

Concord Village Voice ♦ October 2017

Village of Concord: 110 Hanover Street-PO Box 306 Concord, MI 49237 / 524-8534 / M-Th: 8am– 6pm

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Village Meeting Dates and Times

All meetings are held in the Village Commons and are open to the public. Come participate in your local government!

Village Council: October 10th & 24th— 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: October 3rd — 7:00pm

Planning Commission: October 17th— 6:30pm

Fire Board: October 18th— 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

HYDRANT FLUSHING!!!

The DPW department will be flushing hydrants on October 1st, 2nd and 3rd between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6 am.

The Free—Fresh Food Initiative

Second Saturday of Every Month—8:00 AM

A grant funded program distributing fresh produce to families at no cost. Distribution occurs at the Fire House Parking Lot at 8:30 am and runs until the food is gone. Bring your own boxes or bags to carry your free food.

Village Voice—Village of Concord Website

Do you have community information you want included in the Village Voice or on Village of Concord Website? Call Village Office. Email: office@villageofconcord.com. All info. must be submitted a week prior to the beginning of the month. The submission deadline for the November

Concord Heritage House October Event

October 18th @ 6:30 pm. Speaker-Brenda Walters— history at her house.

For more information contact Cathy Coppernoll: 524- 9094 or Gail Snow: 524-6675.

As always open for the public to attend!

Halloween Carnival

The Concord PTO will be hosting the Halloween Carnival on October 28th from 4pm to 7pm at the Elementary and Middle Schools where we will also have our Trunk or Treat. We will have a wristband charge of \$10.00 that will allow the children to participate in the games and fun that we have planned. We will also be able to accept credit cards this year for snacks and wristbands. If anyone is interested in donating candy for the trunk or treat or even want to set up and decorate their car for the trunk or treat they can contact Tasha Thurman @ 517-588-9844.

Craft Show

St. Catherine Laboure Church will be hosting a craft show on Saturday October 21st from 9 am to 3 pm

Numerous vendors, hourly prize drawings, raffle items (raffle items will be drawn after mass on Sunday). Lunch will be available from 11 am to 1 pm. Main menu items are Swiss Steak and Sloppy Joes.

HOLIDAY DECORATIVE LIGHTS

Council member Tim Casey and his wife Karen would like to pledge dollar for dollar up to \$500.00 for Holiday Decorative Lights for downtown.

Donations can be dropped off at the Village Office.

Thank you.

The Village of Concord Needs You for Planning Committee and Parks & Recreation Committee Members.

One evening meeting a month to discuss issues as well as make decisions which will influence the operations of the Village. Paid Position. Contact (517) 524-8534 for more info.

Concord District Library's Upcoming Events

Yoga with Amy Reamer Wednesdays-10 am Bring your yoga mat and join us for yoga in the Opera House. Suggested \$5 donation.

I Want Candy (Science)! October 2nd @ 4:30 pm. Ages 8+. Registration is required.

Pallet Painting October 4th @ 6 pm. Adults. Registration is required.

Be a Changemaker—Teen Meetup Second and fourth Mondays @ 5pm. Ages 12—17. Registration is required.

JDL Fall 2017 Book Clubs 3rd Monday @ Concord. Call the specific branch for times and titles. Concord Branch 517-905-1379.

Music on Main St. Saturdays 12-2 pm. Teens and Adults. The Opera House will be open to the public to practice and perform music! Please bring your own instrument (a piano is provided).

Concord Community Schools Bond

Concord Community Schools is attempting to secure a 1.58 mil bond increase to make improvements to the school's aging buildings during the next election on November 11, 2017. For more information you can visit Concord School's Admin. Building or the Village Office to pickup flyers with information on the bond and the scope of improvements it will address. You can also find information on the bond at the website:

<http://www.concordschools.net/bond-2017-information>

ABC Academy is now offering Preschool and Latch Key services for Concord Community Schools!

Our programs include:

Full and Half Day Preschool for children ages 33 months to 4 years of age

State-funded Free GSRP Preschool for children 4 years of age

Before and After School Latch Key Program

Music & Yoga Enrichment Programs

S.T.E.M. Curriculum and Technology Centers

Security Access Doors

Electronic Parent Communication System

Please contact Cody Blair, Program Director, at

cody@abcacademyjackson.com or by phone at 517-740-0167 if you are

interested in enrolling your child in our high-quality programs. Visit our

website for more information www.abcacademyjackson.com

ABC Academy – a great place for your child to grow, learn, and succeed!

GRANGER GARBAGE/RECYCLE INFO

You may have three additional bags of garbage outside of bin if you have 90 gal trash bin!

Garbage Pick Up: At curb by 6am Tuesday morning.

Recycling Pick Up: September 7th & 20th.

Granger no longer accepts recycled glass.

Village Council Meeting Minutes-August 22, 2017 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to accept the minutes from the 08/8/2017 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

M. Morse, owner of The Treasure Gallery located at 101 S. Main St came to the meeting to introduce herself and her business to the Council and the Village. She is excited for the business and the Grand Opening will be held on September 9th. The business has an Art Gallery, Gift Gallery, Classes and Custom Matting & Framing. Please watch our website and the Village Voice for events that will be taking place at The Treasure Gallery.

B. Smith is the owner of two buildings downtown. One building is the Free Store which is doing very well as they have given away more than sixty thousand items in the last five years. Smith told the Council he is planning to make improvements to the doors of the apartment upstairs and to the lower level. The other building owned by Smith is located at 102 S. Main St, he plans to renovate this building and use it mainly as an efficiency apartment. He plans to keep the front portion open for possible commercial use. B. Smith asked the Council to approve a conditional use permit in order to make these changes to the building located at 102 S. Main.

T. Norris motioned to approve the conditional use permit, seconded by A. Meeks. 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.

K. Wyatt wanted to confirm the MDEQ meeting that will be held at the Concord Community Center on September 20th at 6 pm regarding the Little Rd Piggery. J. Bush confirmed.

A. Losey presented the council with an informational flyer regarding the Concord Community School District Bond Proposal that will be on the November 7th ballot.

L. Jacobson was unable to attend the meeting, in his absence J. Bush discussed the clean up the previous Sunday at the former Concord Station. The clean-up crew consisted of L. Jacobson, J. Bush, A. Losey, David Prince and Kollin Ferris.

J. Blossom mentioned that the edge of the street is starting to crumble from people pulling off the side to park at Studio 306 located at 306 S. Main St., corner of First St. He suggested the Village place millings in the Village right-of-way to prevent further damage to the road. The area is 180' x 5' at a cost of \$2,875.00.

Motioned by T. Norris, seconded by M. Lovitt to allow Concord Excavating to complete the millings work. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Blossom also mentioned that as soon as Concord Excavating can get it on their schedule the Master Meter will be installed at Three Oaks Estates.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$28,840.47. Motion approved by all.

Council Comments:

T. Casey asked about the person who attended the previous meeting that was looking for community service ideas and wondered if anyone had been in contact with her. J. Bush stated that he was not aware of any contact but intended to reach out to her soon and had a couple ideas including Spring Street Park improvements. He also mentioned that during the Concord Classic weekend a semi drove over a residents' sidewalk and damaged it. The resident did not get the drivers information and feels that the Village should be responsible for the repair. Village Attorney F. Lucas has been contacted about this previously and had stated that it is damage to personal property and is the responsibility of the home owner and the insurance companies for the respective parties.

M. Lovitt asked when the Site Condo Ordinance would be published. Village Clerk J. Lefere stated that it would be published in the Sunday, August 27th Edition of The Salesman.

J. Bush asked the Council for suggestions on where to place the Wolverine Statue. D. North will meet with J. Bush and a decision will be made after looking at the suggested spots.

Village Council Meeting Minutes– September 12, 2017 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

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.

J. Blossom, head chairperson for the School Bond Committee, discussed the Concord Community School Bond proposal that will be on the November 7th 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 or feel free to contact Superintendent Dan Funston at 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.

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.

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 27th 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.