

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

June 12, 2025

Supervisor Drozd opened Work Session:

1. The air conditioner is completely shot over at the Hulbert Library; it's 32 years old and probably over the years no money was put into it. It is a huge/heavy unit that is in the fenced-in area in the back. Any new one would be about one-quarter of the size of the existing one. It broke last Friday. This is an old-style air conditioner and the freon would cost about \$300 a pound if the freon can ever be located; the gauge shows that the unit is completely empty. Reding Inc. has two or three manufacturing representatives who will come out. The measurements of the building were provided. When they got inside of the building (over the years the library had issues with regulating the conference room/little kids' room), they saw that over the course of the years, someone had chopped that line off. There was a separate thermostat going into that room and it was blocked off. The piping is still all there. The suggestion is to leave that one on a separate zone heat so when that room is not in use, it does not have to be heated/cooled. This will not be a cheap project; the Town will try to get some funding for this project. Supervisor Drozd has been in contact with Caleb Henning, MDA Engineers, to let him know the details; the Town will need to put this out to bid but specifications should be available from the manufacturing representatives. Mr. Henning can then review this information and put together the bid documents for the Town.

2. There new drinking fountain with the bottle fill is installed at the Hulbert Library. All three outside faucets are now working (one never worked since day one). The Town received the check from the Hulbert Library today. This project was done with the grant money from Assemblyman DiPietro. The Library Board paid Reding Inc. directly for the labor on the project. This cost was about \$2,500.

3. There has been a problem at the Hulbert Library for years with ice on the one side. When Reding Inc. representatives climbed up into the building, the insulation needed to be repaired. Probably when the air conditioner flex ducting was installed, the insulation got knocked down. It was laying on top of the duct work. No one probably ever went up in the rafters to see this and fix it. The insulation is all back up and they put plastic on it; stapled up. Let's see what happens this Winter.

4. The Hulbert Library ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Saturday, June 7th. Supervisor Drozd, Council Member Zittel, Deputy Town Clerk Safford, and Library Board Trustee Bacon were in attendance. The front of the building looks nice with all the improvements.

5. Supervisor Drozd thinks that the Hulbert Library driveway should be resealed this year; he will try to have information available for the July meeting.

6. Supervisor Drozd said that the parking lot at the Senior Center will be crack sealed this year.

7. Supervisor Drozd sent a letter to Congressman Langworthy to lobby that the Community Development Block Grant funds should remain. NYS Association of Towns had requested municipalities to send a letter.

8. The Town received another cannabis check for April 2025 in the amount of \$1,889.41. This is probably more like the amount expected rather than the \$203+/- the Town received last month.

9. The new toilet was installed in the Town Hall ladies' room. There was a low-flush, water saver one in there. Caleb Henning, MDA Engineers, said that this not the salvation of the problem but was part of the problem because not enough water flushed through the line.

10. There was a big problem over here over last weekend, June 7th, Art Crawl weekend. The toilet was plugged with paper and it was a mess. Supervisor Drozd and Council Member Krzemien were here cleaning up. Supervisor Drozd has since called Village CEO Baker to discuss the Art Crawl permit with regard to adequate facilities for the amount of people around for the festival. The Springville Center for the Arts (SCA) will be required next year to have port-a-johns like they used too; this is the first year that there were none. Council Member Krzemien noted that they were relying on the business' facilities. Supervisor Drozd said that Crosby Market had an issue too on Saturday; so their water/sewer charges will reflect all that usage; Crosby Market should not have to pay for the added cost for the SCA event. Supervisor Drozd will answer SCA Seth Wochensky email and advise that if the SCA wants to use the grounds here upstairs at Town Hall next year to show the winners of the art show, the Town will allow that but thinks that the Town should curtail the restroom facilities. Council Member Drake noted that once the Town lets them in the building, the bathrooms will get used; Supervisor Drozd suggested locking the bathroom doors. There was discussion as to whether this would be allowed since the Town Hall is a public building. Supervisor Drozd believes that the Town can let SCA use the building and note that restroom facilities will not be available and the Village will be requiring SCA to provide port-a-johns and handwashing stations. There were no handwash stations around this year. It is not the Town's responsibility, Crosby's, the Village's Heritage Park, to provide facilities for the SCA own private event. Council Member Drake noted that he understands but questions why SCA can't use their own building; he thinks the Town should not allow the SCA to use the Town Hall to which Supervisor Drozd said it is up to the Board. Maybe the Town will limit it just to the outside of the building and the parking lot. SCA has a key to the Town Hall; Supervisor Drozd said that the Town Hall building should be re-keyed like at the Concord Senior Center. There would be a limited number of master keys and separate keys to the offices.

11. Council Member Zittel advised that he had received a complaint about the rest room at Community Park; that they smelled horrible. Hwy Supt Edwards noted that Park Supt Heim had mentioned that these are outside ball teams that come; it wasn't even on the schedule. These teams come and play here under SYI's insurance. The schedule has now been revised to include these other teams' games. Council Member Zittel reiterated that the bathrooms still should not stink. Hwy Supt Edwards said that if the employee is there in the morning and takes care of everything; these teams play from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. at night and if they can't take out garbage. Council Member Krzemien remembers having a conversation with SYI when the Town met with the SYI representatives about taking out the garbage. Supervisor Drozd advised that the Town has that Legislator Lorigo grant money and this will be used to purchase 12 large roughneck garbage cans with lids. These cans will be chained in place and the Town logo will be put on them. Council Member Krzemien said that SYI was supposed to be providing garbage cans; and they never did. Supervisor Drozd commented that since the Town has money for it, why revisit this. There will be plenty of garbage cans around and they will look nice. Hwy Supt Edwards said that SYI literally makes money on the Town's building so SYI should be able to take their own garbage out. SYI Representative Bacon did email Park Supt Hein an updated schedule which does now have the outside teams on the schedule; he also stated that the Town can't expect a Town employee to stay there all day on Saturday to empty the garbage cans. Supervisor Drozd advised that he had a tongue-lashing from a person who said the Town should've had an employee at Town Hall for the Art Crawl festivities; the person said that there should have been a fan dryer on the floors after the clean up of the mess, signage. Council Member Drake said the Town Hall doors could just be locked up.

12. Supervisor Drozd advised NYSEG that the Town decided not to proceed with the new Smart Meters at the Ridgeview Pumping Station and the sewer plant because the plant will be coming down within a year and the pumping station is the same. Now NYSEG higher up representatives are calling Supervisor Drozd trying to strong-arm the Town into installing these new meters; municipalities should set the pace and get these installed. Supervisor Drozd discussed this with Caleb Henning, MDA Engineers, who said that both of these facilities will be getting replaced. MDA will be working with NYSEG on the power capacity coming into the new plant and when the new pumping

station is being done on Ridgeview for the grinder pumps and Mr. Henning advised just to leave these meters as they are now. Supervisor Drozd will follow the lead of Mr. Henning, and the Board vote, and call NYSEG back and advise that it was revisited and there is no consensus of the Board to have the smart meters installed; that our Engineer is now involved and does not want these meters changed.

13. The Town received the clean up funds from Erie County for the Concord Senior Center for the cleaner and the supplies. The Town is now caught up for January, February and March 2025. The amount was \$398.50; this number reflects how many meals the Town is serving at the Senior Center by head count so that number has increased.

14. Mortgage Tax money has been received from Erie County for June 2025 in the amount of \$52,858.00.

15. BridgeNY funds in the amount of \$29,038.37 for engineering was received on May 27th from the BridgeNY grant Ross Road culvert project. Supervisor Drozd thanked his secretary Rose Heyden for all her efforts on this project; she knows Chris Church at NYS and is working with him on this project. Mrs. Heyden sent in the second draw packet so that payment should be coming soon; and a third smaller payment just went in. This is all manual paperwork for this project; lots of paperwork. Supervisor Drozd advised that Mrs. Heyden came in at the right time to help the Town with this big project. Mrs. Heyden is also working on the LENS program for licenses; Michele Jones had been working on this before she resigned. Mrs. Heyden finished that task up today and is now listed as the administrator and will be getting the reports.

16. Town shirts were ordered today for the Town employees who wanted one.

17. There was hold up with the KB Generator installation. NYSEG has a form that needs to be signed by Rhett McNaulty, the new owner of KB, but Mr. McNaulty did not like the language on the NYSEG form. Mr. McNaulty is fighting with NYSEG to get some language changed on their boiler plate form that NYSEG uses. Supervisor Drozd emailed Mr. McNaulty today for an update but has not yet had a response. The generator is here but the project is on hold. The Town has all the parts to fix the leaks so Supervisor Drozd has been talking with Water Operator Domes; he may shut down the water to work on the leaks. The results have been received back from Erie County and the water is perfect up there.

18. The Bensley Center roof repair and chimney tuck pointing, rebuild is completed; the scaffolding is down. This project did take about nine months because the contractor had injured himself at another job. Supervisor Drozd advised that the interior floor needs to be done and the roof probably has another two years. The contractor fixed some shingles so the water is not coming in anymore and going straight down to the basement; that has been taken care of. The Town has this year and next and then the roof should be replaced. The Town needs to focus on this capital project now. Blooms Flooring had provided an estimate for the flooring previously was under the procurement amount. Supervisor Drozd suggested that once the Town books are in line; and the Town can see what funds are left in reserves; he would like to get the floor done. There are people who put in a lot of time at the Bensley Center and handle a lot of calls that come in for historical reasons. The building is getting used. Supervisor Drozd would like to use the floor color that was picked out by Jolene Hawkins to remember and honor her, he would like to use Jolene's choice for the flooring; that was one of the last things that Jolene did for the Town and she did a lot for us. Council Member Drake asked who is picking up the slack; Supervisor Drozd advised that Debbie Smith has moved into that role; she's putting in a lot of hours; as well as Joyce Abbott. Historian Hawkins remains the Town Historian. Dave Ploetz has always been helping. Some good people have stepped up.

19. Supervisor Drozd noted that the signed off on the grant money from Legislator Lorigo for Community Park so those funds should be forthcoming soon. This is for \$5,000. There is also \$5,000 for the Concord Senior Center which will be used for kitchen utensils and the hot box.

20. Supervisor Drozd and Council Member Drake signed off on the big grant for Community Park for the playground. He met with Parks Supt Heim to review the layout for the playground and a couple of trees will be taken down; and level the ground out. This project will be on hold until after the July 3rd concert/fireworks event. Supervisor Drozd asked Hwy Supt Edwards for an update on the shed near the maintenance building that Parks Supt Heim wants to get rid of. There is a lot of rodent infestation in that shed and SYI has removed their items from the shed. Parks Supt Heim would like to dismantle this shed like he did to the other old one. There were sheds all over the place on the grounds.

21. DCO Robinson provided the Board with the Municipal Shelter Inspection Report and Dog Control Officer Inspection Report Inspection reports from NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. All is satisfactory. Supervisor Drozd asked DCO Robinson if the kennel at her house was stationary; it is and it belongs to DCO Robinson.