

Concord Village Voice ♦ July 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: July 28th @ 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: July 7th @ 7:00pm

Planning Commission: July 21st @ 6:30pm

Fire Board: July 15th— @6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

Horn Blowing

It is illegal to honk your horn for no reason! However the phrase to keep in mind is “when reasonably necessary to insure safe operation” which means the only legal use of a horn is for a purpose related to safety. Honking at another driver after they have cut you off, for example, is illegal, but using your horn to warn another driver who appears to be drifting into your lane is fine.

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

Concord Heritage House July Event

In accordance with Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order there will not be a July event!

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

Tire Clean Up

Where: Pulaski Township Hall

When: July 11th 7am—5 pm or until the trailer is full!!

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 August issue is July 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.
Blue Bag Recycling Program Began in December.

Motioned by K. George, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 2/25/2020 meeting as presented Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt inquired about the house on River Street that was discussed at the last meeting regarding operating a business from home in a multi-family zoning area. Clerk J. Lefere stated that a conditional use application had been mailed to the resident. When it is returned a letter will be sent to residents living within 300 feet of the property inviting them to a planning meeting to discuss concerns.

A. Losey gave an update on the Jackson County Commissioners meeting he recently attended. 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 J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$19,257.80 . Motion approved by all.

Expense Approval Water Main Project in the amount of \$108,955.67 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of Expense for Water main Project in the amount of \$108,955.67. Motion approved by all.

Deputy Jacobson discussed his November 2019 Police Blotter. To view a copy, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links. He also mentioned that as the weather gets warmer the scammers come out. The scammers have amazing phone ID hardware. The caller Id will have the name of your bank. They will know the last few transactions on your account. Do not give them any information. Do not call the number on the caller ID. If you have concerns call your bank.

J. Blossom stated that DPW employee has obtained his CDL License which gives warrants a rate increase. J. Blossom showed the council a piece of the old steel water main and how it is pitted on the inside. He also showed them a piece of the new water main which is a hard-formed plastic that will not get pitted or rust. He gave an update on the project and feels things are moving along nicely. J. Blossom informed the council that a Granger garbage truck was backing up this morning and missed the driveway resulting in damage to some new valves that had been put in. Granger called and will cover the cost of the damage.

Council Comments:

K. George asked about a large pot hole on Michigan Street. J. Blossom stated that he had already been informed about it and the DPW department plans to get a load of cold patch and fill potholes throughout the Village.

M. Lovitt has been approached by several people about what will be done to control the dust during the water main project. J. Blossom stated that the streets will be sprayed with calcium chloride as needed.

J. Bush discussed the Harwood meeting that was cancelled. The meeting will be rescheduled at a later date. We will post the new date as it becomes available.

Village Council Meeting Minutes-April 14, 2020 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

The Village Council of Concord met on April 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm virtually on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/6439998625?pwd=dWZMQ09FUGdYZ2FsUmR0MINJOUJKUT09>

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt, to accept the minutes from the 3/10/2020 meeting as presented Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt stated he was happy to see everyone and applauded the Village Council for their willingness to embrace technology and attempting to complete a Council Meeting virtually.

K. Wyatt also asked if there had been any updates on when the Village's USDA Water Project would resume. J. Blossom said he has been in regular contact with Concord Excavating and they wouldn't be back to work until the Stay at Home Order is lifted.

L. Lovitt spoke about her concern of automobiles and semi-trucks speeding down Hanover St. in front of her house. J. Bush said he was aware of her complaints and others including recently down the street where a semi hit a utility pole. J. Bush stated he drove this stretch of street regularly and often observed Dep. Jacobson set up in several places clocking for speeders. Dep. Jacobson spoke of his reluctance to write tickets for people driving slightly over the speed limit and stated he often patrols the Hanover Street area. Dep. Jacobson said he would up his patrols in the area and ticket any driver doing more than ten miles over the speed limit.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$68,307.03 . Motion approved by all.

Expense Approval Water Main Project in the amount of \$268,110.74 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of Expense for Water main Project in the amount of \$268,110.74. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt, for the Village to enter into a five-year renewal of police services contract with Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Motion approved by all.

Council Comments: None.