

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

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

Planning Commission: November 19th— 6:30pm

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

Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste shall be collected during the first FULL week of each month, weather permitting, according to the following policies: All materials for collection shall be placed at the edge of the street no later than 7:00 am of the morning of the collection week. All eligible materials shall be placed in biodegradable paper bags, bundles or labeled containers with a maximum of 50 lbs. per unit. The maximum limit is 10 units, per residence, per pick up. Leaves may be left loose for collection in the fall. Tree limbs and brush must be cut to lengths not exceeding 5 feet and cannot exceed 6 inches in circumference.

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@abccademyjackson.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.abccademyjackson.com

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

Concord Heritage House November Event

No Meeting!!

Board Meeting Only

Board Members Only

November 13th @ 10:00 am

For more information contact Cathy Coppernoll:

524- 9094 or Gail Snow: 524-6675.

CONCORD PTO CRAFT SHOW

Saturday November 30th from 9am—3pm

Concord Elementary School 405 S. Main St.

If you would like to be a vendor or have questions please email

Tasha Thurman at: tashbert@umich.edu

Concord and Pulaski Wreaths Across America TM ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 14th at noon at Concord Maple Grove Cemetery. To sponsor a wreath for a veteran in any of the eight Concord Pulaski cemeteries, please send a check for \$15 made out to Concord Pulaski Memorial American Legion Aux. 81. Mail to Chaplain Brenda Walters, 211 S. Main St.,

Concord, MI 49237. You may place the wreath yourself or have a volunteer do it for you. This year we are asking students from all grades to participate in the ceremony. Please contact Brenda Walters to sign up your child(ren). Our mission is to remember those that served, honor those who are serving and teach the children that freedom is never free.

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.

DIVORCE CARE Support starting Sept. 10 through Dec. 3 @ 6:00 pm.

This class meets weekly and is led by Pastor Rob at the Concord United

Methodist Church, 119 S. Main St., Concord. You'll find three key part to

your Divorce Care Experience: Video Seminar, Support Group and

Workbooks. For more information call the church office, 517-524-6156.

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.

"I Spy" Picture Book: All of November. Open Hours. All Ages.

Make and Take Mondays: Mondays in November. Open Hours. All Ages.

Life-Size Candy Land: November 2nd @ 11:30 am. All Ages.

Decorated Wine Bottles: November 5th @ 5:30 pm. Registration Required. Adults.

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

December issue is November 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.

Recycling Pick Up: November 13th & 27th.

Village Council Meeting Minutes-September 24, 2019 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by T. Casey, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 9/10/2019 meeting with the following correction suggested by T. Casey in Council Comments: T. Casey assured the public the decision to accept this medical marijuana grow was not taken lightly by the Council. Casey stated a lot of research had been conducted from both pro and con studies over the past five years. Casey said he personally had spoken to lawyers, insurance agencies, law enforcement officers, State of Michigan Officials as well as family and friends which reside in states where marijuana is legal for their opinions and thoughts. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

A. Losey asked if the Village had received any feedback from the bicyclists completing the First Great Lake to Great Lake Trail Ride from Port Huron to South Haven on September 13th-19th. J. Bush stated he had not heard or seen any feedback but did notice what looked to be long haul bicyclists at the Cadet. J. Blossom mentioned he saw some bicyclists participating out on Allman Rd.

T. Karr-Jackson spoke on behalf of the non-profit Concord Student Medical Clinic and informed the Council of the great things the Clinic is doing including partnering with the Concord Classic Weekend and the Rothenberger Foundation to complete sports physicals for Concord athletes. Karr-Jackson invited the Council to stop down to the Clinic and take a tour.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$5,417.15 . Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom discussed and provided Council with information about the condition of the one ton truck the Village currently owns. The truck is in bad shape and needs repairs each year. At this time, it is going to need \$20,000 to \$25,000 in repairs before winter. He re-presented the cost of a new truck with box, emergency lights and plow blade at a cost of \$53,472.75. Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by K. George to purchase a Chevrolet 3500 Truck complete with dump box and snow plow for \$53,472.75. Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom informed the Council the State of Michigan MDEQ contacted the Village about a SAW Grant to address sewer system televising and cleaning, the Village applied for in 2013. The MDEQ offered to give the Village a SAW Grant in the amount of roughly \$133,000 with the Village having to match roughly \$15,000 in funds to receive this amount. Blossom stated he had been in contact with J. Ripstra the Village's engineer and there would likely be an additional \$10-\$15,000 in engineering and paperwork necessary. Blossom stated the Village after the match and engineering services would likely see \$99,000-\$100,000 in State Grant money coming to the Village's sewer system.

The Council once again discussed the Blue Bag recycling program, Granger the Village's garbage provider asked the Council to contemplate enacting. Recyclables will be placed in Blue Bags and will be thrown into the garbage bin with regular trash bags. Once the garbage truck reaches the dump the contents will be dumped and blue bags will be sorted out to be sent to the recycling center. This means garbage trucks will only be on Village Streets one day a week for both garbage and recycling pickup at the same time. Granger agreed to give Village Residents who recycle their first 100 blue bags which can be picked up in the Village Office on a first come first serve basis. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey, to enact the "Blue Bag" Recycling Program in the Village for recycling services. Motion carried by all.

Village Treasurer C. Gibbs recommended the Council invest more of the Village's fund balance from several funds into Certificate of Deposits (CDs) at American One Federal Credit Union and County National Bank. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to place \$150,000 from the General Fund and \$150,000 from the Water Fund into CDs at a 3.1% interest rate at American One Federal Credit Union. \$25,000 from the Major Streets Fund and \$50,000 from the Local Streets Fund into CDs at a 2.75% interest rate at County National Bank. J. Bush-Aye, T. Norris- Aye, T. Casey-Aye, K. George -Aye, M. Lovitt-Aye, A. Meeks & J. Jackson-Abstained due to conflict of interest.

Council Comments:

T. Casey questioned if the Village had ever explored putting in solar speed limit signs that flash when drivers are going over the speed limit. J. Bush stated that Deputy Jacobson had mentioned previously they were costly but the Village could look into it. J. Blossom agreed to look further into the cost of the Solar Speed Limit Signs.

J. Bush informed everyone the Concord Area Master Plan was completed and ready to be presented to the public for comment. A public meeting will be advertised and the public will be encouraged to come in and offer their insights and suggestions once again before final approval is made and it is sent off to the State

Village Council Meeting Minutes- October 8, 2019 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 9/24/2019 meeting, as presented The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

None.

Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$86,576.92 . Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson discussed his September Blotter. He also mentioned the break in at Lightning Quick Gas N' Go. The culprits took cigarettes, lottery tickets and the safe. The safe was found in the middle of M-60 unopened.

J. Blossom stated that hydrant flushing is complete for the fall. He also mentioned that the new truck has been ordered and will start being built when GM strike is over. The salesperson is currently looking for a truck that meets our specs.

Council Comments:

T. Casey commented on how nice the former Flower Basket looks after Mr. Lauer made repairs. He also commented on how much better the property at the rear of the School Linked Health Center looks with the green backing.

J. Bush mentioned the Master Plan open house in conjunction with the Township that will take place on October 15th from 7pm – 9pm during the Planning meeting in the Village Commons Meeting Room. A public notice was placed in The Salesman on October 6th and October 13th inviting the public to attend.