

TOWN OF CONCORD TOWN BOARD
Work Session 6:30 p.m. August 10, 2023

Supervisor Drozd discussed the following with the Board:

1. He spoke with Ken Stone, CFO of the Erie County Library System, who told him that we can rest assured that we will be getting at least some of the money from the NYS Library Construction Aid grant. He also attended the Library Board meeting and the Board is requesting assistance with the upkeep of the exterior of the building, namely the gardens. He said since we don't have staff, we may have to pull the ivy and create a concrete pad that would not require maintenance.
2. Drew Reilly recommends that the Town Board impose a moratorium for 3 years on all new wind energy applications. The Town's code needs to be updated since there is a lot of movement in this sector. He attended the meeting in North Collins last night where they passed a similar moratorium. Council Member Snyder clarified that this is a temporary moratorium signifying the need for more time for the Town to clarify its code, not a strict moratorium where we are declaring we do not want wind energy at all.
3. Brian Attea has looked over the memo to be sent to the Senior Center staff regarding transporting people to and from the center while on the clock. It has become an issue recently and hopefully this will clear up any confusion.
4. Supervisor Drozd summarized the memo from Caleb Henning updating the status on the Crump Brook stream work and KB Pump station work, with the former being completed and the soil boring being completed on the latter. He also said that the WIIA Grant paperwork was all submitted. Jeff Smith from Municipal Solutions estimates that the Town could get awarded around \$1.5 million, based on his experience with past projects and grant awards.
5. Supervisor Drozd spoke with Jacqueline in Albany regarding the dissolution of the IDA. She said that the bill has passed the Assembly and Senate and is on the Governor's desk awaiting her signature. She also advised him not to do anything with the PARIS reporting.
6. The Senior Director has been working on the programs for the upcoming fall. All of the prices for the programs have increased. They propose a fee of \$15 for 8 sessions of chair yoga and \$50 for the monthly yoga classes for the year. This would help to defray the increased cost of providing these programs. Director Eschborn also will be attending HIPAA training in order to start keeping track of members' emergency information. This way, if there is an emergency, the Senior Center staff will be able to provide the emergency responders with vital information. The Senior Center will also start implementing resident versus non-resident pricing.
7. Supervisor Drozd met with Judge Frank regarding the JCAP grant. They will be applying for storage solutions in the back storage room and for new robes for the Justices.
8. Council Member Krzemien has been working on the East Concord cemetery records. Through this work, she realized that the fees for burial, etc. have not been raised in a while. She proposes an increase of these fees to bring them in line with the other local cemeteries.
9. Supervisor Drozd stated that the steps at the Bensley Center have been replaced. Treated wood was installed under a rubber membrane and then historical bricks were used. The door frame and door will need to be replaced. The door must be replaced or fixed in an historically accurate manor because the building is on the historical registry. The old steps were pulled out by the highway department employees and will be put on Auctions International.
10. The Senior Center parking lot has been sealed and striped on 7/17/23. The cracks were also hot tar filled.