

TOWN OF CONCORD TOWN BOARD
Work Session 5:30 p.m.

September 10, 2026

Supervisor Drozd opened Work Session:

1. For the 2027 budget, the average assessed value of a house is \$69,483, and the average full market value is \$278,000 in the Town of Concord. In the Village, the full market value is \$229,000 and the average assessed value is \$57,290. From 2025-2026 the tax rate increased .300042.
2. The State Comptroller's office sent a notice stating that more local governments are planning to override the tax cap. 49.2% of towns did this in 2025, which is up from 45% in 2022. The price of salt went from \$62 to \$93 a ton, which is going to make more towns go over the tax cap for that alone.
3. Orchard Park is going to have a resolution to oppose the creation of a county planning board. This would get rid of all town and village planning boards in Erie County. Supervisor Drozd would like to pass a similar resolution to go on record that Concord also opposes this.
4. The Town is going to change the employee health insurance from Independent Health to Univera. Independent Health was going to increase from \$198,571 to \$225,974. Moving to Univera and maintaining the same contributions will cost \$214,342.
5. Secretary Hayden is continuously checking the short term rentals in the area.
6. The Community Development Block Grant will include the rest rooms at the park and the rural van. The Public Hearing for this will be before the next Board meeting.
7. Supervisor Drozd met Erie County Dept. of Health at the park pavilion for the food service establishment inspection that needs to be done every two years, and there were no violations. It was recommended to put a sick worker policy into effect with SYI in case someone is sick when they are working or volunteering there. Supervisor Drozd will talk with Stephanie Bacon at SYI about this.
8. There has been significant progress made in Erie and Niagara counties in the radiological assessment of different properties.
9. The historians were given three laptops that were recycled from our building.
10. Clinton Brown architects were here on 8/27/26 doing a survey of the building for possible grants for repairs.
11. There are some issues with the salt storage barn roof. There was a contractor that came to look at it and he said it was too unsafe for him to work on. Highway Supt. Heim said that when it rains everything inside the highway garage gets wet. Something needs to be done soon to fix these issues. Supervisor Drozd believes that this is the next big project that needs to be taken care of.
12. September's sales tax payment is 5.21 % over last year, and 5.67% year to date, which is because of gas prices.
13. There was money moved over to NY Class three months ago, and we have made \$18,961.04 in interest alone.
14. The senior center parking lot was sealed and striped over Labor Day weekend, and the library should be done shortly.
15. There is a 28 inch snowblower here that should be moved to the senior center. Town Hall needs a new 28 inch snowblower, and the current 24 inch one will go to surplus.

16. The tractor that was sold at auction was sold for \$11,700, and the total sales for that auction were \$13,001.

17. 2027 Retirement dues- if they are paid by February 1, 2027 the cost will be \$141,265, and if paid by December 15, 2026 the cost will be \$140,256.

18. Supervisor Drozd believes that he will have the tentative budget to give to Town Clerk Safford by 9/30/26.

19. NYS DOT is working on replacing guard rails in 9 locations along route 39, and a damaged concrete gutter near Belscher Road. It is tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring of 2027.

20. The auditor charged the Town \$1032.50 for 29 ½ hours of work.

21. Supervisor Drozd was at a supervisors meeting and it was requested that if the Town did not have a policy on spoils and scrap metal that one is created.