

Concord Village Voice ♦ March 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: March 12th & 26th— 7:00pm

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

Planning Commission: March 19th— 6:30pm

Fire Board: March 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 March Event

Ray Dawson Taxidermy Display-plus memories.
At his home.

Members and Guests only.

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

Hydrant Flushing

March 25th—27th.

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 District Library's Upcoming Events

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

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

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

Tai Chi—Wednesdays @ 9:30 am. Adults.

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

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

Drop Everything and Read: March is Reading Month. All month.

Make Your Own Bookmark— All Month.

Beaded Bookmarks—March 13th @ 5:30 pm. Ages 13+.

Teen Art Show—March 27th @ 7:00 pm.

Star Wars: The Library Strikes Back—March 30th—April 7th. During open hours.

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 April issue is March 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: March 6th & 20th.

Granger now accepts recycled glass.

Village Council Meeting Minutes-January 22, 2019 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 1/8/2019 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

After recent interviews a new council member recommendation was made by T. Casey and M. Lovitt. They recommended Village resident Kyle George to be the new council member. Clerk J. Lefere will contact K. George to attend the February 12, 2019 meeting to be sworn in.

Public Comments: None

Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$72,752.25. Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom informed the Council that he is pretty sure the electrical issue in the west apartment has been fixed. The electricians were there for two days as they ran into problems in the attic. He also reminded the Council that Wednesday is the last day the Village will be accepting applications for the DPW position. He plans to set up interviews for next week. J. Blossom also informed the Council one of our new decorative lamp posts in our downtown business district was knocked down by a vehicle Friday night. J. Blossom has made contact again with the business owners on the west side of Main Street that have not signed and returned their paperwork regarding the utility easements behind their buildings. Village attorney F. Lucas has given a deadline of 2/1/2019 to return the signed documents as the Village needs them to proceed with the USDA project.

L. Jacobson spoke with Tyler Construction, they own the building located at 104 S. Main Street regarding the condition of the back of the building. They didn't realize the back of the building was in such bad shape and have contracted with someone to repair the masonry. He has not had any success in trying to contact the owner of the property at 101 N. Main Street regarding the condition of the back of the building. He also mentioned there have been a couple of break-ins in the Village along with a string of break-ins through Calhoun County which seem to be related.

Council Comments:

A. Meeks asked about the rules for snowmobiles in the Village. Deputy Jacobson said they are not to ride on the sidewalks and are to stay in the space between the sidewalk and the street. He also said it is hard to catch them unless you can get the number from the sled or if you can personally identify them.

J. Bush said he was contacted by and had a good conversation with Pulaski Township Supervisor Bob Jones after the Concord Township and Village meetings in which the mutual aid calls the Concord Fire Department has gone into Pulaski to cover over the last few months were discussed. J. Bush stated he had conversations with both Pulaski Township Supervisor B. Jones and Concord Township Supervisor A. Cavasin about getting together and discussing possibly bringing back together the Concord and Pulaski Fire Departments into one unit.

J. Bush stated during the last planning meeting they completed some more of the updates to the Concord Area Master Plan. A. Cavasin, Concord Township Supervisor was in attendance at the planning meeting and asked what the Village needed from the Township for the Master Plan. J. Bush said the Village would like for someone to be delegated to serve as the voice of the Township at the meetings where the Master Plan is worked on for when Township information is needed and questions pertaining to the Township arise.

Village Council Meeting Minutes- February 12, 2019 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 1/22/2019 meeting, as presented The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments: None.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$31,598.10. Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom stated how the Village has always had a Water Cross Connection Ordinance in place and updates have been made as recommended by the State. He also stated there are a lot of gray areas in the ordinance the State doesn't have answers to at this time. It was motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to accept the updated Water Cross Connection Ordinance. Roll call vote as follows: J. Bush – aye, J. Jackson – aye, T. Norris – aye, T. Casey – aye, K. George – aye, M. Lovitt – aye, and A. Meeks – aye. Nays – none. Motion approved.

J. Blossom informed the Council the decorative light pole that was damaged beyond repair in a traffic crash last month has been ordered and the invoice has been sent to the Village insurance company. He also let the Council know the Town Clock will be delivered next Wednesday or Thursday. It will be put up in the Spring when we have better weather. J. Blossom informed the Council the easements the Village has been working on regarding the West side of Main Street downtown business district will be signed on Wednesday. Once they are signed, we can proceed with the USDA Water Project. Village Engineer J. Ripstra is having some problems with the engineering agreement – the USDA has wanted the agreement worded differently several times. J. Blossom informed the Council the boat launch at Paddock Lake will be engineered and surveyed. The DNR also needs to do a fish study to ensure there will be no harm to the fish in the lake. The permit turnaround time is about six months. He also stated three interviews were conducted for the DPW position and he recommends the hiring of Norm Kidder with a starting wage of \$14.50 per hour. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to hire Norm Kidder at \$14.50 per hour. All were in favor. Motion approved. J. Blossom also mentioned he talked to Jack from the Jackson County Parks Department about a grant they received to install signs at the Falling Water Trail. A sign will be placed on the Southwest side of the Village's trail entrance.

L. Jacobson discussed his January Blotter. The vehicle used in the Village B&E's (one at Concord Mfg. and the other at the school bus garage) appears to be a 2005 or 2006 Dodge Caravan similar to one he had a picture of. It's blue, dark green or teal in color. A distinguishing mark is a small black antenna on the roof above the center of the windshield. This is not a common feature and the suspect's van has one PLUS a luggage rack. L. Jacobson also stated now that the temperatures are not so low he will start sweeping the Village and cracking down on unshoveled sidewalks. He also mentioned at the Township meeting Monday night it was decided to change the time of their meetings to 6 pm, at least for the rest of the winter months.

Council Comments:

J. Jackson informed the Council the Concord Café has been sold and they closed last Friday. When they open, they plan to focus on breakfast and lunch.

J. Bush said he met with Pulaski Township Supervisor Bob Jones, Concord Township Supervisor A. Cavasin, Concord Fire Chief L. Mosher and Pulaski Fire Chief D. Riley to discuss the possibility of combining the Concord and Pulaski Fire Departments again. They plan to meet again later in the month. He also informed the Council the Harwood Study Data will be released Wednesday night at a meeting held at the Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library at 7 pm.