

Concord Village Voice ♦ September 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: September 22nd @ 7:00pm At the Community Center

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

Planning Commission: September 15th @ 6:30pm

Fire Board: September 16th— @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!

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.

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 October issue is September 18th.

Concord Heritage House September Event

In accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order there will not be a September 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 6/23/2020 meeting as presented Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked J. Blossom to address the narrowing of the streets. J. Blossom stated that the engineer is working on the plans to narrow the streets as discussed at the previous meeting. E. Schultz expressed his concerns that the intersection of Hanover St. (a class A street) and Michigan St, as being dangerous. J. Blossom stated that he previously spoke with E. Schultz and the engineer and felt that the concerns had been addressed. By narrowing the street, the intersection will be straightened out. M. Lovitt added that studies show that people don't drive as fast on narrow streets and are hopeful that will reduce the speeding on Hanover St. L. Schultz is concerned because it is a main East/West road through Concord. J. Blossom also noted the substantial savings was the main reason behind the Council exploring the narrowing of the streets.

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.

A. Losey announced that he is running for Jackson County Commissioner District 6 and how great it is to work with the Concord Village Council.

L. Mosher attended the meeting to discuss Bonfire Permits and address the burning ordinance violations. He has allowed a couple of burn in place fires if there are no structures near the burn area. If a complaint gets called in, he goes out and warns the resident and educates them on what can and cannot be burned. If he has to go out several times law enforcement may need to get involved. If the DNR issues a statewide burn ban there can be no fires! He would like an explanation on the bonfire/burn permit on what a social fire is and require the resident to sign it when the permit is issued. The council and the fire chief will review and finalize the permit.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$79,201.18 . Motion approved by all.

Deputy Jacobson discussed his February 2020 Police Blotter. To view a copy, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links. He also noted that the owner of the building located at 101 N. Main has vanished again. A couple of weeks ago a few bricks fell from the chimney landing in the alley. He has sent numerous citations with no response. The council agreed to get the opinion of Village Attorney F. Lucas on how to proceed. L. Jacobson also mentioned that a couple of deputies working midnights checked out the trailers behind the building located on the corner of N. Main and River St. and it appears that no one is living in them. He also discussed the guy all dressed in black with his face completely covered was not Antifa, he was just an idiot that was trying to get a reaction from people. He stated the complaints of a man on the trail making inappropriate comments to women had been identified as Andrew Ryan Yount, a homeless person, he was arrested and back out in 24 hours. He informed everyone that there were numerous break-ins in the Parma area recently. T. Casey stated residents should know there are security cameras on Amazon that are not very expensive.

J. Blossom informed the council about residents misunderstanding what a zoning permit is. We have had several residents that when told they need a zoning permit to put up a shed, pool, fence, etc. they think that we are rezoning their property. He asked the council to consider renaming the permit to Site Evaluation Permit. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to change the name of a Zoning Permit to Site Evaluation Permit. In favor – J. Bush, A. Meeks, J. Jackson, T. Norris, M. Lovitt and K. George. Opposed – T. Casey. Motion approved.

J. Blossom gave an update on the water project – W. Center St, Homer Rd. Spring St. and Hanover St. – all connections have been tied into the new main. The old main has been disconnected. The contractor started on Monroe street and hopes to have it completed by the end of the week. J. Blossom asked the council to consider Driveway Permits as the Village wants to be able to review resident's driveway plans. The council asked J. Blossom to put something together and they will discuss it at the next meeting. J. Blossom also wanted to remind everyone of the water/gravity sewer hook-up fees. \$1500.00 for water and \$3000.00 for gravity sewer.

J. Bush discussed the property at 640 Hanover St. In January of 2019 the property owner came to the council and asked if he did a land split to build a second home on the property if he would be able to run the water and sewer from Hanover St. instead of Mill St. so he could avoid the cost of a grinder pump. The council agreed and informed the owner he would be responsible for the cost of the hook ups. The owner does not want to pay the full cost of the hook up fee. The council will send a letter to the owner stating the cost, \$3000 to hook up to the gravity sewer on Hanover St. will need to be paid by 8/15/2020. If it is not paid by this date, he will need to hook up to Mill St. gravity feed sewer.

J. Lefere discussed issues that the office has been having with the current copy machine and presented the plan to purchase a new copy machine. The new copy machine will be able to accommodate all the needs of the office and will also allow for color copies if/when needed. The cost is \$4199.99 with a monthly service payment of \$19.50. The Village currently pays \$79.59 for the monthly service payment through our current provider. *Service plan includes all toner/ink, service labor, supply items and parts excluding paper and staples*. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to purchase a new copy machine at the cost of \$4199.99 with a monthly service fee of \$19.50. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed the Fireworks Ordinance and asked the council if they would like to add a number of feet from any structure. The council agreed that a number of feet from a structure should be added. J. Bush will add an email to everyone and they will approve at the next meeting.

Council Comments:

T. Casey felt the cancellation of baseball/volleyball tournament park event cancellations was a good decision. He also commented on E. Poleski and A. Losey for how well they were running their campaigns. He commented on how some residents thought that the council was getting a pay increase by going to one meeting a month when actually they are taking a pay cut and saving the village \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year. He also stated that he was sad about the reclosing of the office.

J. Jackson wanted to let everyone know that the CSLHC is open and is available for sports physicals and vaccinations. Hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8am to 5pm. Closed from 12pm to 1pm.

M. Lovitt commented that he feels the water project is going very well and that they are doing a good job.