyback off the Onondaga County bid or the State Sourcewell bid. The State bid is lower than the Onondaga County bid. Hwy Supt Edwards noted that this truck will replace Truck #14 which is a Year 2012 truck. The Town is changing over to stainless; Truck #14 is steel. Mr. Donhauser asked if the vital parts are still made of steel; and they are. Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Krzemien, to accept the Viking Cives Quotation in the amount of \$128,032.50. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye.

ITEM #4 OLD BUSINESS

a) KBWWTP – Supervisor Drozd updated the Board on this project.

(1) Supervisor Drozd advised that Kissing Bridge has officially closed on Monday or Tuesday this week so the General Contractor will go back out, weather permitting, to finish up Phase I of the project.

(2) Supervisor Drozd has been reviewing the Town's insurance policy with Chris Ross at Evans Agency. Everything at the KB Plant and the CR Plant is listed at a certain dollar amount for insurance purposes. Nothing could be done until the Town received the discontinuance of the SPDES permit from NYS. That has now been received for the KB Sewer Permit. In their mind, the plant is gone; now the insurance company can calculate how much the Town will get back because those assets are gone. At the new pumping station, all that is there now is the metering pit which will be insured at \$30,000, the forcemain which will be insured for \$70,000 (this is a 50-year asset) and the pump station itself which will be insured for \$100,000. The Town is looking at

\$200,000 of insurance. It was higher than that before with the old plant. Chris Ross will now go through and take off the other items and put these new items on for the KB plant.

(3) Supervisor Drozd mentioned during Work Session that the Town was notified on February 27th, that the Town has been identified as potentially eligible for an enhanced WIIA award for the Kissing Bridge and Craneridge project. The Town would like to be considered for this enhanced WIIA award. The additional award would make the project more affordable and greatly reduce the economic burden for those taxpayers. The Town is doing their due diligence to try to increase that \$1,175,000 award by 25%.

(4) Supervisor Drozd was contacted by Mark Gaston of Erie County Soil & Water Conservation District.

(a) They will be putting about \$17,000 into the Craneridge Homeowners' Association by the William Rugg residence. Supervisor Drozd advised Mr. Gaston that the Town will work in conjunction with Erie County Soil & Water when they do their project; the Town will work on the culvert near the pumping station. The crew would already be in the creek and our pipe is not covered under this Crump Brook Tributary Restoration Project Phase II but it would be a lot cheaper to work in conjunction with this project. When Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance (LEWPA) gets started on this project, the Town will work with them on our culvert. Supervisor Drozd will draw up the specs for this project. The timeframe is March 2024 to March 2025. Erie County Soil & Water will be doing all the permits for the project.

(b) LEWPA will also be doing a West Branch Cazenovia Creek Streambank Stabilization Project. The owner, Richard Fanelli/Kissing Bridge Corp and private landowner there is going to be getting \$17,000 to riprap that bank which will in essence help protect our pumping station. This project will do nothing but help that area. The timeframe is the same March 2024 to March 2025.

(5) Municipal Solutions Proposal – Supervisor Drozd noted that the proposal had to be updated to reflect minimum pricing at \$165/hour with a minimum fee of \$6,500 for Municipal Solutions. When the Town first started this project with Municipal Solutions, the Town did not know the extent of this project and now that the Town does, the agreement has to be updated. Municipal Solutions is handling all the grant application process. This will come out of the grant money received. Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Krzemien, to approve the Municipal Solutions Proposal dated February 22, 2024 and authorize Supervisor Drozd to sign the proposal. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye.

b) Kissing Bridge Sewer Plant KB Agreement Update – Supervisor Drozd and Caleb Henning/MDA Consulting Engineers with input from Ben Slotman, prepared a draft Agreement and the draft was sent to Mr. Fanelli at KB. There has been no response back yet from Mr. Fanelli; Supervisor Drozd left him a message today. Without the sewer plant there, the Town is negotiating a lower payment amount with Mr. Fanelli. Mr. Henning is working with Jonathan Rogers, MDA Consulting Engineers on the electric meter. The electric meter was installed and was being billed to Kissing Bridge but since it's being billed to KB, KB had to send the letter to NYSEG requesting that the account be put in the Town's name and then the Town will get paperwork to be completed stating that the Town will accept the billing. The only thing on the meter now is just the pumping station.

c) Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) – This has been discussed at previous Town Board Meetings. Supervisor Drozd has had further conversations with Hometown Fire Fighters about the LOSAP program and any increase in the maximum number of years earned. The process would be to draft referendum language and put the matter to a public vote. To be on the ballot for the General Election this November, the Board of Elections needs our referendum by August 5th. There was discussion whether to increase the maximum number from 30 to 40 or 50 years.

Council Member Zittel moved the adoption of Resolution 2 accepting this proposition as presented be placed on the ballot in the fall election, seconded by Council Member Drake:

Shall the Defined Benefit program established by the Length of Service Award Program as approved by the voters of the Town of Concord, County of Erie, State of New York, be amended to provide that effective January 1, 2025, the existing plan to increase the maximum number of years earned from 30 to 50 years in the Length of Service Award Program, BE APPROVED.

Should this amendment to the Service Award Program fail to be approved by the voters, the existing Plan will not be affected.

Voting as follows:

Council Member Drake	Aye
Council Member Kassel	Aye
Council Member Krzemien	Aye
Council Member Zittel	Aye
Supervisor Drozd	Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Town Clerk Schweikert will send Town Attorney Attea copies of the 2013 documents when this was done previously for review and approval.

d) Craneridge Lighting – This matter was discussed earlier this evening during Work Session. The Town installed two prototype lights and these lights hadn't worked for a period of time. Sam Lewandowski, Craneridge Lighting Committee, questioned why these fixtures were not working. The Town had Chapman Electric go up and they are now working. One of the fixtures had water infiltration which shorted the wires out; that fixture fed the other one fixture. Chapman put in weather tight connectors and a little extension is on backorder but it will be used to make the fixture a little bit higher than the surrounding area. The highway department will go back and taper that area down so it won't get into the box. The Town bought those fixtures from the funds and there is a meter, and the HOA is paying the monthly electric billing. Supervisor Drozd advised that the Town received the signed agreement back from National Fuel so the Town has this calendar year to complete this project.

e) Lucy Bensley Mural – Supervisor Drozd noted that there was discussion about the mural with the Village of Springville and it appeared it was not going to happen but the mural is going to happen. Seth Wochensky, Springville Center for the Arts Executive Director, worked it out with the Village. The artist is over there today doing some preliminary work.

ITEM #5 NEW BUSINESS

a) Audit of the Bills –

Year 2024 Abstract 3:
General Fund A, Abstract 3, \$27,134.28
General Fund B, Abstract 3, \$1,405.12
Library Fund, Abstract 3, \$118.88
Fire Protection, Abstract 3, NONE
Joint Van, Abstract 3, \$447.57
Joint Youth, Abstract 3, NONE
Craneridge Lighting, Abstract 3, NONE
Craneridge Sewer, Abstract 3, \$7,045.33
Highway DA, Abstract 3, NONE
Highway DB, Abstract 3, \$27,380.86
Kissing Bridge Water, Abstract 3, \$135.00

Kissing Bridge Sewer, Abstract 3, \$2,418.01
Trevett Rd. Water, Abstract 3, NONE
Cattaraugus St. Water, Abstract 3, NONE
Trust & Agency, Abstract 3, NONE
Capital (HA) C. Sewer, Abstract 3, NONE
Capital (HB) Land, abstract1, NONE
Capital (HD) Catt St, Abstract 3, NONE
Capital (HE) Sr. Ctr, Abstract 3, NONE
Capital (HF) Hwy Equip, Abstract 3, NONE
Capital (HG) Waste Study, Abstract 3, NONE
Capital (HI) Waste Study, Abstract 3, NONE

Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Kassel, to approve the bills as presented. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

b) Accept Resignation – Judy Sherman/Senior Center – Motion by Council Member Drake, seconded by Council Member Krzemien, to accept the resignation of Judy Sherman, effective February 21, 2024, with regrets. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye.

c) Community Park Rules/Rental Policy – Supervisor Drozd thanked Council Member Krzemien and Deputy Town Clerk Bacon for their work on this matter. This has been reviewed and approved by Town Attorney Attea. A Town resident can rent Shelter #1 for \$50, Shelter #2 for \$25, Shelter #3 for \$25 and the Pavilion Building which includes Shelter #1 for \$200. Non-Resident fees are Shelter #1 for \$75, Shelter #2 for \$50, Shelter #3 for \$50 and the Pavilion Building which includes Shelter #1 for \$250. The security deposit will be left with the Town Clerk's Office. The security deposit may be returned upon the inspection of the premises as to cleanliness, damages or litter. Chapter 101 of the Town Code, Parks and Recreation Areas, was repealed by Local Law #1 of 2010. Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Krzemien, to adopt the Community Park Rules/Rental Policy as presented. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye.

Council Member Krzemien will send the new Rules to SYI. SYI will make sure that all coaches and parents have a copy of the new Rules. Town Clerk Schweikert will also put the new Rules and Rental Policy on the Town's website. Hwy Supt Edwards questioned that if someone were to rent the Pavilion building, that would mean that they could use the kitchen? What happens if there's baseball that day? Supervisor Drozd advised that the Pavilion building will not be rented out on baseball days; that's the reason the Town is requiring the teams' schedules in writing, in advance. This will also include contact information for who is in charge that day/night.

d) Adopt Health Insurance 105 Plan – Supervisor Drozd noted that this was the consolidation that was done at the first of the year. Supervisor Drozd reached out to Audit & Control to see if an outside firm had to be hired to do this and was told that the Town does not need an outside firm. The Town can do this in house. The Town needs to adopt Section 105 of the Internal Revenue Code health plan to be administered by the Town of Concord. The Medicare payment is not considered income and is not taxable so the Town can write the check to pay that every three months. Motion by Council Member Krzemien, seconded by Council Member Zittel, to adopt the Section 105 Health Insurance Plan to be administered by the Town of Concord. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Supervisor Drozd noted that Part II of Notice 2022-45 states that to qualify for the exclusion from gross income, the HRA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement) may only provide benefits that reimburse expenses for medical care as defined in Section 213(d).

e) Concord Historical Society Use of Bensley Center – Art Crawl on June 1st – Historians Thomas and Jolene Hawkins would like to have the event at the Bensley Center for local authors to present and sell their books. Mrs. Hawkins would like to sell her books as well. This would be inside the building but, weather permitting, it might be outside on the lawn under pop-up tents. Supervisor Drozd noted that the

Historical Society did this last year and said that over 825 people went through the Bensley Center. Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Krzemien, to approve the Concord Historical Society Use of the Lucy Bensley Center for the Art Crawl on June 1st. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye.

f) Wind Turbine Resolution – Supervisor Drozd had received a letter from the Town of Hamburg with their Resolution in opposition to the wind turbines in Lake Erie. The Town Board of Hamburg was the first to pass this Resolution since it's in their town and has respectfully asked if the Town of Concord would pass the Resolution opposing putting wind turbines in Lake Erie.

Council Member Drake moved the adoption of Resolution 3, seconded by Council Member Krzemien:

WHEREAS, approximately twelve million people live in the Lake Erie watershed, including seventeen areas with more than 50,000 residents, an area shared between the United States and Canada, and Lake Erie provides drinking water for approximately 11 million of the inhabitants of this region, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Concord, a town situated in Erie County and in the Lake Erie watershed, recognizes and values the importance of Lake Erie and continues to work diligently to safeguard and improve its own stewardship of Lake Erie and the Lake Erie Watershed, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Concord has great concern that New York State and/or any authority, agency, commission, or department thereof might allow private and/or public entities to construct, place, position, and/or install, with or without permanent bases, pylons, piers, or similar structures, one or more wind turbines in the waters of Lake Erie, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Concord has great concern that the fresh water of Lake Erie along with the overall health of Lake Erie, the wildlife that depends on Lake Erie, the wildlife that traverses Lake Erie, and the continuing restoration of Lake Erie will be placed at risk if wind turbines are constructed in the waters of Lake Erie, and

WHEREAS, NY State has passed the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (the Climate Act) calling for 70 percent of electricity in the state to be produced by renewable resources by 2030, and 100 percent of the state's electricity be generated by renewable resources by 2040; and

WHEREAS, wind energy has been designated by the Climate Act as an essential form of renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of commercial wind energy facilities operating in Western New York, with more in the planning and permitting stages; and

WHEREAS, NY State's power grid manager New York Independent Systems Operator (NYISO) has determined the Western New York zone of grid to be 89 percent free of carbon emissions in the generation of electricity; and

WHEREAS, NYISO has described the lack of electricity transmission facilities capable of transmitting electricity from Western New York to downstate grid zones which are 90 percent dependent on fossil fuels for generating electricity; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority determined in 2022 that this is not the right time to consider constructing offshore wind facilities in Lake Erie; and

WHEREAS, the offshore wind industry is experiencing global difficulties related to inflation and supply line shortages as evidenced by the recent NY State Public Service Commission decision denying industry requests for higher power delivery rates; and

WHEREAS, the long-planned Lake Erie offshore wind energy project known as Icebreaker Wind near Cleveland, Ohio, has recently been suspended, and

WHEREAS, questions concerning offshore wind energy facilities in fresh water bodies remain unanswered such as these which are not included in the NYSERDA reports of 2011 and 2022:

- + What assurances that toxic industrial wastes in the lake bed will not be disturbed to endanger safe drinking water and enter the food chain of Lake Erie's fish and bird species?
- + How would the placement of offshore wind turbines in Lake Erie affect the migratory pathways and behavior of economically important game fish?
- + What would be the impact on tourism of placing wind turbines in Lake Erie?
- + Specifically, how would offshore wind turbines in Lake Erie contribute to the emissions reduction goals of the Climate Act?
- + How would the radar interference created by offshore wind turbines in Lake Erie affect the safety of shipping, recreational boating, search and rescue operations and international border security?
- + How would microplastics and toxic chemicals like BPA and PFAS emitted by wind turbines impact water quality and the ecology of Lake Erie?
- + How much oil and other petroleum products are contained within each offshore wind turbine and how would oil spills from wind turbines be mediated, and other maintenance performed during annual periods of ice coverage on Lake Erie?
- + How would noise and vibrations emitted by wind turbines impact the quiet enjoyment of Lake Erie by fishers, boaters and nearshore residents and visitors?
- + What are the effects of vibrations emitted by wind turbines on the organisms living in the lake bed?
- + How would the blinking red lights atop each offshore wind turbines be reconciled with increased interest in preventing light pollution in dark skies?
- + What would be the impact of placing offshore wind turbines in Lake Erie's migratory flyways of birds, bats and butterflies?
- + What are the cumulative impacts of placing offshore wind turbines in Lake Erie given the already large concentration of onshore wind turbines along the Ontario shoreline and the elevations overlooking the lake in Chautauqua County?
- + What restrictions or no-go zones would be imposed on fishers and boaters in Lake Erie?
- + How would the Public Trust Doctrine which serves to protect the interests of all Western New Yorkers in a healthy Lake Erie be honored in the context of primary financial benefits to the offshore wind industry?
- + How would offshore wind turbines impact historic sites such as shipwrecks and lighthouses?
- + Would the rights of the Seneca Nation of Indians to administer water quality standards on the Cattaraugus Reservation be a consideration in placing offshore wind turbines in Lake Erie?

+ Would the high costs of offshore wind energy in Lake Erie be explained to Town of Concord electricity ratepayers in terms of monthly increases to their utility bills?

+ How would property values along the lake shore be impacted by viewsheds including offshore wind turbines and their industrial support and maintenance activities?

Conclusion: Some of these questions cannot be answered, or would be cost prohibitive to address. There are many documented examples of negative impacts of wind turbines on both terrestrial and aquatic environments. There are alternatives such as small modular nuclear and hydropower, which deserve significant consideration as possible future sources of power and do not negatively affect Lake Erie or other large bodies of water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Town of Concord opposes, at this time, any efforts to introduce offshore wind turbines in the waters of Lake Erie, and calls for a moratorium on the development and/or construction of any wind turbines in the waters of Lake Erie.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this Town Board Resolution to Honorable Governor Kathy Hochul, Honorable United States Congressman Nicholas Langworthy, Honorable Senate Majority Leader Andrea Steward-Cousins, Honorable Senate Minority Leader Robert Orr, Honorable Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Honorable Majority Leader of the Assembly Crystal Peoples-Stokes, Honorable Minority Leader of the Assembly William A. Barclay, Honorable New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan, Honorable New York State Senator George Borrello, Honorable New York State Assemblyman Andrew W. Goodell, Honorable New York State Assemblyman David DiPietro, Honorable New York State Assemblyman Jon Rivera, and the Western New York Delegation of the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly, Honorable Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Clerk of the Erie County and Chautauqua County Legislatures, Honorable Erie County Legislator John Mills, Honorable Erie County Legislator John Gilmour, Honorable Supervisors of the Towns of Hamburg, Evans, Silver Creek, Eden, North Collins and Dunkirk, Honorable May of the City of Lackawanna Annette Iafallo, and Honorable Mayor of the City of Buffalo Byron Brown.

Voting as follows:

Council Member Drake	Aye
Council Member Kassel	Aye
Council Member Krzemien	Aye
Council Member Zittel	Aye
Supervisor Drozd	Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

g) Adopt Payroll Sheets for Employees without Time Clocks – Supervisor Drozd thanked Council Member Krzemien for her efforts in creating these payroll sheets. The Town needs to officially adopt these payroll sheets for employees who do not punch in and out; right now, there are two: Chuck Schweikert at Community Park and Timothy Domes at KB Water. Motion by Council Member Drake, seconded by Council Member Zittel, to adopt the Payroll Sheets for Employees without Time Clocks. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

h) Accept Resignation – Cleaning with Meaning/Senior Center – Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Kassel, to accept the resignation of Cleaning with Meaning at the Concord Senior Center, effective March 29, 2024, with regrets. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried. Supervisor Drozd noted that Katie Miller, Cleaning with Meaning will be moving.

i) Accept Resignation – Eleanor Eschborn/Senior Director effective May 3, 2024 - Motion by Council Member Krzemien, seconded by Council Member Zittel, to accept the resignation of Eleanor Eschborn, Senior Director, effective March 29, 2024, with regrets. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

Supervisor Drozd will put in ad in for a new Senior Director. He would prefer to look for a cleaning service rather than an employee. It has worked better with the two services that the Town had used in the past. Wayne Ott, the custodian at Town Hall, has agreed to help in the interim to run the floor machine and other tasks at the Senior Center but he is limited in hours. Custodian Ott does not want to do it permanently.

ITEM #6 COUNCIL MEMBER NOTES

a) Council Member Kassel had a discussion with an inspector from the USDA regarding the slaughterhouse that wanted to come into the Town of Concord. Basically, the owner cannot do what they wanted to do. Town Clerk Schweikert advised that the matter did not proceed to the Planning Board; the owner has an arrangement with Bond's Meats. Council Member Kassel noted that even if Bond's Meats does the slaughtering, the resident still can't give the meat away to their community centers. The owner can eat it themselves or serve it to others at their home but cannot distribute it. Town Clerk Schweikert noted that the owner said they would be using Bond's Meats and would be picking it up from Bond's Meats packaged and in boxes. Council Member Zittel does not think that the Town of Concord has any responsibility to convey any USDA rules to the owner. Council Member Kassel noted that the USDA inspector would be available if the Town had any questions in the future; this contact information will be provided to Town Clerk Schweikert for her file.

b) Council Member Krzemien reminded the Board of the date of the the Mortons Corners Fire Department Installation dinner; April 6th.

c) Council Member Zittel reminded the members of the following dates:

April 8th – Eclipse

April 13th – East Concord Fire Department Installation dinner

April 13th – NYS DOT seminar at Tri County Tool Rental at 10 a.m. regarding licenses. Hwy Supt Edwards said that Drew Taylor will be attending; Supervisor Drozd would like to attend as well.

April 22nd - Southtowns Planning & Development Meeting; location TBD

d) Council Member Drake advised that NEST has a program for complete home composter kits available for \$30 which is 50% off. A flyer has been posted the Town Hall.

e) Supervisor Drozd noted that he has been working with Village Administrator Melock on the grant for the fire company air compressor. The grant application will get extra points because it is a consolidation of services grant. He will be reaching out to our local representatives for support. The goal is to have it ready by next Friday. The Village of Springville is the lead agency on this grant because it will be located in their jurisdiction. This is the grant that Gov. Hochul put out at the end of Year 2023 from Homeland Security monies.

f) Supervisor Drozd updated the Board with regard to March Sales Tax. The first March 2024 sales tax remittance advice has been received. The current amount is \$7,826,880 (29.59%) greater than the corresponding 2023 receipt.

g) Supervisor Drozd arranged with the AARP tax people to come to

Town Hall for income tax preparation. This could not be done at the Concord Senior Center because of Early Voting. They will be using the old Rural Van Room at Concord Town Hall to do tax preparations on four Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting March 22nd. March 29th is Good Friday so they will not be here on that day. There will be two tax people serving two people each hour. This is a free service.

ITEM #7 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Drozd advised that an Executive Session will be necessary to discuss one possible pending litigation and one personnel matter. Motion by Council Member Krzemien, seconded by Council Member Drake, to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

Motion by Council Member Drake, seconded by Council Member Zittel, to come out of Executive Session at 8:38 p.m. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

ITEM #8 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Supervisor Drozd, seconded by Council Member Zittel, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. in memory of:

Jennifer J. Andrade-Willibey
Nancy L. Gielow
Marie E. Paradowski
Marie A. McAllister
Helen M. Smith
James E. Rydzyk
George J. Wittmeyer
Eve Zukowski
Terry L. Twichell
Mary K. Hoffman
Johnny F. "Mack" Shaw
Judge Karen Ricotta, North Collins



Darlene G. Schweikert
Town Clerk