

Concord Village Voice ♦ August 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!

The Village Council will now meet one time per month!!

Village Council: August 25th @ 7:00pm At the

Community Center

Parks & Recreation: August 4th @ 7:00pm

Planning Commission: August 18th @ 6:30pm

Fire Board: August 19th— @6:00pm - Meeting at Fire

ABC ACADEMY

ABC Academy Concord location is offering Preschool, Latchkey and Summer Camp programs at 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 Latchkey Programs

Summer Camp Programs

Music and Yoga Enrichment programs

S.T.E.M. Curriculum and Technology

Security Access Doors.

Electronic Parent Communication Systems

Please contact Cyndi Laeder, Program Director at

cynthial@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!

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.

MOWING

Deputy Jacobson has been sending out warning letters regarding the Village mowing Ordinance.

This includes trimming around trees – especially those curbside by the street.

They don't have to be perfect, but they do have to be mowed, trimmed and maintained!

Please do not blow your grass into the street!!!

Concord District Library's Upcoming Events

JDL is open! Patrons will be able to place holds via a phone call or text to your local branch and pick up materials in no contact pick up area.

Please note the library will have adjusted hours during this reopening phase.

The hours for the Concord Branch are:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 1pm-6pm.

Please check the JDL website for updated information.

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 September issue is August 20th.

Concord Heritage House August Event

In accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order there will not be an August event!

For more information contact Gail Snow:
gailpsnow@yahoo.com

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.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 4/14/2020 meeting as presented Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt inquired about the status of the Concord Mill Dam. Last July the bridge was inspected and a Request for Action was issued by Brechting Bridge & Engineering on behalf of the Michigan Department of Transportation. The request is for a dam safety inspection. The dam and the roadway above it both have safety issues. The road needs some maintenance attention, but it cannot be done without attention to the dam beneath it. To date the Village has not been notified as to whether contact was made with dam owner or if an inspection has been scheduled. Several emails have been sent to the EGLE to inquire about this and they have not responded.

E. Poleski introduced himself as the recently appointed Jackson County Commissioner and gave an update on the most recent Jackson County Commissioners meeting. For information go to <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/365/Jackson-County-Commissioners> and select the news tab.

Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$60,364.93 . Motion approved by all.

Revised Expense Approval Water Main Project in the amount of \$173,677.89 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of Expense for Water main Project in the amount of \$173,677.89. Motion approved by all.

Deputy Jacobson discussed his Hanover Street Traffic Survey regarding speeding and semi-truck traffic on Hanover St. Jacobson's Report surmised during the times he completed the study there was little to no speeding occurring. Per a Residents complaint about speeding and loud semi-truck traffic it was discussed the Village could block semi-truck traffic from traveling on Hanover St. but any local trucking companies, agricultural trucks/equipment or delivery trucks would be exempt from that and they are the trucks the resident is complaining about. E. Poleski suggested as an example of what another Michigan municipality did. He, a Village representative, and some complainant citizens reach out and meet with these trucking companies to discuss them possibly rerouting their trucks from this area. The Council felt once Hanover Street was repaved in the very near future this would likely reduce the noise problem and wanted to wait to see if this occurs before acting further. To view a copy of the Hanover St. Report, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links. Jacobson also mentioned he has sent out numerous lawn letters requiring residents to maintain their lawns.

J. Blossom stated the water main project contractors and the DPW staff are all back to work full time. Hanover St. is moving along well. They are putting in the main and will go back to tie in services when some of the Covid 19 restrictions are lifted as they may have to enter homes. He also let everyone know that the flower baskets were put up before the holiday weekend. This year the baskets were done by the Hobbit.

J. Bush discussed an inquiry he had regarding tiny houses in the Village. The majority of the council agreed that they would like to look into this further and plan to discuss at a future meeting. E. Poleski offered to share some info on tiny houses from MSHDA. He also discussed reviewing Ordinance 31 as requested by T. Casey. Ordinance 31 is about the sale and lighting of fireworks in the Village limits. The Ordinance is old and was repealed back in 2017, the Village now goes by the State fireworks law. T. Casey would like to adopt an ordinance regarding fireworks on the days that are not listed in the state law. They will look into this and discuss at a future meeting.

Council Comments: None.

Village Council Meeting Minutes-June 23, 2020 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 5/26/2020 meeting as presented Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

E. Poleski gave an update on the most recent Jackson County Commissioners meeting. For information go to <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/365/Jackson-County-Commissioners> and select the news tab.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$51,929.24 . Motion approved by all.

Expense Approval Water Main Project in the amount of \$253,595.28 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of Expense for Water main Project in the amount of \$253,595.28. Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom informed the council about issues with the stop light located in front of the school on Main Street. Blossom has been informed the City of Jackson is replacing a traffic light in the city that is identical to the one located here. We plan to approach the City of Jackson about acquiring it and using it for parts. Blossom also discussed the storm we had two weeks ago and that Kryst and Harmon Streets were a mess with many trees down. We have contracted with Consumers to assist with the clean-up. He noted residents with brush piles – brush is normally picked up the first full week of the month. Therefore, brush pick up will begin the week of July 6th. Blossom wanted it known that when there is a storm the DPW duties do not change, they still have their regular duties to attend to and cannot put those duties off to solely pick up brush. J. Blossom also mentioned that there was a sewer line collapse on S. Concord Street, emergency permits were pulled to have Concord Excavating do repairs. The Hanover Street Lift Station had a sewer break. The Village has received a proposal from Concord Excavating and will be repairing soon. Due to unforeseen expenses with the water main replacement project the Village is planning to narrow some of the streets to offset the cost rather than impose another substantial increase in residents water bills.

J. Bush discussed with the council and the clerk the potential to reopen the office and a date that may occur. Some safety measures need to be put in place before this can happen. J. Blossom anticipates these safety measures can be done in the next few weeks and the office will plan to open early to mid-July. Masks will be required to enter the office; two residents will be allowed in the office at time and must comply with the social distancing guidelines. Time will be limited to 3 minutes. If you do not have a mask you will need to use the drop box.

J. Bush asked the council if they would be willing to go to one meeting a month instead of two. All were in agreement. The meeting will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7PM.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson for the council to meet once per month with the pay of \$75.00 per meeting for trustees and \$100.00 per meeting for the President. This will begin in July. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed permits for sheds. He had a resident ask why they needed a building permit if they were putting a prefab shed on their property. The council agreed to keep the permitting as is. To place a shed on your property you are required to complete and pay for a zoning permit and a building permit.

J. Bush asked the council to continue to research and review Tiny Houses in the Village.

J. Bush discussed the Fireworks Ordinance that was emailed to the council. The council agreed to approve a Fireworks Ordinance.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey to accept the Fireworks Ordinance with the changes discussed. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

T. Casey mentioned that there is a second trailer parked down by the Mill Pond and he has reports that someone is living in it. J. Bush will have L. Jacobson keep an eye on it.

T. Norris inquired about a pile of tires at a residence on W. Center St. J. Bush said he believes the resident will be using them for a gardening project.

J. Jackson commented on how nice it has been hearing the cracking of bats and the activity at the ball fields. Everyone agreed.

A. Meeks mentioned that L. Mosher had planned to attend the meeting to discuss some changes to the Bonfire Permit regarding nuisance smoke.