

TOWN OF CONCORD SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING February 27, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PHILIP DROZD, SUPERVISOR,  
at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: PHILIP DROZD, SUPERVISOR  
CLYDE M. DRAKE, COUNCIL MEMBER  
KENNETH D. ZITTEL, COUNCIL MEMBER  
KENNETH KASSEL COUNCIL MEMBER

EXCUSED: KIMBERLY S. KRZEMIEN, COUNCIL MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: DARLENE G. SCHWEIKERT, Town Clerk

ITEM #1 HALT ACT RESOLUTION

Supervisor Drozd advised the Members that this Resolution is in support of repealing the HALT Act. The Association of Erie County Governments provided the Towns with the template for the Resolution. The Association of Erie County Governments will be adopting this Resolution at today's meeting.

Council Member Zittel moved the adoption of Resolution 5, seconded by Council Member Kassel:

WHEREAS, the Town of Concord Town Board is requesting a home rule resolution, calling on the NYS Legislature to REPEAL the New York State HALT Act;

WHEREAS, while the HALT Act may have been written with good intentions, its application has created a hazardous and unlawful environment which jeopardizes both staff and incarcerated individuals alike; and

WHEREAS, Corrections Officers work in facilities to maintain good working order to keep incarcerated individuals, staff and community safe by communicating well, remaining disciplined all while handling extremely dangerous situations inside the facility; and

WHEREAS, working in correctional facilities takes a physical and mental toll on Corrections Officers while being mandated to work shifts 24 hours or more at one time; and

WHEREAS, with the implementation of the New York State HALT Act, the ability to place dangerous inmates in special housing units has been severely limited, leaving little recourse for violence towards other incarcerated individuals or staff, causing the rate of violent assaults to nearly double.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Concord Town Board is demanding the full repeal of the HALT Act until it can be researched and revised.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Honorable Kathy Hochul, Honorable Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Honorable Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Honorable Republican Senate Minority Leader Robert G. Ort, Honorable Majority Leader of the Assembly Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes, Honorable Minority Leader of the Assembly William A. Barclay, and the Western New York Delegation and Erie County Executive Mark P. Oloncarz and the Erie County Legislature.

Voting as follows:

Council Member Drake	Aye
Council Member Kassel	Aye
Council Member Krzemien	Excused
Council Member Zittel	Aye
Supervisor Drozd	Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

ITEM #2      BRIDGENY ROSS ROAD PROJECT

Supervisor Drozd had provided copies of the proposed BridgeNY Ross Road project Agreement with Azar Design Co., PC. This Agreement had been reviewed by Town Attorney Attea. Motion by Council Member Drake, seconded by Council Member Zittel, to approve the Architectural/Engineering Consultant Agreement with Azar Design Co., PC., for the BridgeNY Ross Road Project and authorize Supervisor Drozd to sign same. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye; Council Member Krzemien, excused. Carried

ITEM #3      MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Kassel, to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye; Council Member Krzemien, excused. Carried.

  
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Darlene G. Schweikert  
Town Clerk