

Concord Village Voice ♦ October 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: October 8th & 22nd— 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: October 1st — 7:00pm

Planning Commission: October 15th— 6:30pm

Fire Board: October 16th— 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 codyv@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 October Event

John Hauger Historical Presentation

Heritage House

October 16th @ 6:00 pm

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

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrant Flushing will take place Sunday October 6th through Tuesday October 8th.

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: tashibert@umich.edu

Wreaths Across America sponsorships DEADLINE is Sept. 30, 2019!
For \$15 a live Balsam wreath will be laid on a veteran's grave in Concord or Pulaski Township cemeteries. If you want to sponsor a wreath send your check made out to Concord Pulaski Memorial Amer. Legion Aux. 81 and mail it to: Chaplain Brenda Walters, 211 South Main Street, Concord Michigan 49237. Deadline is Sept. 30, 2019. This year's Wreaths Across America TM Ceremony will be held on 12/14/2019 at noon at Concord Maple Grove Cemetery. Save the date! This year we are focusing on "teaching the children that freedom is never free." If you or a family member of any age would like to participate in the ceremony, please contact Chaplain Brenda Walters.
Thank you for your support. Don't say I wish I had rather say I'm glad I did. Sponsored by the Concord Pulaski Memorial American Legion Auxiliary 81.

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.

Pop Up STEAM Activities: Tuesdays in October. Open Hours. All Ages.

Fall Leaves Wreath: October 8th @ 5 pm. Registration Required. Adults.

Teen Read Week Art Contest: October 12th—19th @ 1:30 pm. Teens.

Creepy Campout: October 14th @ 4 pm. Registration Required. Children & Teens.

Teen Read Week Art Contest Prizes: October 22nd @ 7 pm. All Ages.

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 November issue is October 17th.

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: October 2nd, 16th, & 30th.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey, to accept the minutes from the 8/13/2019 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

D. Harrison commented on the amount of traffic that travels on Main St. and the speed that they travel. She estimated that 90% of the traffic is going 30 35 mph. L. Jacobson stated that they will not pull over every car that is going 30 35 mph. He patrols the area often and that is all he can do. With school being back in session there is a lot more traffic.

K. Wyatt asked L. Jacobson if he knows why the speed limit is 25 instead of 30. The council stated that that has been the speed limit as long as they could remember. He also asked if the state came in and completed a traffic study if they could increase the speed limit. The council stated that the speed limits in the village are set by the council and they don't intend to change it.

T. Karr-Jackson once again thanked DPW employee N. Kidder for taking such great care of the flowers in the Village.

N. Cornstubble thanked the DPW Department and Clerk for all of the help he is given when building homes in the Village.

J. Bush mentioned an email he received from Superintendent D. Funston praising the work of J. Blossom and L. Jacobson and how much he appreciates how they go above and beyond.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$40,874.17 . Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson had nothing to report.

J. Blossom traveled to Coopersville last Thursday to pick up the aerators that were purchased by the village, as soon as the DEQ approves the permits the aerators will be installed. He is planning the installation for this fall if all goes as planned, if not they will be installed in the spring. He also mentioned the loan closing for the USDA Water Project will take place on Tuesday September 3rd at 10 am. A pre-construction meeting will follow. J. Blossom also informed the council that the railing at the entrance of the office will be replaced at the expense of Concord Excavating. The new railing will be stainless steel instead of the galvanized steel that is currently there. He also informed the council that he will be coming to them in the next few months regarding trucks. A couple of the Village trucks are in bad shape and need to be replaced or we will be sinking a lot of money into them for repairs. He also let everyone know that the Baseball/Softball Club will be donating money to have dugouts put on the softball fields.

J. Blossom informed the Council that he had contacted Village Attorney F. Lucas regarding the Paddock Subdivision Assessment fees. F. Lucas asked him to contact Village Auditor N. Barton to get a current value of the lot assessments. She sent a spreadsheet and the current value is almost double. The attorney advised the council to give a \$100 per year per lot discount for every year that the assessment is paid early. The assessments are due 11/1/2024. So, if the assessment is paid before 11/1/2019 the discount will be \$500 and will decrease by \$100 each year until the due date.

Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by J. Jackson to follow the advice of the attorney and use the floating scale discount. Vote as follows: four ayes, 2 nays and one absent.

J. Bush stated many residents know the Village has been approached by E. Cunningham and J. Cunningham with a proposal to allow a Medical Marijuana Grow Facility at the edge of the Village. The Cunningham's presented the council with a much more detailed plan regarding the request to open the facility. There were public and council discussions regarding this. J. Bush stated that the Cunningham's do not need an ordinance in place to start a greenhouse with 72 plants as it is legal in Michigan as long as they have 5 caregiver licenses in place and follow the State of Michigan guidelines. The council was not ready to make a decision at tonight's meeting as they want to wait until they have a full council in attendance.

J. Bush asked clerk J. Lefere to discuss renewing the Village's contract with Granger. J. Lefere stated that she had checked with several providers and Granger is our best option. Prices will remain the same and if we sign a 10-year contract they will lock in the CPI (Consumer Price Index) amount at 2.5% for the ten years. We are currently paying 3% CPI. Granger also offers a blue bag recycling program where you put all of your recycling into a blue bag (the first 100 bags will be provided to each resident) and the recycling will go into your regular dumpster on Tuesday's. This will eliminate the extra garbage truck traffic in the Village for recycling dates. Granger representatives will attend the next meeting to discuss the blue bag program and answer any questions.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey to approve a contract for ten years with Granger Waste Services with a CPI of 2.5%. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

J. Jackson stated that sometimes we have people come in to voice their opinion and as elected officials they need to keep their composure and control their facial expressions while opinions are being expressed.

K. George thanked the Cunningham's for the detailed plan that was presented to the council at tonight's meeting.

J. Bush informed the Council bicyclists will be coming through Concord September 13th - 19th as part of the 1st Annual Great Lake to Great Lake Trail Ride bicyclists will be biking the Trail from Port Huron to South Haven.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 8/27/2019 meeting, as presented The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt mentioned that at the township meeting they talked about the future land use map and how the M-60 corridor will be used and wanted to know if the village is compatible with the township plan. J. Bush stated that they are.

T. Karr-Jackson wanted to strongly encourage the council as elected officials to be professional and diplomatic during council meetings and in the public.

J. Bush discussed the special meeting for the USDA Bonds Loan Approval. The USDA loan was closed on and the bonds signed at the special meeting. Work is expected to begin early October.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$29,334.99 . Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson discussed his August Blotter. He is going to start tracking phone calls/text/emails while off duty. His job does not end when he goes home.

J. Blossom discussed a house on Mill St. that recently sold. The new owner came to him because the property line at the front of the house is only 10 feet from the front porch. J. Blossom had A. Schepelman check into it and there is a 100-foot right of way on that side of the road. The owner paid to have it surveyed and Village attorney F. Lucas will have a quit claim deed done. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks that the village give the new owner a right of way like every other property in the village. J. Blossom also mentioned that the water project will begin early October. He also informed and provided the council with information on 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 also presented the cost of a new truck with box, emergency lights and plow blade at a cost of \$53,472.75. The council would like to take a look at the budget and discuss at the next meeting.

R. Phillips attended the meeting to ask the council for permission to set up a Spooky woods/zombie walk at Gottschalk Park during the month of October. The council would like to discuss liability with MML and revisit at the next meeting.

There was more discussion on the Medical Marijuana Grow Facility proposed by the Cunningham family. J. Bush allowed the public to ask questions and/or give their opinions on the facility.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to amend the ordinance to allow one grow facility of 1000 plants in the Village. Roll call vote as follows: J. Bush - aye, J. Jackson - aye, T. Norris - aye, T. Casey - aye, A. Meeks - aye, M. Lovitt - aye and K. George - aye. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

J. Jackson let J. Cunningham know that he appreciates the thought and concern he has given the grow facility project.

J. Bush informed everyone that the Village received a request from the Jackson County ISD to place Autistic Child Area signs on S. Main St. as there is an autistic child living on the street who is a runner. He also commented that he was contacted by a realtor about the Pederson house on Hanover St. They wanted to know that if purchased if it would be able to become a bed and breakfast.