

TOWN OF CONCORD TOWN BOARD
Work Session 6:00 p.m.

July 13, 2023

Supervisor Drozd discussed the following with the Board:

1. Since the June meeting, this has been the busiest month for Supervisor Drozd with assistance from Council Member Drake. There are numerous projects going on that require attention each day and on the weekend. He thanked Park Supt Schweikert and Town Clerk Schweikert for assisting moving tables at Community Park for the fireworks event on July 2nd. He received several calls throughout the day regarding the event because of the on and off rain.
2. Supervisor Drozd attended several meetings: Southern Tier West Annual Local Government Conference at Houghton College on June 8th with Council Member Krzemien; his first Association of Government's meeting; the Erie County Supervisor's meeting; and the first My Promise kick off meeting with Council Member Krzemien. This morning he was invited to attend an Erie County Highway Pre-Construction meeting regarding the Trevett Road repair. This is a \$1.4 million project awarded to CATCO using capital money, non-bonded project. The start date is late August with a completion date of November 24th, 2023. Since that portion of the road has been closed for so long, no other announcements will be made. The rest of the road is not in good shape either and other work is expected to be done.
3. Gina Wilkolaski, Erie County Highway Traffic Safety Engineer, has been in contact with Supervisor Drozd regarding the speed limit on Zoar Valley Road within the Town of Concord which is currently 55 mph. The Town of Collins had the posted speed limit from Foster Road to the Concord town line reduced to 40 mph. The County would like to know if the Town would be interested in having the NYSDOT do a speed study to reduce the posted speed of Zoar Valley Road within the town limits. Supervisor Drozd drove to road earlier today and would like to recommend the Board submit the necessary paperwork to Erie County for a speed study reducing the speed limit from 55 mph to 40 mph from the Town of Concord line to the top of the hill at the Oatman Property at 7476 Zoar Valley Road. He believes the rest of Zoar Valley could remain at a 55 mph to Route 39; this section is in good shape. This is on the Agenda tonight.
4. The rough plumbing and electrical and sheeting is complete in the new Pavilion at Community Park. The contractor is waiting for the bathroom fixtures and the pebble board to complete the project. Alliance Homes advised that this project should be completed by the end of the month. Custodian Ott also replaced a faucet in the Ladies Room at Community Park.
5. Supervisor Drozd met with the Toshiba salesman regarding the new photocopier for the Assessor's Office. The Town purchased a new photocopier for the Senior Center last year. It was decided that the current photocopier at the Senior Center will be moved to the Assessor's Office and then the Town will buy a new one for the Senior Center. Senior Director Eschborn and Assessor Martin are in agreement. This is on the Agenda tonight.
6. John Simmons, the part-time employee for the Highway Department, turned in his resignation. This will be a big loss; he did a lot of work for the Town over the years. This is on the Agenda tonight.
7. Judge Frank submitted a request for Court Clerk Jean Kwasnik to attend the New York State Association of Magistrate Court Clerk Conference in Verona, New York, on September 17th to 20th. The cost of this training would be split with the Town of Ashford. The cost per town would be \$638.50. This is on the Agenda tonight.
8. Caleb Henning, MDA Consulting Engineers Project Engineer, submitted a Project Status Update regarding the 2023 KB Pump Station and Forcemain project. There is one manhole in the right of way so a new plan is being designed to get the effluent out of the right of way. This project is on a tight time line but needs to be completed by Winter.

Supervisor Drozd advised that the Town Board may need to have a Special Meeting. The main pump is holding this up; Eone (the company MDA wanted to use) will not support their pumps being installed in this project due to the variance in the flow rate during the seasons. MDA is now consulting with other pump manufacturers (Fluid Kinetics, Siewert Equipment and Koester Associates) and hope to have information in the next couple of weeks, prior to the August Town Board date of August 10th, to approve the bid.

There are two items on the MDA update list that will need to be added to the Agenda tonight: (1) Approval to submit the design to DEC for environmental permitting and authorize Supervisor Drozd to sign the necessary application forms and paperwork and (2) Approval to submit the design to NYSDEC for design review and authorization of Supervisor to sign the necessary application and paperwork.

The BABA Requirements mentioned in this update stands for Build America, Buy America Act. Jeff Smith, Municipal Solutions, is of the opinion that the project qualifies for a waiver because the Preliminary Engineer's Report was completed and submitted to regulatory prior to May 14, 2022. Some of the equipment may not be made in the USA; Jeff Smith feels the Town should get a waiver.

9. Regarding the Pavilion Project at Community Park: Erie County Health Department gave the Town the punch list for the Pavilion at Community Park. All has been completed and the compliance certificate from Schenne for the septic and new well has been delivered to the ECHD. The daily test kits for the water testing have been received. Supervisor Drozd will drop off a test sample next Tuesday. A couple leaks have been found; Supervisor Drozd has already reached out to Ehmke Well Drillers to come back to resolve. Alliance Homes will be submitting one last bill and once that is received, it will be forwarded to DASNY for reimbursement to the Town.

10. The Bensley Center repair of the steps was started; it started out small but turned into a big project because of all the rot. The concrete pad will be poured tomorrow. The contractor found rotted beams and this needs to be addressed. With the new issues, new steps had to be purchased; the Highway Department picked them up and they are being stored there for the time being. The door is also shot. The water was coming down, there's gaps and the frame is in bad shape. Supervisor Drozd will look into this for next month. Water will be running on the new beam until that door is replaced/fixed. It would need to be a special order because the door is not standard sized. Council Member Drake asked if the new beam was pressure treated; Supervisor Drozd will check into this tomorrow.

11. The Senior Center is closed next week for the parking lot sealing/stripping project. Congressman Langworthy wanted to use the Center for a meeting on Thursday, July 20th from 1-3 p.m. Since the Center is closed, he would like to use the Court Room at Town Hall. Probation uses the upstairs at Town Hall on Thursdays. Supervisor Drozd talked to Congressman Langworthy's Chief of Staff about scheduling a quick meeting that day on site at Kissing Bridge to show him what the problems are there; he is hopeful that can be arranged. This use of the Town Hall will be added to the Agenda under New Business.

12. MDA Consulting Engineers noted that the Meadow Creek washout project that was started when Council Member Drake was Supervisor was completed today. This project required a lot of DEC permits.

13. Council Member Snyder reviewed the National Fuel Gas/Craneridge Lighting Agreement and turned it over to the legal department to confirm the details to close the lighting agreement. Supervisor Drozd will update the Craneridge Lighting Committee. Supervisor Drozd talked with NYSEG about a new design and will try to set up a meeting later in the Summer or Fall to continue this matter.

14. Supervisor Drozd showed the Board Members pictures of the Bensley Center building. The Town Historians are going through items prior Historian Batterson had in storage in the old Simon Bros building which was recently sold. The carpeting at the Center is in bad shape; this is something that should be replaced with some kind of

laminated flooring. ARPA funds could be used for this project. Supervisor Drozd would like to look into this project after the Community Park Pavilion has been completed and the ARPA fund balance is known. Custodian Ott has been going over to the Center and would have no problem taking care of any new flooring that would be installed. Custodian Ott replaced a faucet at the Center.

15. Council Member Zittel had been looking into new fencing at Community Park; the estimate he received was about \$18,000.

16. Two of the four lights at the Kissing Bridge Water building were out. The replacement bulbs cost \$64. Supervisor Drozd arranged to have Water Operator Domes complete the work in house at his hourly rate. The old lighting is now all out of that building. It is now brighter and since they are energy efficient, the Town should be saving some money there as well. Operator Domes also changed a faucet; the building up there is not in bad shape at all.

17. Highway Supt Edwards took Truck #15 (2015 International) to Regional International for the Master Battery Cut Off Switch. On the drive there, the "engine" light came on. The truck needed a whole new exhaust to meet the DEF emissions law that all municipalities are required to meet. The exhaust alone costs about \$12,000. The truck has approximately 29,000 miles. Hwy Supt Edwards has the money for this repair in his repair account but wanted to let the Board know that it will be making a big dent in that amount. After this invoice, there will be about \$16,000 in that budget line. Usually that line has about \$32,000 going into the Winter season. He will watch this budget line and keep the Board advised.

18. At last month's meeting, the purchase of a new freezer for Dog Control was approved. Supervisor Drozd has been looking into the purchase. It needs to be big enough to hold a large sized dog. He will be looking at Logel Appliance in Strykersville. Researching one that is 49" x 22" x 25".