

Concord Village Voice ♦ March 2020

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 10th & 24th — 7:00pm

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

Planning Commission: March 17th @ — 6:30pm

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

Concord United Methodist Church

The Hangout, After School Program Every Mon. & Wed. 3-5 pm at Concord United Methodist Church, 119 S. Main St., 524-6156. All students grade 6th thru 12th welcome, a safe place for students to go afterschool, adult supervised, help with homework, play games, interact and have fun! Newly Renovated!! WIFI AVAILABLE! Bring a friend and join us.

A MESSAGE FROM GRANGER-

Winter Weather is Here

This mild weather has been holding on for a while, but inevitably winter weather will come. Eventually our roads will become a mess with ice and snow. Before this happens, we'd like to point out a few best practices for the winter:

Find a good place to put your bag/bin/cart. Shovel a spot at the curb or place your container in your driveway so our drivers can service it.

Keep your cart out of the street to avoid any plow truck casualties.

Make sure your cart can be closed all the way so snow and rain don't get in. This will keep the contents from freezing.

We do our best to service our customers during winter weather conditions, but we may run a bit behind. As a reminder, customers have a collection day, not a time. If we ultimately cannot service customers on their scheduled day, we will allow extras for no charge on their next service day. We appreciate your patience during the upcoming winter collection season.

Concord Heritage House March Event

The Old Carriage House in Spring Arbor.

Meet there on March 18 @ 6:30 pm.

They have a donation jar as far as expenses.

For more information contact Gail Snow:

gailpsnow@yahoo.com

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrant flushing will begin at 10pm on Sunday March 22nd and be complete by 6am Tuesday March 24th.

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 if 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.

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Starting Jan. 29 (through March 25), 6:30 to 8:30 pm

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

To register email //fpu.com/1110028. Questions contact Rich Cornell, rcornell@arbor.edu.

DIVORCE CARE SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday Evenings starting Tuesday, Feb. 4

@ 6:30 pm at Concord UMC, 119 S. Main St.

This 12 week class meets every Tuesday night and is led by Pastor Rob.

Videos, support group discussion and journaling.

Concord District Library's Upcoming Events

Let's Share a Story: Open Hours. Children

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

Friends of the Concord Branch: 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 10:00 am.

Stack 'Em Up March Is Reading Month Challenge: All Month Long.

Life Sized Clue: March 7th @ 11:30am and 12:30pm.

Create a Cool Bag and Journal: March 11th During Open Hours. All Materials Provided.

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 20th.

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.

Blue Bag Recycling Program Began in December.

Village Council Meeting Minutes-January 28, 2019 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey, to accept the minutes from the 1/14/2020 meeting as presented Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked about the former Shannon's Building as he noticed another tax foreclosure warning letter taped to the door. J. Bush informed him that yes once again the owner is in default of property taxes on the property and he expected the owner would pay just enough taxes on the date due to keep the building from going to the tax sale. This has become a yearly occurrence.

T. Karr-Jackson commented on at the last meeting J. Bush mentioned a few local residents that would like to put lights on the trees in the downtown business district as part of Light Up Concord festivities and she has had a lot of positive feedback. J. Blossom stated not to be the bearer of bad news but there are no outlets to plug lights in. Solar lights were discussed as a possibility but more research would be needed. There is plenty of time to think about the options. She also reminded everyone once again to take a tour and visit the Concord Schools Linked Health Center to be more informed of what services they offer. The Center is open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8-5. You may also call and leave a message during closed hours.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$109,626.22 . Motion approved by all.

Expense Approval Water Main Project in the amount of \$104,525.22 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of Expense for Water main Project in the amount of \$104,525.22. Motion approved by all.

Deputy Jacobson was unable to attend as he had to go out on a call. J. Bush discussed the Concord Area Police Yearly Report and his December 2019 Police Blotter briefly. Bush noted the number of calls for service were pretty even between the Village and Concord Township. To view a copy, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links.

J. Blossom discussed the progress of the USDA Project and it is coming along nicely. He also informed the council that the freightliner has been delivered to the up fitters and he expects it to be completed by September.

J. Bush stated representatives from the MEDC/SBDC will be here on 2/20/2020 at 3:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room to do a presentation on Business and Building Rehab Programs, Services, Grants, etc. for current Village building owners, current Village business owners, potential new Village building owners, & potential new Village business Owners. Letters were sent to current and potential business owners who have contacted the Village. Signs will be placed at the library, Post Office and other local businesses. Everyone is welcome to attend.

J. Bush also discussed the Autistic Child Area sign on S. Main St. A resident brought attention to a Councilmember that the sign was too close to their driveway. J. Blossom said it was properly spaced. Several Councilmembers commented they felt the sign was not that close to the resident's driveway. Another Councilmember stated that the resident children's maybe upset because people would assume the sign was put there for one of the children and this may be the underlying issue.

J. Bush also discussed parking on the Village streets during winter months as a resident was upset they had been ticketed for parking on the street when there was no snow and asked the Council if they wanted to adjust the Village's current winter parking ordinance. The Council was in agreement parking is prohibited on Village Streets from November through May during the hours of 2am -6am. If a car is parked on a Village street during these hours, they will receive a ticket. L. Jacobson and/or J. Blossom are authorized by the Village to ticket vehicles who are in violation of this ordinance.

Council Comments:

J. Bush reminded everyone the February 18th Village Planning meeting has been rescheduled for February 5th at the Township Office and will be a joint meeting of the Village Planning Committee and the Concord Townships Planning Committee to approve the Concord Area Master Plan.

Village Council Meeting Minutes-February 11, 2020 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 1/28/2020 meeting as presented Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

P. Wilson, 2020 Census Worker attended the meeting to talk about the Census and to ask the Village if they would put information on the website and Facebook page about applying to be a Census Worker. The Village will post on the pages and also have information available for pickup in the office. She also wanted to let everyone know that this year's Census can be completed online. If you do not have access to a computer there is a phone number on the postcard being sent out to complete the Census over the phone or to request a paper copy. There will also be Census workers eventually sent out to people's who failed to complete the Census online, over the phone, or by paper.

B. Smith attended the meeting to once again inform the Council about the crumbling condition of the former Shannon's building. He presented pictures of the crumbling mortar and is concerned for the public safety of the residents. Kids could be injured if messing around by the building. J. Bush and L. Jacobson confirmed that we have been unable to make any contact with the owner of the building. L. Jacobson has sent numerous citations which have not been paid. It was discussed the Village making fixes to the building and placing the costs on the owners taxes however there is concern about liability. Jacobson will continue to try and make contact with the owner.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$115,558.07 . Motion approved by all.

T. Casey discussed the Village Dog Park Donations. He has a resident that would like to remain anonymous with plans to donate \$1,000.00 to the Village to create a dog park. T. Casey is looking for someone that would like to spear head the fundraising for this project. A dog park had been discussed as a possibility and cost estimates were completed in the Parks and Rec committee previously but was shelved due to other priorities and cost. With donations in mind the Village is interested in exploring the feasibility of this project again and asked Blossom to get prices of fencing. Deputy Jacobson discussed his January 2020 Police Blotter. To view a copy, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links.

J. Blossom discussed the progress of the USDA Water Project. Concord Excavating have charged the new line and plan to flush it on Wednesday, sample test it on Thursday and if all goes well, they will tie in the services. He also mentioned the Thorrez (Behling) building located on the northeast part of the downtown business district and how nice it looks. They have made improvements to the back of the building. J. Blossom also noted that he had been contacted by a resident on Main Street that thought the Autistic Child sign was too close to his driveway. The Council confirmed that it was decided at the last meeting that the sign will remain where it is.

J. Bush mentioned to J. Blossom that he had been contacted by a building owner on N. Main St. and they wanted to know if the Village could change the way they plow N. Main so that snow does not get pushed onto the sidewalks. If they don't get there to shovel early in the morning the snow hardens and they have a hard time removing it from the sidewalk. After a short discussion it was decided that there will be no change in the current plow pattern.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to approve the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Redevelopment Ready Community Resolution. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by T. Casey to approve the Master Plan. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

T. Casey stated that he felt the planning meeting with the Township to approve the Concord Area Master Plan went very well. He also had some questions about the Concord Classic and where it would be held and if they are still accepting vendors. J. Blossom stated they should contact himself or Matt Lehman with questions/concerns about Concord Classic Weekend and they were accepting vendors. T. Casey also asked for comments from the Council regarding a flashing Speed Sign that he had previously sent a video of to them.

A. Meeks had a resident ask her if no parking signs could be put on Village streets. The residents is having a problem backing out of her driveway when a car is parked directly across the street from her driveway. When the street is narrow it is difficult to maneuver.

J. Bush discussed some information that was dropped off at the Village Office where a resident is concerned about the Village being sued if the CSLHC gives vaccinations and something happens to the person vaccinated. The Village will not be held responsible.