

## Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on September 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

Council Members Present: Jeremiah Bush, Tom Norris, Jeff Jackson, Jason Mockeridge, Tim Casey, M. Lovitt and Ashley Meeks.

Council Members Absent: None

Public Present: K. Wyatt, A. Losey, K. Mills, B. Barton, D. Gardiner, H. England, B. Beaster, S. Littlejohn, F. Riley, Deputy L. Jacobson, DPW Director J. Blossom, and Village Clerk J. Lefere.

For their review, Councilmembers were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$25,520.67; August Fire Board Minutes; Concord Police Blotter; September Village Voice; Repealer Ordinance; Jackson County Museum Day September 16<sup>th</sup> Email; Email from J. Bush on Wolverine/Ford Sculpture ADA Update; Revenue & Expenditure Report through August 31<sup>st</sup>; 08/22/2017 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 9/12/2017 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to accept the minutes from the 08/22/2017 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked for an update on the old gas station and/or any projects in the Village. J. Lefere stated she had been contacted for utility bill and tax information and that a closing was getting ready to be scheduled. K. Wyatt also asked about rumors that the Shannon's building being sold. J. Bush stated that is what it is, rumors. He also asked about the benches for downtown, J. Bush informed him that the council is still looking into benches.

D. Gardiner asked about a letter he received regarding the Foreclosed, Vacant & Abandoned Property Registry. J. Bush stated that with the advice of Village Attorney F. Lucas the Council is placing a moratorium on the ordinance at this time while he reviews a portion of the ordinance.

H. England asked about having the 35-mph speed limit sign heading out of the Village on S. Main St. changed to 25-mph to coincide with the speed limit entering the Village. Bush stated the council agreed to change the sign a meeting or so ago and it was still planned to be completed. J. Blossom said it was on the DPW agenda they just had been busy with more pressing matters and intended to complete soon.

B. Barton asked about when the owners of the downtown buildings will be repairing the upper fascia near the roofs. J. Blossom asked about putting a time frame on having the fascia repaired/replaced. The council agreed to give the business owners 30 days to complete the fascia repairs/replacements. B. Barton also wanted to thank everyone for keeping the downtown looking nice.

F. Riley asked about the letter he received regarding the Foreclosed, Vacant & Abandoned Property Registry. He feels he should not have received the letter and that a person should be able to purchase property in the Village and wait until the market turns around so they can make a profit on their investment. Riley asked who decides what constitutes a vacant, foreclosed, or abandoned building within the Village and who he needed to talk to about his particular building. J. Mockeridge stated the Concord Station Building is vacant everyone knows it by looking at it. J. Bush invited Riley to attend the Planning Meeting to dispute the designation.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$25,520.67 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Mockeridge, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$25,520.67. Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom, head chairperson for the School Bond Committee, discussed the Concord Community School Bond proposal that will be on the November 7<sup>th</sup> ballot. It is a 1.58 mill increase. He also explained what needed repaired at the school. For more information please visit the CCS website at [www.concordschools.net](http://www.concordschools.net) or feel free to contact Superintendent Dan Funston at [dan.funston@concordschools.net](mailto:dan.funston@concordschools.net) or 517-524-8850.

Deputy L. Jacobson discussed the traffic light at the intersection of S. Main St. and Third St. The light was staying red too long and was causing traffic to back up in the mornings as people were dropping their kids off for school. The City of Jackson sent a technician out to adjust the morning timing, extending it about 15 seconds. This seems to have corrected the situation. Deputy L. Jacobson also stated the broken windows in the Shannon's building have been fixed. He also discussed a complaint about a white van that was parking over the sidewalk on Hanover St. He talked with the owner of the van and they are now parking on the street. He received another complaint about them parking at the top of the hill on Hanover St. He stated that there is nothing he can do about them parking at the top of the hill and that it is perfectly legal.

J. Blossom mentioned the fence between the basketball/tennis court has been repaired. He also noted that the sidewalk work on Main St. has been completed for the year. J. Blossom discussed the upcoming water DEQ inspection. He mentioned he will be presenting the council with prices on a snow blower that will be needed to clear the downtown sidewalks of snow during the winter.

J. Bush discussed the reasoning and need for the Repealer Ordinance which repealed forty-eight outdated ordinances which had been replaced throughout time with new ordinances and laws which covered the old ordinances. Village Attorney F. Lucas went through all the Village's Ordinances and wrote the ordinance to repeal the forty-eight outdated ordinances.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded M. Lovitt to adopt Repealer Ordinance #182. Roll call vote: J. Bush – aye, J. Jackson – aye, T. Norris – aye, T. Casey – aye, A. Meeks – aye, M. Lovitt – aye and J. Mockeridge – aye. Motion approved.

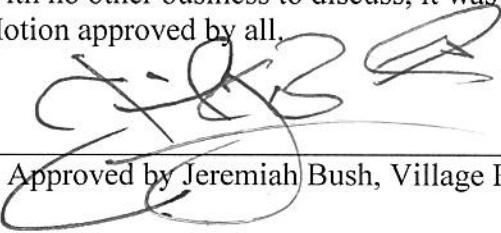
Council Comments:

J. Jackson mentioned that he attended the Grand Opening of the Treasure Gallery and that he ran into fellow council member J. Mockeridge who also attended. He encouraged all council members to attend future events and that their attendance was very much appreciated.

A. Meeks informed the council that the Fire Board meeting has been changed to September 27<sup>th</sup> due to the fact that Fire Chief L. Mosher must attend the MDEQ Meeting on the River Bend Piggery in Concord Township which is being held on the originally scheduled date.

M. Lovitt asked if there is anything that can be done about all of the stray cats in the Village. Deputy L. Jacobson stated that the shelters are full and there really isn't anything that can be done.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to adjourn at 7:56 pm. Motion approved by all.

  
Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

9/26/17  
Date