

Concord Village Voice ♦ December 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 unless otherwise noted and are open to the public. Come participate in your local government!

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

Village Council: December 22nd @ 7:00pm At the Community Center

Parks & Recreation: December 1st @ 7:00pm

Planning Commission: December 15th @ 6:30pm

Fire Board: December 16th— @6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

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!

Concord-Pulaski Community Christmas Boxes

Again this year four area churches will work together to collect non-perishable food, gifts. Monetary donations can be mailed to Concord-Pulaski Community Fund, Box 111, Concord, MI 49237! Collection boxes will be at Dollar General, The Salesman, Pulaski Twp. Hall, and Concord UMC beginning 11/1/20 thru 12/11/20 if you would like to make a donation!

The boxes will be packed at the Concord Community Center on 12/17/20 from 10-3 and available for pickup or delivery on 12/18 & 12/19!

If you or someone you know could benefit from receiving a box please contact the committee chairperson, Robyn Passmore—517-524-8432 (home) 517-524-6156 (work).

Student(s) must attend Concord Schools to receive a Christmas box! The deadline to request a box is 12/1/2020!

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.

The Village Office would like to update their contact information. A lot of the phone numbers we have on file are no longer in service.

Please email your updated information to office@villageofconcord.com or call 517-524-8534 Monday—Thursday 8-5. Thank you.

Concord District Library's Upcoming Events

Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library are back to their regular hours! Drop by to see what new books and movies are in or place a hold online and pick it up at the circulation desk! Computers can be accessed for up to an hour per day! Browsing is still closed to the public, but the friendly staff is there to welcome and assist you!

Hours:

Monday and Wednesday 10-6

Tuesday and Friday 1-6

Saturday 10-2

Please check the JDL website for updated information.

www.myjdl.com

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 January issue is December 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.

Attention Concord Village Residents:

If Semco has completed work on your property and did not leave it in the same condition it was prior to the work please contact Semco Customer Service at 1-800-624-2019. Semco is responsible for the repairs.

Village Council Meeting Minutes-October 27, 2020 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by K. George, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 9/22/2020 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.

K. Wyatt asked about an updated Village Covid Policy. J. Bush has updated the policy and will discuss it at the next meeting.

A. Losey asked if there is a leaf ordinance that requires residents to rake their leaves. J. Blossom stated that there is not. R. Blake and S. Grieb stated that when leaves are covering the sidewalk and the leaves are wet the sidewalk becomes slippery. L. Jacobson stated that would fall under the keep your sidewalk clear of ice, snow and debris ordinance and when this happens to call the office to report and he will talk to the resident.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$113,760.33. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of expense for the USDA water main project in the amount of \$131,178.14. Motion approved by all.

Planning Commission Applicant S. Grieb attended the meeting to introduce herself. J. Jackson asked her what drew her to apply for the position. She stated that she recently moved to Concord to help care for her father, she has a school age daughter and wants to be involved in the community. She would like to keep the history of the village intact. She is very organized and likes to plan. Motioned by T. Casey, Seconded by M. Lovitt to hire S. Grieb for the Planning Commission position All were in favor. Motion approved.

Deputy Jacobson discussed his September 2020 blotter. To view a copy of his September Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links. He thanked J. Blossom and his crew for installing new 25 mph signs on Main Street and hopes that it deters speeding. He also mentioned that there is white Ford Windstar van that has been seen parked in driveways during odd hours of the night. If you see this van call 911. There are no charges against this person, - they would just like to speak to him. There is also a tan truck with a red door that is suspicious and L. Jacobson would like information on it. J. Jackson said he has seen it and where it is located. L. Jacobson will be following up on this. He also mentioned some trouble with people playing basketball at the park. When they leave, they are tearing up the millings in the parking lot. J. Blossom said the next step will be to remove the basketball hoops and eliminate the problem. He mentioned that behind the post office/old factory building B. Koepp has been given permission by property owner B. Watson to set up a cat condominium. She runs a program to spay/neuter cats. She traps them takes them to be spay/neutered and then as part of the program they must be returned to their original place of trapping.

J. Blossom gave an update on the roads. He also stated that leaf pickup has begun and will continue through November 13th. He received a call a few weeks ago from Beck Chevrolet that the one-ton chevy that he ordered last year was in, however it was the wrong color. Beck Chevrolet is painting it the color that was ordered at no cost to the village and we should have it soon. DPW employee N. Kidder has taken a two day online and a two day in person water class and will be taking the water test in a few weeks. If all goes as planned with the USDA loan Concord Excavating will begin Phase 2 of the project next month and work through the winter months as weather permits.

M. Lovitt discussed an email he received from Village Treasurer C. Gibbs. She would like to invest \$100,000.00 from General Fund, \$100,000.00 from Major Streets and \$50,000.00 from the water fund in CD's at County National Bank at a rate of .6%. With the agreement if we need to cash out there is no penalty and if the interest rate increases the bank will give us the higher rate. Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by T. Norris to invest \$100,000.00 from General Fund, \$100,000.00 from Major Streets and \$50,000.00 from the Water Fund in CD's at County National Bank. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

J. Jackson stated that T. Karr-Jackson is redoing the kiosk at the trail head and would like any new and /or updated menus to put there. Contact J. Jackson or T. Karr-Jackson.

A. Meeks informed the council that L. Mosher will have the 2021 Fire budget ready for approval at the next meeting. The budget amount will remain the same as it was for 2020.