TOWN OF CONCORD TOWN BOARD Work Session

August 13, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Drozd opened Work Session:

- 1. Director of Senior Services, Holly Hunt, submitted what she believes to be a more correct description of her position, Recreation Specialist. Supervisor Drozd expressed that the Town is constrained by Civil Service law. A new evacuation plan has also been created.
- 2. The Town has received the new 5-year proposal from Drescher & Malecki. Supervisor Drozd said that he would like to reach out to some other accounting firms to get pricing on their services. For the kind of money we are talking about, the Town owes it to the taxpayers to get other quotes.
- 3. Jason Steinagle, Hamburg Middle School Social Studies Teacher, sent a letter commending Jolene Hawkins for helping out with student research projects. She shared artifacts from the Lucy Bensley Center, helped the students write their thesis statements and helped them find additional online sources. Supervisor Drozd would like to thank Jolene for her hard work.
- 4. Supervisor Drozd noted that there is approximately \$5600 remaining in the ARPA funds. He would like to get approval to use this money to repair the exterior brick on the chimney at the Lucy Bensley Center. The estimated cost is \$5500. Councilmember Drake asked if the chimney is needed. Supervisor Drozd said that because the building is on the historic registry, the cost to remove it would be higher.
- 5. The County project on South Trevett Road is about 38% completed. Additional drainage work has also been added for a cost of \$125,000.
- 6. The Town has received the Department of Health permits for the pavilion at the Town Park and for the Senior Center kitchen.
- 7. Walmart has challenged their assessment again. It was last challenged 3 years ago. Everything has been forwarded to Attorney Bennett's office.
- 8. Kevin Manchester has expressed interest again in the position of Code Enforcement Officer for the Town. CEO Roberts is still intending to step down in the future. The Town of Boston is currently looking for an assistant code officer. Supervisor Drozd and Councilmember Zittel agreed that in order to keep up with the NYS code laws, the Town will need to make the CEO position full-time or add an additional position.
- 9. Erie County Water Quality Committee is offering grants for 50% of eligible septic system project costs, up to \$10,000.
- 10. Supervisor Drozd announced that Assemblyman DiPietro is almost sure that the Town will be receiving a \$50,000 grant for new playground equipment at the Town Park.
- 11. Supervisor Drozd asked Town Attorney Attea where he is at in reviewing the Ridgeview Townhouses pump station legal descriptions, etc. Town Attorney Attea said that everything is in good shape.