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Town audit looks good

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CONCORD—The Town of Concord is in good financial standing, according to Laura Landers, CPA. Landers presented her report at the July 13 Town Board meeting, when she also reviewed the audit.

The funds are operating on a positive balance, Landers said, except the General Fund which is operating with a “slight deficit.” Landers explained the deficit was planned, but did use some of the fund balance. The town used money from one fund to cover costs in another, Concord Supervisor Gary Eppolito explained.

“We borrowed from one fund to use in another,” he said. “That was planned ... we’ll do that from time to time ... it always gets paid back.”

Cybersecurity within the town was discussed as well. Landers recommended the board consult with their risk and technology audit team to review cybersecurity policies. There is potential access to payroll and online banking information, as well as social security numbers if the town’s system is compromised. Deputy Supervisor James Krezmien agreed to look into the matter with Eppolito and Denise Ciszak, bookkeeper.

Mary Jane Miess spoke during public comment, notifying the board people are unaware of the increase of days that lunch is being served at the Senior Center. She also reiterated the need for a full-time director, noting the center wasn’t meeting the “socialization needs” of the seniors in town.

Kern Road, Transit Line Road, Scoby Hill Road, Randall Drive and the upper and lower extensions of East Avenue Extension have been oiled and chipped, Highway Superintendent Dennis Dains reported. Despite the wet summer, he said, the department has been able to complete their work in “record time.” Culverts on Davis Hill, Spaulding and Manchester roads will be replaced.

The board passed a resolution supporting the application of funding for the watershed management plan on behalf of Concord.

“The water quality of Cattaraugus Creek is particularly vital due to its length, number of feeder streams that empty into it and its proximity to the **West Valley Demonstration Project,**” the resolution reads in part. “The Concord Town Board is cognizant of the need to be good stewards of the environment and therefore have been an active member of the Erie County Water Quality Committee as well as other environmental and farmland protection committees and recognizes the need to protect our most precious resource.”

Robin Sion has agreed to join the Town’s Comprehensive Master Plan Committee after it was recommended by residents there should be a female voice.

The Town Board will next meet Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, 86 Franklin St., Springville.