

Concord Village Voice ♦ February 2019

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: February 12th & 26th— 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: February 5th — 7:00pm

Planning Commission: February 19th— 6:30pm

Fire Board: February 20th— 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

Concord United Methodist Church 119 S. Main St., Concord

After School Program. Every Mon. & Wed. 3-5 pm.

- Students grades 6th thru 12th
 - A safe place for students to go afterschool
 - Adult supervised, help with homework, play games, interact and have fun!
 - Newly Renovated!!
- WIFI AVAILABLE!

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!

Concord Heritage House February Event

Bakeless Bake Sale

Mail to Cathy Coppernoll,

275 First St. Concord

For more information contact Cathy Coppernoll:

524- 9094 or Gail Snow: 524-6675.

As always open for the public to attend!

Concord United Methodist Church will be offering a Community Divorce Care

Program Feb. 19 thru May 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the church, 119 S. Main St.

This group will be led by Pastor Rob Hughes and meets every Tues. until May 14.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Book fee: \$15. Any questions, contact the church office., 517-524-6156.

No Overnight Parking on Village Streets

From 2:00am to 6:00am—November 1st through May 1st.

This is in place so the DPW can plow and salt our streets.

Winter Sidewalk Ordinance

By law you must clear your sidewalk of snow and ice within 24 hours of a minor snowfall or 48 hours in snow falls greater than 4 inches. Violation of this Ordinance is punishable by a \$50 to \$500 fine and cost to remove snow or ice.

Concord Girl Scout Cookie Sales

Concord Girl Scouts will be taking orders for their fabulous cookies starting on December 24th! All of your favorites are back again this year - Tagalongs, Thin Mints, Samoas, Trefoils, Do-Si-Dos, Savannah Smiles, S'Mores, and our gluten-free Toffee-Tastics! Just ask your favorite Girl Scout, to order yours - or call 517-524-7340/ text 517-230-0596 to get connected.

Concord District Library's Upcoming Events

Yoga—Saturday's @ 10:00 am. Bring your yoga mat and bottled water. \$3.00 suggested donation.

Book Jackets Coffee Hour - 3rd Monday @ 1pm. Adults.

Little Owls Story Time—Wednesdays @ 10:30 am. Infant—5.

Tai Chi—Wednesdays @ 10 am. Adults.

Story Ballet—Wednesdays @ 11:30am. Ages 3-5.

Friends of the Library—2nd Wednesday @ 11am.

DIY Lip Balm & Bath Bombs—Feb. 4th @ 5:30 pm. Ages 14+.

Registration required.

Sweet on Elvis - Feb. 22nd @ 7:00 pm.

Music on Main Street—Feb. 6th @ 5 pm. Ages 13+.

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 or more prior to the beginning of the month. The submission deadline for the March issue is February 19th.

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: February 6th & 20th.

Granger now accepts recycled glass.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey, to accept the minutes from the 12/11/2018 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked about the extended part of the trail from Main St. near the Mill to Allman Rd. While walking the trail he noticed trash/debris on the trail and surrounding areas and wondered who was responsible for the clean-up. J. Blossom stated he usually has his crew clean up along the trail multiple times throughout the year and with it being winter and less traveled they usually complete their first clean up in the Spring. With Wyatt's news of the trash Blossom stated he would have his DPW look into it and clean it up. J. Bush stated the area near the springs behind the Mill which was discussed was privately owned.

Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$20,655.07. Motion approved by all.

J. Bush created a State of the Village of Concord Document and used it to review the projected 2019 Budget by Fund Revenue & Expenses and to discuss the 2019 Proposed Projects of Note and 2019 Budget Notes. For those interested there are copies of the State of the Village of Concord Document in the Village Office. It was motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by J. Jackson to approve the Projected 2019 Budget as presented. Roll call vote: T. Casey – aye, J. Jackson – aye, M. Lovitt – aye, A. Meeks – aye, J. Bush – aye. All in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush asked the Council to vote on and approve an increase in the rent for the Village Apartments. It was motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to increase the rent of the West apartment by \$50 per month and increase the rent of the East apartment by \$100 per month, as it is larger and will receive a slight renovation when the current tenant leaves shortly after the new year. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Blossom asked the Council if hypothetically there were an opening in the DPW Department would the Council be willing to increase the rate of pay to \$15.00 per hour to draw in an experienced candidate. Blossom mentioned other employment opportunities in the area which were offering slightly less wages for jobs which were less laborious as competition for finding employees. The Council stated that they would be willing to do this. He also discussed the office entrance and problems with the project. The rail delivered by the subcontractor did not meet the expectations of the Village, the engineer or the project contractor Concord Excavating. A new railing has been ordered. The Village, engineer and project contractor Concord Excavating were also displeased with the concrete steps. The steps will be redone in the Spring.

Council Comments:

J. Bush mentioned he attended the Harwood Study Meeting at the Library and the results of the study will be released in January. J. Bush also mentioned Concord School's Superintendent D. Funston asked Harwood attendees to join the school's Strategic Planning Committee which will begin working on the school's new Strategic Plan in the near future. J. Bush told the Council and meeting attendees there were opportunities for others to join the School's Strategic Planning Committee.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 12/20/2018 meeting, as presented The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

B. Smith attended the meeting to discuss the condition of some of the buildings in the Downtown Business District. He provided the Council and attendees a letter and pictures regarding his concerns. He also discussed how these buildings are structures of the historic registry and how it affects the appearance and value of the adjoining buildings in the Downtown Business District.

K. Wyatt mentioned when he worked in Jackson and how the Enterprise Group helped with restorations. He also asked about the survey results that J. Bush received from A. Cavasin at a previous meeting. J. Bush informed him that the Planning Commission was going through the results as they will be a part of the Master Plan and would give out a summary when the plan is complete.

K. Stuart attended the meeting to discuss the home and property at 640 Hanover he recently purchased and his intentions to build another home on the back of the property. He would like to use the Village's Site Condo Ordinance to split the property so he can hook up the new home being built to the existing water and sewer connections. His reason for asking to use the Site Condo Ordinance and hooking into the preexisting water and sewer connection is he could save on the expense of Village connection fees and purchasing a grinder pump. J. Bush asked if there were pre-existing land splits on the property as the Site Condo Ordinance was put in place for downtown buildings and to allow splitting land where land splits were no longer available i.e. the land along the Mill Pond. Stuart stated there were still land splits but wanted to use Site Condo Ordinance as a way to save money on the connection fees and grinder pump. J. Bush asked if he had plans for the house he wants to build as the planning commission would need to go over the plans and review the ordinance before making a decision.

Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$24,335.76. Motion approved by all.

T. Casey expressed his concerns regarding the mutual aid fire and rescue runs the Concord Fire Department is making to Pulaski due to the fact Pulaski does not have adequate coverage during the day. He is concerned who is covering the cost of these runs. A. Meeks stated this was discussed at the last fire board meeting and the cost is coming out of the Concord Fire Department budget. It was discussed that if these runs continue they would like to get some type of funding from Pulaski to offset the cost and intended to discuss again at the next fire board meeting. However, the fire department, like every fire department in the state has a Michigan Mutual Aid Agreement and must provide mutual aid when and where requested.

J. Blossom informed the Council that DPW employee D. Winter resigned from his position effective January 4, 2019 and a listing for the job has been posted and an ad will run this weekend in The Salesman. He also mentioned that he has received the easements back from all but one of the business owners on the west side of N. Main St. J. Blossom also gave a water project update – The crew from Ripstra & Scheppelman has been surveying for the last couple of weeks and are about two-thirds done. The plan is to have the project ready to bid mid-February however with the Government shut down the USDA is not available to process our project and we cannot proceed with the project until the Government shutdown is over.

L. Jacobson discussed the December 2018 Blotter. Jacobson also wanted to mention there were two calls on the same day last month, one in the Village and one in the Township regarding a male subject with his face partially covered, driving a gold car that pulled in the driveway of these separate homes. When one resident went out to question the man, he said he was looking for a house to buy and then got in his car and left. At the other house the man just walked up, looked in the window and when he saw there was a person sitting in the house, he left as the resident went out after him. Deputy Jacobson called the behavior suspicious and warned residents to be observant.

Council Comments:

J. Jackson updated the Council on the Concord Café – there was an offer and a counter offer. The person financing the loan wanted to look at the building first. He will update again at the next meeting. J. Jackson also mentioned that Concord Excavating, a local business, was recommended to his dad for the removal of a building in Jackson, the removal needed to be complete by December 31st and he wanted to commend Concord Excavating for meeting the deadline and for doing a great job.

A. Meeks asked Deputy Jacobson if he has been out doing work on blighted residential property. L. Jacobson stated that he planned to start soon.