

Supervisor Drozd discussed the following with the Board:

1. Attended the Hulbert Library Board Meeting earlier today; reviewed the outside design plan for the work at the Library. Changes are going to be made to the plan a water issue, fence. There will be tables and chairs with solar panels for port plug ins for electronic devices. The Library would be responsible for the items (Adirondack chairs); there are security cameras at the Library. The items will be stored in the shed at the Library.
2. Music in the Park Series for 2023 has been completed with the Village. The concert series runs from June to August 31. This includes the Sunday Night, July 2<sup>nd</sup> event. Another concert may be added if funds allow on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
3. The Town received the reimbursement check of \$551 for the veterinarian bill and boarding fees for the dog whose owner passed away that the Dog Control Officer rehomed.
4. Abbott Hill Road Water sizing came out as planned. He reviewed the information received from MDA Consulting Engineers. Based on the information, they can conclude that even though there will be homes added to the water system, this system is capable of providing water to these additional homes.
5. Went to Erie County Fire Training Center for storm wrap up meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were outages in the Town of Concord. NYSEG is doing upgrades in Concord in 2023 at the Cobble Hill Circuit. A trip saver device will be installed in Concord which NYSEG claims will reduce service interruptions in the Town.
6. The Board received a copy of the Erie County Legislature Resolution in opposition to the Proposed Ban on Natural Gas Heating and Appliances in NYS. This is on tonight's Agenda.
7. The Town received a letter from Erie County advising that the Town does not have an official representative on the Erie County Environmental Management Council (ECEME). Council Member Drake attended these meetings in the past when he was Supervisor; he noted that Supervisors do not usually attend these meetings. Supervisor Drozd will talk to the Board to see if anyone has any interest in becoming the Town's representative.
8. The Town received a letter of Erie County asking if the Town would like to reduce the speed to 45 mph on Middle Road from Route 240 to the Town line. This small section is the only section with an unposted speed limit of 55 mph. This is on tonight's agenda for approval to submit the TE-9 paperwork to Erie County.
9. One quote was received from DT Compliance for the DEC mandated work at the Sewer Plant. The cost is \$3,150. This will provide compliance sampling and reporting of results from the chlorine contact tanks and effluent outfalls and analyzing.
10. Auctions International concluded the sale. The Van brought a little bit less than last time.
11. Town Clerk Schweikert worked with CEO Roberts and Town Attorney Attea to prepare the Floodplain Development Permit Application. The Town did not have this permit and it is needed by Erie County for the south Trevett Road Project. The project is ready to go to bid but this permit is required. Supervisor Drozd has been in contact with Erie County DPW Commissioner William Geary at Erie County about this matter. This is on tonight's agenda. Erie County wants to get this project bid and completed this year. The fee for this permit will be \$100 but the fee will be waived by the Town for governmental agencies.
12. Amherst Alarm submitted two quotes: one for the strobe lighting for the Court Room so if something happens in the Court Office, the Court Officers will know. The Court Clerks will flip a switch and the strobe lighting will alert the Court Officers. This quote is \$948. The layout of the Court Room and Court Office is such that the Court Officers are not in eyesight distance of the Court Office when they are in the Court Room. The second quote is for the fire alarm at Town Hall in the amount of \$18,929. This will be tabled until all the Board members are in attendance. This will include the panels that will go right into Springville Control like all the other Amherst Alarm

installations. This is a big project with six pull stations and a backup battery, smoke detectors.

13. A meeting will be set up to discuss the 94-c solar project. Town Attorney Attea and/or Deputy Town Attorney Kevin Rautenstrach will attend the meeting on the Town's behalf. The Town will be working with the Town of Sardinia and their attorney on this project. Town Attorney Attea advised that they have reached out to EDF's counsel to start negotiations for the pre-application escrow which would cover all the soft costs. This has already been done for Sardinia. If this is not negotiated in advance of the application filing, there is no going back. This project was dormant for about 1.5 years and activity is now starting. The project went from a 350-megawatt project down to a 250-megawatt project and a few more little adjustments. A little bit more of the project may be in Concord. The Town needs to stay one step ahead.

14. More information was provided regarding the Volunteer Firefighters' tax exemption. There will be no Board action on this tonight. There was an article in the latest issue of Town Topics. There are some questions: What happens if both owners file taxes jointly, can one get the tax exemption and one get the tax credit? Active volunteer firefighters can get a \$200 income tax credit off their NYS Income Tax form. NYS says they cannot claim this credit if you receive a real property tax exemption that relates to your volunteer service. However, if the property has multiple owners, the owner(s) whose volunteer service was not the basis of the exemption may be eligible to claim the credit. This would only apply if there was a married couple, both firefighters then one can take the exemption on the tax and one can take it on the property tax. This would be calculated of their LOSAP points. If the firefighter made their LOSAP points, and all the mandated requirements, the firefighter would be eligible. If not, the firefighter would not. Supervisor Drozd provided some data from the Town's three fire companies (this does not the information for the couple residents in the Boston Fire Department), the Town would be looking at about \$995.93 if the Town did 10%. This is based on the firefighters making their points. He doesn't believe that that is a lot of money. Supervisor Drozd noted that the School District put this out to committee and has a resolution that they would adopt up to 10% and/or follow the Town. The bigger credit would on the School Tax bill. Supervisor Drozd was provided this information from the Assessor's Office. There are 35 people in the Springville Fire Department. Not all of the members own property; some rent. Supervisor Drozd noted that this credit will probably not get people off the street to join the fire company.

15. Hwy Supt Edwards advised that he would like to try to get on a program where he can get out 550's up to date. They are eight years old, have 50,000 miles on them. Hwy Supt Edwards reviewed the budget line amount for equipment with the Board and the funds generated from the sale of the two trucks. Quotes were received for the cab chassis and the box, wing, plow. The Board received copies of these quotes for their review. Hwy Supt Edwards would like the Board to consider the request so he could get one ordered. The truck is three months out and the body is five months. This is from Sourcewell so it does not have to go out to bid. Hwy Supt Edwards advised that \$38,000 has been put into these 550's in eight years.