

TOWN OF CONCORD TOWN BOARD  
Work Session 6:30 p.m.

August 12, 2021

Supervisor Drake discussed the following topics with the Board:

1. He had been approached by a Mass Mutual Life Insurance representative to see if the Town employees would be interested in life insurance. The Town would not be paying the cost of these life insurance premiums. There was no interest; employees can make their own arrangements.

2. Senior Director Eschborn reviewed the mask update at the Center with Supervisor Drake. Currently there is the sign on the door that pursuant to CDC guidelines vaccinated residents are not required to wear a mask to enter the Center but non-vaccinated residents must still wear the mask. The Center was taking temperatures at the door in previously but are not currently doing so. Councilman Krezmien noted that if people would feel more comfortable with temperature checks, the Center could start doing that again. Supervisor Drake will mention that to Senior Director Eschborn. If Erie County issues different guidelines, the Center will need to comply.

3. Court Clerk Moriarty is applying for a J-CAP Grant for the Court and discussed the need for more storage space. She mentioned the back part of the stage as a possible location. Supervisor Drake noted that the radiators are on that wall so building storage space in that location would not work. The Town may have to start looking at storing some records off site to make more storage space at Town Hall.

4. The members were emailed documents regarding Rails to Trails. Supervisor Drake received a copy of the lease. He has not had a chance to read the document. GOBike and ECRT were at the August Planning Board meeting discussing the project. Barbara O'Brien from the Buffalo News was also at the meeting so there could be an article in the newspaper shortly. It was noted at the meeting that the ECRT is trying to go to the roadway in some sections of the trail. They sent a letter to a resident who lives next to the trail stating that the resident and the members of her household were barred from using the trail. Town Attorney Attea stated that they have switched from defense to offense telling private property owners that they were barred from using the trail. Councilman Snyder noted that the Town of Orchard Park passed a resolution that basically said ECRT needs to take some common-sense steps before the town would be allowing something to happen in their town. Town Attorney Attea feels that there should be some mechanism on record for enforcement.

5. Hwy Supt Edwards discussed the highway department salt purchases with the members. Two years ago, the state bid was \$58.36 and the cost of 1500 ton was \$87,540; last year it was \$44.13 x 1500 ton, \$66,195. This year it is \$38.26 x 1500 ton, \$57,390. This is a savings to the Town of \$5.87/ton.

6. Supervisor Drake asked David & Diane Gamel if they had anything to discuss. Mr. and Mrs. Gamel are residents of the Town of Collins and were present at the meeting tonight to listen to EDF discuss the solar project update. They have a problem with a proposed solar project next to their home.