

Supervisor Drozd opened Work Session:

1. Last year he had a meeting with Erie County Highway regarding South Hill Road. There was discussion that if Erie County did some ditching and patching on the road, that the Town would be considering taking over that section of South Hill Road and making it part of the Town's inventory. Hwy Supt Edwards said he is not sure why the Town would take over the road when CHIPS money is \$5,254/mile and the Plow Agreement with the County is \$9,762/mile; the Town would lose money. Supervisor Drozd noted that the Plow Agreement is up for renewal so that amount could change. If the Town does, the Town would be eligible for more CHIPS and PAVE-NY funding which he heard that the funding was supposed to go up. Senator Gallivan and Assemblyman DiPietro are trying to get more money for New York State for Highway Departments. Supervisor Drozd noted that his discussion with Erie County was that if they did the repairs, that the Town would take over that section and recommends that the Town play nice with Erie County; he thinks it will be to apply for the Town's advantage overall. Hwy Supt Edwards noted that this is a Board decision, not his, but he is not in favor of it.

2. Supervisor Drozd received the packet for the Community Development Block Grant for Year 2025 funding. He will be completing the application and attend the meeting on September 26th. Marie Thornton and Paul D'Orlando advised that even though the Town received a grant this year, that the Town should complete the submission to refurbish the restroom at Concord Community Park. Supervisor Drozd will complete the grant application with that as the project. The well water is good and it's on a separate septic system. The application could be written up for improvements which could include the roof. The Town will not be able to fund for the Senior Center this year since a grant was received last year and that project is ongoing.

3. Supervisor Drozd advised that he will be moving Supt James Bialasik up on the Agenda for tonight's meeting so that he can get back to the function at the school.

4. The window at the Community Park Pavilion has been replaced and paid for by the parties involved. The leaf gutter guard got installed on the Pavilion and rain gutters were installed at the back of the Senior Center. This seems to be helping with drainage.

5. The pre-construction meeting was held at the Hulbert Library on August 27th and the work started Tuesday (September 10th). There will be a change order forthcoming on the project; the tree had to come out and there are a lot of roots in that section. The project only went down 5 ½ inches from the concrete sidewalk. There are all kinds of roots there; which over time the shrub roots will come through the rubber material being used and ruin it. The contractor is giving a price to go down to get all the roots out of there and bringing in select fill. It is not anticipated that this will be bad since the machine is already here. This is the only change order so far. They were not there today; they were on Tuesday and Wednesday.

6. The Highway Department sided and roofed the well house. Hwy Supt Edwards noted that about two feet of the outside edge of the roof was in bad condition. Plywood was installed and the whole building is metal now. It looks great; the colors match.

7. The Senior Center parking lot got sealed and striped over Labor Day. Four more handicap accessible spots will be added; towards the field side, not Waverly Street. There is not a standard for how many accessible spaces are required; the Town can put in what we feel is right. This will not be covered under the grant but the cost is minimal for this. Senior Director Hunt said that about 75% of her clientele have accessible tags.

8. Michelle Jones has updated the Civil Service listing with the Deputy Town Clerk change.

9. The south Trevett Road project is 56% complete. Hopefully it will be open before Winter.

10. The phone/internet change over has begun. Michelle Jones just did all this for the Town of Sardinia so she had the contact information and what the Town needed to order for the project. She has been very helpful in this process. Spectrum was at the highway garage today to get set up there. More power was needed for the Senior Center and Supervisor Drozd had Bob Holland come in and get the power where it was required. Another issue at the Bensley Center has been resolved. There were plugs and switches that did not work; there were bad breakers. Mr. Holland fixed that problem. A couple years ago in the old restroom, the Town took out restroom fixtures and made it into a storage closet. There was a box in that that Custodian Ott closed off. Mr. Holland found the problem there and also the plugs in the hallway. New breakers were installed as well as putting the power where it was needed for the appurtenances on the wall. Supervisor Drozd does not know when this project will start; he will check with Michelle to see the status.

11. Supervisor Drozd is working with the Village on the bands for next summer's Concert Series. Bands have been calling and booking their schedules for 2025. Looking to 2025, July 3rd is a Thursday. He would recommend that the Concert be on that date; the pricing should be lower on the 3rd than on the 4th and 5th. They are reaching out to the fireworks contractor to get pricing and confirm the date. The bands will be scheduled soon. The Board is in agreement to hold the event on July 3rd with the concert and the fireworks.

12. The DiPietro \$20,000 grant for maintenance at the Hulbert Library should be received October of this year. There was some confusion on when these grant funds would be available; Librarian Morris thought it was October 2025. The Town has some shingles and cap shingles need to be replaced; there are some plumbing issues in the walls that were just closed off and need to be fixed. Since the date was confirmed, Supervisor Drozd will start getting estimates.

13. The Hulbert Library Board of Trustees had a meeting today. One Trustee resigned so this resignation will need to be added to tonight's Agenda. There are six Trustees now; the minimum is five. State capacity is nine. Up to three more are needed; one at least right now. Supervisor Drozd had asked Librarian Morris for some totals as far programming and how many people come into the Library. All Erie County libraries for Year 2024 have seen an uptick. County officials say that this is because people are coming out again since the pandemic; homeschooling county-wide is higher than it has been. School Supt Bialasik confirmed that there has been a big homeschooling surge. There is a larger contingent than people would realize. Some of the SGI students have also met at the Library to do different therapies; some happen at home but some do happen at the library. There have been camp crafts which have 15-18 kids participation; one particular camp had 50 kids. A birding journal camp had 44. School Supt Bialasik said he would not say that the homeschooling number is any higher than it typically is and could provide historical data if the Town would like that information. In Summertime it could be school age kids that are in the school. Librarian Morris also noted that adult floor traffic is up from a year ago. The bottom line is the Library is getting used.

14. Supervisor Drozd received a letter from Wendel Engineering dated August 6th, postmarked August 27th. For some reason Wendel did not bill the Town for the 94-c project. The bill is \$1,045.22. This was received after the Abstract was prepared; Supervisor Drozd advised that this bill will be paid before the next Abstract.

15. Supervisor Drozd will also ask the Board to add to the Agenda: the Historian's

Calendar of Events; it is impressive what they are doing. Also adding Assessor's Report, Senior Director Report and Supervisor's Report for July. He will also add the resignation of Robert Adler from the Hulbert Library Board of Trustees.

16. Supervisor Drozd reviewed the Senior Director's Report. The Center will be having the immunization clinic for the flu, COVID, shingles, etc. August was extremely busy for the lunch numbers: 361 meals and 215 frozen meals. Senior Director Hunt has been working with Supervisor Drozd and MDA on the Community Development Block grant projects. Unifirst has been discontinued since the grant is providing new rugs. The University Express classes will be starting in October every Tuesday at 1 p.m. Safety rails have been installed in the bathrooms. There will a Fall Celebration with the jazz orchestra. This will be open the Seniors and the public. More information will be forthcoming. Supervisor Drozd advised that Senior Director Hunt is doing a good job at the Center.

