

TOWN OF CONCORD TOWN BOARD MEETING March 13, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Prior to the Town Board Meeting, the Town Board presented Bruce C. Luno with a Proclamation honoring him for his distinguished forty-nine years as a member of the Town of Concord Planning Board and congratulated Mr. Luno on his retirement.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PHILIP DROZD, SUPERVISOR,
at 7:00 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: DARLENE G. SCHWEIKERT, Town Clerk
 LAURA SAFFORD, Deputy Town Clerk
 BARRY A. EDWARDS, Hwy Supt

EXCUSED: BRIAN F. ATTEA, Town Attorney

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| GEORGE DONHAUSER | ERIC WILLIAMS, Springville Journal |
| WILLIAM GOSS | JOSEPH LAURITO & Boy Scout Troop #643 |
| REED BRAMAN | ALICE GURNEY |
| CORY SLACK | RONALD E. LILLIE |
| DANIEL SZEWCZYK | CINDY SANTONOCITO |
| JOHN SANTONOCITO | BRAD MOHAWK, ECSO |
| SHANE MILLER, ECSO (arrived 7:30 p.m.) | |

INVOCATION DELIVERED BY TOWN CLERK SCHWEIKERT

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG LED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZITTEL

ITEM #1 CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of Minutes:
 - (1) Work Session – 02/13/2025
 - (2) Public Hearing MRC Rezone – 02/13/2025
 - (3) Town Board Meeting – 02/13/2025

Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Krzemien, to approve Consent Agenda, Items 1-3. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

- b) Monthly Reports:
 - (1) Code Enforcement Report – February 2025
 - (2) Dog Control Officer Report – February 2025
 - (3) Town Clerk Report – February 2025
 - (4) Judge Frank – February 2025
 - (5) Judge Gibbin – February 2025
 - (6) Assessor's Report – February & Part of March 2025
 - (7) Senior Director Report -

Motion by Council Member Drake, seconded by Council Member Kassel, to approve Consent Agenda, Items 1-7. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

ITEM #2 RESIDENT CONCERNS

Supervisor Drozd opened the floor for Public Comment.

a) Alice Gurney addressed the Board. She and her husband Scott have resided at 10435 Trevett Road for nearly 36 years and have spent money hours and money improving their home and property over the years. They have always been respectful to their neighbors and created wonderful friendships. Their home is in a residential-agriculturally zoned area; they have been law abiding taxpayers to the Town of Concord all these years. Unfortunately, she is here today to say that they can no longer live in their house or enjoy their property that they have worked so hard to make their homes; they must now sell everything that is near and dear to them because of the nuisance noise created by the property across from them at 10442 Trevett Road. The long hours of non-stop gunfire ranging from anywhere from 2.5 to 6 hours has become an interference with their right to quiet enjoyment of their property. Law enforcement at all levels from the federal, right down to the County, are well aware of this situation. She has been told by Albany, state troopers, that until the Town of Concord creates a noise ordinance that there is not much more they can do other than respond to the 911 calls asking them to stop. These agencies have been called on numerous occasions and until quite recently the gunfire would stop after the authorities were called; however, starting on February 22nd, non-stop gunfire went off for over 6.5 hours. It stopped for a brief amount of time after about 3 hours when the sheriffs were called and went there for about 10-15 minutes, the gunfire stopped, and 20 minutes after that, it started up again and it was even louder than it was before the sheriff came. It this time it has turned into harassment. Mrs. Gurney is asking, begging, the Town Board to reconsider a noise ordinance based on sound decibels. She did research and has found that most towns within New York State have ordinances pertaining to sound decibels. Boston and West Seneca are a couple; she can provide a full list if the Town would like. She feels that this should be looked into more seriously. Any noise level exceeding 85 decibels is considered damaging to the human ear. On several occasions, there have been noise levels within her home of 100 to 120 decibels with the windows closed in inclement weather conditions. To put things into perspective, when the Dog Control Officer responds to a barking dog complaint, the noise level usually reads around 80 decibels and the owners are ticketed and fined. There are State law signs posted prohibiting vehicles such as tractor trailers and their jake brakes from anything over 90 decibels. That is not as loud as she is hearing inside of her home. It's like having a tractor trailer running inside of her home. Maximum decibel levels allowed by OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) in an industrial situation is 85 decibels. An AR-15 generates a noise level of 165 to 175 decibels when fired and she wanted the Board to think about that; that is what she is hearing from across the street. The State Troopers in Albany have her tape of this activity and analyzed it; they know what kind of weapons are going off across the street. There are well over a dozen homes on Trevett Road who object to this noise nuisance as well. Would a petition help the Board to grasp the extent of this situation? Supervisor Drozd advised that it is her right if she wants to go and get signatures. She is not arguing anyone's right to own or shoot a gun; but it should not be depriving the neighbors' their right to enjoy their own homes and property without the harassing noise nuisance. She is deeply saddened that she can no longer enjoy her home and property; and feel that she has no recourse but to sell her home. Mrs. Gurney thanked the Board.

Cindy Santonocito addressed the Board; she lives next door as well. She is not even sure that they are firing 500 feet from her house at this point. Every single weekend she sits and listens to this over and over and over. She works Monday through Friday and on Saturdays and Sundays she cannot enjoy her house. She will be selling as well. This is ridiculous. It is not fair to the law-abiding citizens who follow the laws and do as we are told and we can't enjoy anything on their property. She has a pond; she has grandchildren; do you think they will be able to walk outside? Absolutely not. She has to have noise cancelling headphones on in her house because she is getting so much anxiety. A noise ordinance needs to be put in place. It is a nuisance; it is harassment at this point and it is not stopping. It's not once every six months; it's becoming every weekend, every Saturday, every Sunday. Two weekends ago, she was sick in bed and

could not even rest because out her bedroom window, the windows are rattling because automatic weapons are being fired. Something needs to be done and the only thing that will stop it is a noise ordinance. The State Troopers and the Sheriffs have asked if the residents have spoken to the Town about a noise ordinance; she said they have and that the Town has no interest in doing it. It is not just affecting Mrs. Gurney and herself; it is affecting all of the residents in the area. You can say that you understand but until you are sitting in our homes listening to it for six hours, that is a lot. Mrs. Gurney added that it was not just six hours but there were four to five other vehicles up there and so if one of them stopped, another would start, so when they say it was non-stop, it was non-stop. There were no breathers in between; it's frightening. Now it is affecting them physically. Mrs. Gurney related that she had to have her sister come to get her out of the house because her husband was out of town and she was having a panic attack and her home is set back from the road. Mrs. Santonocito noted that she is literally next door; her bedroom window butts right up to their property. Mrs. Gurney noted that she is talking about a decibel level ordinance; not a noise ordinance. There are sanctioned gun clubs and there are a lot of people who target shoot, but they are not blowing off automatic weapons. Automatic weapons. She asked the Board to look at all the children sitting in front of them, what if one of them is hiking through the woods and wanders on to this property? They have so many posted signs on their property that she is scared to death of them; the neighbors don't dare put a foot on their property. It is unsafe. Mrs. Santonocito said that it has grown into a full-blown shooting range at this point. It is not just a dirt berm; there are nets up, lights up. Mrs. Gurney noted that it's huge; there's a structure going up next to it. She noted that this has gone all the way to the federal government; they are all aware of it, but there needs to be some kind of noise ordinance. One of the children of the owners, because it is not the owners, is doing this. Supervisor Drozd commented that the State and the Sheriff have asked him if the Town has a noise ordinance as well and the Town does not. Mrs. Gurney and Mrs. Santonocito both said they are begging the Board to adopt one; even it is a mile or two mile stretch on Trevett Road; they are begging the Board. She is sure that the Board does not want to see them all sell their homes; and who would they sell their homes to? It's an agricultural area. What if someone wanted to buy the rest of the Heary property, put up a barn to have horses there? They can't do it. There is no way there would be a horse stable or something like that up there, even cows. Who would want their homes? Mrs. Santonocito repeated who would buy her house? Would she have to sell it to a developer instead? She couldn't even bear to sell it to someone who has children because she would not be able to live with herself. Mrs. Gurney stated that she hopes the Board understands that her anger is just out of frustration and her living conditions. The living conditions up there are deplorable. Her dogs won't even go out. It's a sad situation. She does not know who let this come about; who let this shooting range go? Who let them put all this stuff over there? She does not know who it was but it is a sad situation. She noted that she appreciates every time she emails Supervisor Drozd that he emails her back. Supervisor Drozd noted that they have become good friends talking over this. She said when she sounds so angry, it is just because she is so frustrated. Mrs. Santonocito noted that it is loud. It's not just boom, boom, boom and it's over. It's loud. 120 decibels inside your home with the windows closed is loud in inclement weather. Mrs. Gurney noted that her decibel reading was taken on a day that there was 50 mph wind and it was snowing; she was in the house. This is what is heard in the house. Imagine what you would hear outside? It's just unsafe. Mrs. Gurney noted that she would do more research if the Town wanted, she will help dig a little deeper; she will volunteer her time. Supervisor Drozd stated that at this time the Town will take any information that she would like to provide. Mrs. Gurney noted that she will start printing stuff out. Council Member Zittel noted that he did talk to General Code at a big meeting with many other towns and shooting ranges in a R-Ag district; and that it really could not be shut down. There is nothing across the country in a R-Ag district that shuts it down like that because it affects too many other businesses. Mrs. Gurney noted that there is a bar down the street from them, and God only knows how that got put up, but at least they are quiet. They should not be there but at least they are quiet; they keep all the cars off the road. Mrs. Gurney noted that she really doesn't care what he does on his own property. He could be cooking meth in the backroom, she doesn't care, as long as she doesn't have to hear it. She questioned if a structure could be put up around it, or put up a solid wall. She is not talking about a noise ordinance; she is talking about a decibel level. She knows this is an agricultural district but the decibels are of a tractor, or lawnmower, it is

way less than an AR-15. Mrs. Gurney will get information to the Town because even if someone were farming that land and having their tractor run all day, the decibel level would be less than what is being done. That is normal, she expects to hear tractors. It is zoned agricultural; but it is not zoned Industrial. It is Residential-Agricultural so people should be able to have horses, have a farm, have a home and not live next door to a shooting range. Mrs. Gurney also questioned who was monitoring their Home Occupation License. Supervisor Drozd replied the Code Enforcement Officers. He knows that they have been up there. Mrs. Gurney noted that he is not going to do anything because they think they saw him out there the other day shooting. If she can catch his license plate on her camera, she will be sure to run it up to Supervisor Drozd; she is not sure what happened there, if goods were exchanged, money was exchanged, but all of a sudden, within one year, there was a bar-restaurant that went in and now we have this going on. Both under his watch. Mrs. Gurney is asking the Board to think outside the box and think about what is going on over there. She thanked the Board; she will print out and bring up some of the decibel information. Supervisor Drozd thanked Mrs. Gurney.

Supervisor Drozd noted that he believed that Deputy Mohawk has responded to the Trevett Road property with the noise complaints; as has Deputy Miller. Deputy Mohawk stated that they have; he's not sure how many times. Mrs. Gurney says that they call every time and they are afraid to give their names because they are afraid of retaliation. Deputy Mohawk and Mrs. Gurney agreed to talk after the meeting. John Santonocito addressed the Board; he lives next door. Mr. Santonocito had contacted the ATF and, surprisingly, found out that every single thing that was mentioned to them, he is following the law. The only exception is if there is some kind of ordinance in the Town that prohibited the noise and that is what they are here seeking. Mr. Santonocito noted the psychology background and psychology information, or follow Psychology Today, the effects of continuous gunfire on people who have to listen to it causes anger, frustration and it could also encourage some sort of retaliation. There are a lot of psychological things that go into it. He noted as Mrs. Gurney mentioned two hours, six hours, it is continuous. He is not sure that the Board can get a grasp of that. He has heard it compared to the noise of kids playing in a pool. The sound of gunfire compared to the sound of children playing, there is just no comparison of the two things. They are forced to listen to it for such lengths of time; it doesn't stop; there are 100's of 1000's of rounds of ammunition going off. Supervisor Drozd noted that he has talked to some deputies because they have called the Town to see if there is a noise ordinance and there is not. Mr. Santonocito said they are begging the Town again to put something in place; it would be wonderful. Supervisor Drozd thanked them for their comments.

b) Reed Braman addressed the Board. Mr. Braman is here tonight to support of his son for Boy Scouts. Mr. Braman is the President of Green Springville and they are doing their second annual tree planting on April 26th. They will be planting trees throughout the Village. If any of the Town properties is interested in acquiring trees, please reach out to them and they will be happy to plant trees at the Senior Center or at Town Hall. Mr. Braman asked the Board to get the word out. Supervisor Drozd will be in contact with Mr. Braman.

ITEM #3 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

a) Hwy Supt Edwards asked the Board to receive and file his Highway Report.

b) Hwy Supt Edwards advised: (1) Erie County has installed the new School Zone signs on North Street and (2) his Department will be back to days starting March 30, 2025; the night shift will end at that time.

Motion by Supervisor Drozd, seconded by Council Member Drake, to receive and file the Highway Department Report. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

ITEM #4 OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Drozd advised that since Deputy Mohawk is here, he will move (c) Community Engagement Team up on the Agenda.

c) Community Engagement Team – Deputy Mohawk advised that Deputy Miller may not make the meeting tonight. Deputy Mohawk does not have the monthly report totals for the Town. Deputy Mohawk advised that there was a youth problem at Heritage Park and he assisted in that matter; a little scuffle and some other things. Supervisor Drozd noted that the kids should join the Boy Scouts and that kind of behavior would not happen; he is a former Scout. Deputy Mohawk wasn't sure if Deputy Miller had discussed the block cameras with the Town. Supervisor Drozd advised that Deputy Miller had and Supervisor Drozd went to see the one at the exit of Lowes; mounted on the pole with the solar on it. Deputy Mohawk advised that all of these cameras were purchased on a grant and are fully functioning and in use. The Village has five and there is one more on Genesee Road. These cameras have already been very useful in locating stolen vehicles in the area. The Team has also been granted permission to extend their neighborhood patrols which were being done every other Saturday. There will be four deputies combatting the stolen vehicle complaints, the rifle complaints, and the rash of destroyed mailboxes (not in Concord but on Route 16). There is a group of kids who pick a street every night of the week and hit all the mailboxes. Deputy Mohawk advised that there will be extra patrols. Supervisor Drozd thanked Deputy Mohawk. Council Member Zittel noted that he had received a complaint on the truck fire on Springville Boston Road yesterday; it was a City of Buffalo truck. His complaint was that the truck was picked up but they never cleaned up the road. Hwy Supt Edwards advised that the County cleaned it up the bulk of the big stuff; he is not sure what happens with the glass and other debris. Supervisor Drozd asked Deputy Mohawk if he was finished with his report and he was; if Deputy Miller arrives, he may have more to share.

a) KBWWTP – Supervisor Drozd updated the Board on this project; every day there are two or three emails on this project. Supervisor Drozd shared the best one: email from Municipal Solutions forwarding an email from New York State; the EFC (Environmental Facilities Corporation) has accepted MDA's full waiver request so now the Town should be all set for the MWBE (Minority/Women owned Business Enterprise) for this contract. This is something that the Town, MDA and Municipal Solutions have been waiting on for a long time. It doesn't sound like a lot but it means a lot to the project.

Supervisor Drozd advised that he had spoken with Caleb Henning, MDA, and the water line extension project is almost ready to go out to bid. The grant for the water meter replacement is still being put together and is due by April 1st. The State does not like when municipalities have water going out without metering the water.

b) Craneridge Lighting – The Board had received a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding which was reviewed and edited by Town Attorney Attea. The Members did not have any questions on this Memorandum. Motion by Council Member Kassel, seconded by Council Member Krzemien, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize Supervisor Drozd to sign the Memorandum. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried. Supervisor Drozd will deliver the signed Memorandum of Understanding to Sam Lewandowski, Craneridge Lighting Committee for his signature.

c) Community Engagement Team – This was discussed earlier under Old Business.

ITEM #5 NEW BUSINESS

a) Audit of the Bills – Council Member Krzemien audited the bills this month.

Year 2025 Abstract 3:
General Fund A, Abstract 3, \$118,431.86
General Fund B, Abstract 3, \$1,471.88
Library Fund, Abstract 3, \$51.58
Solar Energy CM Abstract, NONE
Fire Protection, Abstract 3, \$536,518.78
Concord Senior Van, Abstract 3, \$268.67
Joint Youth, Abstract 3, NONE
Craneridge Lighting, Abstract 3, NONE
Craneridge Sewer, Abstract 3, \$37,747.01
Highway DA, Abstract 3, NONE
Highway DB, Abstract 3, \$41,120.87
Kissing Bridge Water, Abstract 3, \$18.00
Kissing Bridge Sewer, Abstract 3, \$124.27
Trevett Rd. Water, Abstract 3, \$2,290.80
Cattaraugus St. Water, Abstract 3, \$2,838.23
Trust & Agency, Abstract 3, NONE
Capital (HA) C. Sewer, Abstract 3, NONE
Capital (HB) Land, Abstract 3, NONE
Capital (HD) Catt St, Abstract 3, NONE
Capital (HE) Sr. Ctr, Abstract 3, NONE
Capital (HF) Hwy Equip, Abstract 3, NONE
Capital (HG) Waste Study, Abstract 3, NONE
Capital (HI) KB/CR Sewer Project, Abstract 3, NONE

Motion by Council Member Krzemien, seconded by Council Member Kassel, to approve the bills as presented. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

b) Approve Deputy Town Clerk Safford – Town Clerk Conference Training in Syracuse – Town Clerk Schweikert had requested that the Town Board approve Deputy Town Clerk Safford's attendance at the Town Clerk Conference in Syracuse, April 27th to April 30th; this was included in the 2025 Budget. Deputy Town Clerk Safford applied for a scholarship and waiting to see if she will receive a scholarship towards this training. Supervisor Drozd noted that he is an advocate for training and would like to make this motion. Motion by Supervisor Drozd, seconded by Council Member Kassel, to approve Deputy Town Clerk Safford's training at the Town Clerk's Conference in Syracuse. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

c) Resignation of James Miller, Zoning Board of Appeals, effective February 14, 2025 – Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Krzemien, to accept the resignation of James Miller from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective February 14, 2025. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

d) Resignation of Samantha Hunt, Senior Center, effective March 20, 2025. Motion by Council Member Drake, seconded by Council Member Krzemien, to accept the resignation of Samantha Hunt from the Senior Center effective March 20, 2025 with deep regret. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

e) Appoint Rose Heyden, Part-time Secretary to the Supervisor, effective March 17, 2025 at the rate of \$26/hour with up to a six-month probationary period. Mrs. Heyden will fill the vacancy of Michelle Jones who resigned as the part-time secretary. Supervisor Drozd noted that Rose was his former Clerk from his Erie County DPW days and she has since retired from her position with the County; and has agreed to work the

two, five-hour shifts as the Secretary to the Supervisor. Motion by Supervisor Drozd, seconded by Council Member Zittel, to appoint Rose Heyden as Part-time Secretary to the Supervisor, effective March 17, 2025, at the rate of \$26/hour with up to a six-month probationary period. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

f) Appoint Senior Center Attendants – Supervisor Drozd advised that the Town had advertised for help at the Senior Center and have been interviewing. Janet Cordaro's last day at the Senior Center is tomorrow; she had submitted her resignation last month. The Town has found a person to take the place of Samantha Hunt's position. Supervisor Drozd asked for a motion to appoint Tracy Del Valle-McNally as one of the Senior Center Attendants, effective March 17, 2025. Motion by Council Member Krzemien, seconded by Council Member Zittel, to appoint Tracy Del Valle-McNally Part-time Senter Center Attendant, effective March 17, 2025, at the rate of \$17/hour with up to a six-month probationary period. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

g) Daniel Szewczyk – 11378 Springville Boston Road, garage addition, front yard set-back – Council Member Drake advised that this matter was discussed at the Planning Board Meeting on March 4, 2025, and referred to the Town Board for approval. The Board had been provided with a copy of the March 4, 2025 Planning Board Minutes. Council Member Drake summarized this is an accessory building that Mr. Szewczyk would like to add onto; the existing building is located within the front setback with Town Board approval Mr. Szewczyk can proceed with the addition. The accessory building (garage) is located in an area where this addition will not interfere with the traffic visual on Springville Boston Road; the addition will be going further away from the road. Motion by Council Member Drake, seconded by Council Member Kassel, to approve Daniel Szewczyk's front yard set-back to allow for the addition to the accessory building. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried. Supervisor Drozd thanked Mr. Szewczyk for attending tonight's meeting.

h) Letter of Support – Certificate of Need Erie County Ambulance Service- This matter was discussed earlier during Work Session. This letter went out to every Town Supervisor and Village Mayor in the County. Supervisor Drozd had attended a meeting on this matter and noted that everyone is in support of this application. He asked for a motion to authorize him to prepare and sign the Letter of Support for the Erie County Ambulance Service going from a Certificate of Need to a permanent, full operating Certificate. Motion by Council Member Krzemien, seconded by Council Member Zittel, to authorize Supervisor Drozd to sign the Letter of Support as detailed above. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

i) Conflict of Interest Policy – Supervisor Drozd advised the Board that in order for the Town to continue with the grant applications, the Town has to adopt a Conflict of Interest Policy. This is something that is needed to complete the DiPietro grant process. The Members had received a copy of the Policy prior to the meeting for their review. Motion by Council Member Drake, seconded by Council Member Kassel, to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy as presented. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

j) Appoint Board of Ethics (Supervisor Drozd, Deputy Supervisor Drake and Council Member Zittel) – The Conflict of Interest Policy requires a Board of Ethics to be established. Supervisor Drozd, Deputy Supervisor Drake and Council Member Zittel will be the Members appointed to this Board. This was done by seniority. Motion by Council Member Krzemien, seconded by Council Member Kassel, to appoint Supervisor Drozd, Deputy Supervisor Drake and Council Member Zittel, to the Board of Ethics. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

Supervisor Drozd asked for a motion to add (k) SGI Use of Community Park fields, (l) Appoint Scott Benkelman to Board of Assessment Review, and (m) Authorize Supervisor Drozd to sign the Erie County Member Grants from Legislator Lorigo Grants; \$5,000 for the Senior Center and \$5,000 for Community Park. Motion by Council Member Kassel, seconded by Council Member Drake, to add (k) SGI Use of Community Park fields, (l) Appoint Scott Benkelman to Board of Assessment Review, and (m) Legislator Lorigo Grants. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

k) SGI Use of Community Park field – Supervisor Drozd just received the letter today from SGI Athletic Director Joseph DeMartino requesting approval to use Community Park for the 2025 season. The schedule was received and a copy was forwarded to Stephanie Bacon, SYI Coordinator, and a copy is in his office. Use would start in April, weather permitting and would continue to approximately June 13, 2025. Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Krzemien, to approve the SGI use of Community Park field. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

l) Appoint Scott Benkelman to Board of Assessment Review – This appointment would be to fill the vacancy of Leland Wiedeman who did not want to be reappointed. Motion by Council Member Drake, seconded by Council Member Zittel, to appoint Scott Benkelman to the Board of Assessment Review for the five-year term ending September 2029. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried. Town Clerk Schweikert will advise Erie County Real Property Tax Services of this appointment so that Mr. Benkelman can complete the mandatory training session.

m) Authorize Supervisor Drozd to sign the Erie County Member Grants from Legislator Lorigo Grants; \$5,000 for the Senior Center and \$5,000 for Community Park. Motion by Council Member Krzemien, seconded by Council Member Kassel, to authorize Supervisor Drozd to sign the necessary documents for the two Legislator Lorigo grants as detailed above. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

ITEM #6 COUNCIL MEMBER NOTES

1) Council Member Krzemien reminded the Board that the Southtowns Bark Park will be having their Meat Raffle this Saturday, March 15, 2025 at the Springville Fire Hall. Council Member Krzemien is on the Board and reported that they are up to about \$22,000 of the \$70,000 that is required by Erie County before ground can be broken for the Bark Park at Sprague Brook Park. Other fundraisers are upcoming: Gun Raffle, Disc Golf Tournament on April 26, 2025 at Community Park. Mr. Laurito volunteered that if the Southtowns Bark Park would like some community service, the Boy Scouts could assist in the Bark Park project; his Troop #643 is sponsored by the Springville Fire Department but the meetings are held at the United Methodist Church. Council Member Krzemien noted that she is also on the Board of the Fairview Cemetery, which is not a Town committee, but there have been a couple of Scouts who did their Eagle Scout projects at the Cemetery. She noted that there are community service hours available at the Fairview Cemetery and the Cemetery would welcome Eagle Scout projects.

2) Council Member Zittel noted that the SGI Post Prom Committee will be having a Meat Raffle on May 10, 2025. This raffle will be held at Stoney Oak Ridge on Moore Road.

3) Council Member Zittel noted that on April 3, 2025, there is a training at the East Concord Fire Hall from 7:30 to 10:30 from Underground Facilities Protective Organization (UFPO). This is open to anyone, not just contractors. If you were going to put a mailbox in the ground, you need to call Underground. If you put a shovel in the ground, you are to call Underground. It will be an informative meeting. If anyone is interested, reach out to Council Member Zittel.

4) Supervisor Drozd advised the Boy Scouts that JP Oatman from the Springville Fire Department will be reaching out to them in regard to the Firemen's Car Show, Vendor and Craft Show and Food Fest on July 20, 2025. The Department is down a few members and could use the Boy Scouts' help the 40-60 craft vendors in setting up for the event so that their cars can be moved from the area quickly. This would be in the morning. The All-Class Reunion is scheduled for July 18, 2025, at Firemen's Park and then the Car Show, Vendor and Craft Show and Food Fest is on July 20, 2025. Mr. Laurio will pass this information along to the other leadership. Hwy Supt Edwards asked if the Town would accept someone doing community service; Supervisor Drozd will reach out to Chris Ross, the Town's insurance agent, for verification.

ITEM #7 EXECUTIVE SESSION

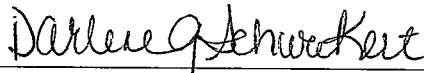
Supervisor Drozd advised that an Executive Session will be necessary to discuss a personnel matter. Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Krzemien, to go into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Drake, to come out of Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Krzemien & Kassel; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.

ITEM #8 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Supervisor Drozd, seconded by Council Member Drake, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. in memory of:

Robert J. Klein
Evelyn "Jolene" Hawkins
Harry R. Horner, Sr.
Josh Golley
Nicaiah J. Ausman
Kenneth L. Snyder
Mary L. King
William Krolczyk



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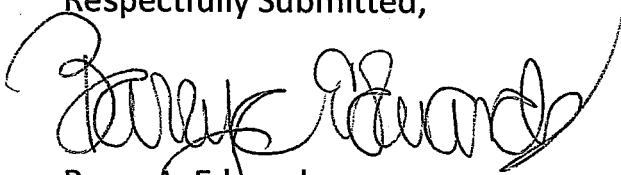
Highway Superintendents Report for the period of February 11, 2025 to March 9, 2025.

With twenty-seven days in this period the Highway Department:

- The Town Highway Department plowed and sanded 22 times, and they hauled and blended sand and salt 4 times in the past 27 days. Also, whenever they plow, they also sand or salt Town Hall, Library, and Senior Center.
- Serviced Tk#14.
- Cleaned floors in shop.
- Changed oil on Tk#18.
- Picked up plywood from Town Hall.
- Serviced Tk#11.
- Removed wing and plow on Tk#11, and took to Brute for repairs.
- Took Tk#14 to Pete Robbins.
- Fixed wing on Tk#13.
- Cleaned cab on high lift.
- Picked up Tk#14 from Pete Robbins.
- Replaced wing bolt on Tk#11.
- Picked up Tk#11 from Brute.
- Put wing and plow back on Tk#11.
- Lowered the wing rubber on Tk#14.
- Replaced brake chamber on Tk#13.
- Replaced blown hydraulic hose on Tk#18.
- Blew back Town roads with the snow blower.
- Pushed back banks in Craneridge, Belscher Road, and Transit Line Road.
- Cleaned back shop and floors.

- Removed snow from Town Hall and Library.
- Removed broken air line and replaced it on Tk#18.
- Replaced air hose on Tk#18.
- Repaired throttle on high lift.
- Worked on conveyor chain on Tk#18.
- Washed Tk#10,16,18, & 19.
- Fixed electrical problem on Tk#16.
- Serviced Tk#13.
- Clean shop drain.
- Greased high lift.
- Washed high lift and 5500.
- Trimmed trees on Abbott Hill Road.
- Took Tk#16 to Brute's.
- All highway department men went to UDIG for training.
- Welded on Tk#19.
- Shop work.
- Took hydraulic pump off of bucket truck and sent out for repair.
- Greased Tk#18 and replaced slack adjuster.
- Cleaned all shop floors and drains and mop office and lunch rooms.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Edwards", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Barry A. Edwards,
Highway Superintendent