

# Concord Village Voice ♦ December 2021

**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 14th @ 7:00pm

**Parks & Recreation:** December 7th @ 7:00pm

**Planning Commission:** December 21st @ 6:30pm

**Fire Board:** December 22nd @ 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.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our high quality programs. Visit our website for more information

[www.abcacademyjackson.com](http://www.abcacademyjackson.com)

ABC Academy-a great place for your child to grow, learn and succeed!

## 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.

## Concord Board of Education

### Meeting Schedule 2021

Meetings are held in the High School Library, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

December 13, 2021

Attend and invest in your community and your child(ren)!!

## Mann House Public Hours

December 3rd through December 12th

Home For The Holidays Event!

Mann House Open hours to Public!

Friday December 3rd 6pm to 8pm.

Saturday December 4th 2pm to 4pm & 6pm to 8pm.

Sunday December 5th 4pm to 6pm.

Friday December 10th 6pm to 8pm.

Saturday December 11th 2pm to 4pm & 6pm to 8pm.

Sunday December 12th 2pm to 6pm.

## Concord-Pulaski Community Christmas Boxes

Again this year four area churches will work together to collect non-perishable food, gifts and monetary donations! Collection boxes will be at Dollar General, Pulaski Twp. Hall, Brigham Hardware and Concord UMC beginning 11/1/21 thru 12/1/21 if you would like to make a donation!

The boxes will be packed on 12/17/21 at the Concord Community Center 10-3 and available for pickup or delivery on 12/18!

If you or someone you know could benefit from receiving a box please contact the committee chairperson,

Cheryl Reinker—517-524-6370.

Student(s) must attend Concord Schools to receive a Christmas box!

The deadline to request a box is 12/1/2021!

## Concord District Library

Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library are back to their regular hours! The library is back open for browsing. Our capacity is 21 patrons at a time, with an hour allowed in branch. Computers remain open for use as well. The friendly staff is there to welcome and assist you!

Hours:

Monday and Wednesday 10-6

Tuesday and Friday 1-6

Saturday 10-2

### Polar Express Party:

December 4th - Concord Branch Auditorium

Join us for a showing of Polar Express!

Wear your favorite holiday p.j.'s, drink hot chocolate and have fun with themed crafts and activities.

There will be showings at 10am and noon!

**Please check the JDL website for updated information.**

[www.myjdl.com](http://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](mailto: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 14th.

## GRANGER GARBAGE/RECYCLE INFO

**You may have three additional bags of garbage if you have a 90 gal trash bin!**

**Please place all bags of garbage and recycling in your bin!**

Garbage Pick Up: At curb by 6am Tuesday morning.

Village Council Meeting Minutes– October 26, 2021 Absent: View at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) or pickup hard copy at Village Office

**Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 9/28/2021 meeting as presented. Motion approved by all.**

**Public Comments:**

K. Wyatt asked about the improvement to the Paddock boat launch. J. Bush stated that the DNR needs to do a 1-year fish and species study on the lake before a boat launch can be put in.

E. Poleski thanked J. Bush for the road width information he provided for E. Root. E. Poleski will pass along the information.

S. Crosby attended the meeting to discuss the water that collects at the end of his mother's driveway when there is a heavy rain. J. Blossom will get with Concord Excavating and see if something can be done at the curb to improve the situation.

**The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$40,990.55 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$40,990.55. Motion approved by all.**

L. Jacobson asked if there were any questions regarding his September 2021 Police Blotter. He stated that he has been parking near the school crosswalk and has not observed any issues.

J. Blossom opened the bids for the 2001 International. They are as follows: Casey Williams - \$20,750.00; Jason Sumner - \$23,551.00; and John Sanders with the Hillsdale County Road Commission - \$29,500.00. J. Blossom will contact the Hillsdale County Road Commission Wednesday morning to let them know they had the highest bid. J. Blossom talked with village attorney F. Lucas regarding the property at 203 N. Main St. F. Lucas stated that property owner, K. Stuart was served on October 12<sup>th</sup> and has 28 days to respond. K. Stuart has been in contact with an attorney, said attorney contacted F. Lucas to ask what the village wants. F. Lucas stated the village wants him to clean up the mess on the property and quit hauling in junk. The attorney stated he would not be representing K. Stuart. J. Blossom also stated that with the permit finally being issued to drill under the bridge the contractors are back in the village to complete the water main project. He also discussed the "no parking" on S. Main St. from the funeral home to the school. If no parking signs were placed on the street the village would need to pass an ordinance pertaining to this and the signs would need to be 50 ft apart on each side which would consist of 84 signs at approximately \$100.00 each. Another option is the curbs could be painted yellow in the spring to avoid people parking on the street. The council decided to revisit the issue in the spring. J. Blossom discussed with the council about charging residents a fee if they are called in after hours or on the weekends if they get to the residents and it is not a village issue. The DPW has had several calls to come in only to realize that the resident problem was an issue that was not the villages responsibility and J. Blossom doesn't feel it's fair that tax dollars pay these overtime wages when the call could have been prevented if the home owner had done a little investigating on their own to find and rectify the problem. J. Blossom also mentioned to the council that to keep in compliance with the USDA loan agreement they will need to approve a minimum of \$1.00 increase for water and also asked them if they would like to increase the sewer charge as well. They will discuss at the November meeting.

J. Bush discussed Comco, the business that moved into the former bank building. He spoke with the owner and discussed the parking issue. They also discussed that Comco will be having tasting events and P.O.S. trainings for their employees at this location.

J. Bush discussed adding/changing meeting dates for November and December. The meetings will be as follows: November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm - Public Hearing meeting to discuss the 2022 Budget and do employee reviews.

November 23<sup>rd</sup> - regular monthly meeting and will also approve the 2022 budget. December 14<sup>th</sup> - will be the monthly meeting in place of December 23<sup>rd</sup> - will do budget amendments at this meeting.

**Council Comments:**

T. Norris asked about Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours for the village. The hours are on Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm-8pm. On Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> there will also be a Fall Festival at the Middle School and a Trunk-or-Treat in the Middle School parking lot.

Village Council Meeting Minutes– November 9, 2021 Absent: View at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) or pickup hard copy at Village Office

J. Bush called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, with no public present other than Village Employees present there was no Public Comment.

J. Bush opened the meeting discussing the purpose of the meeting was to review the Village's 2022 Budget and complete employee reviews. Bush described the process of a private meeting and how a private meeting was an available option for employee reviews if the Village employees wanted. Bush asked the Village employees in attendance if they would like to complete their employee reviews in a public or a private meeting? All Village employees stated they would prefer employee reviews take place in a private meeting. Bush then asked the Village employees who they would like to be in attendance in their private meeting to discuss employee reviews? The Village's employees stated they were fine with all Village employees being in attendance.

**Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George at 6:02 pm to enter a closed meeting at the request of Village employees for the purpose of completing employee reviews. Motion approved by all.**

A closed meeting was conducted to complete employee reviews.

**Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by T. Casey at 6:30 pm to end the closed meeting which occurred at the request of Village employees for the purpose of completing employee reviews. Motion approved by all.**

**Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson at 6:33 pm to return to an open meeting. Motion approved by all.**

J. Bush stated that the Council would delay discussing employee compensation packages and voting on said employee compensation packages until the next regularly scheduled Village Council Meeting as he wanted to wait in hopes that more public would be attending and he didn't want the public to say the Council snuck anything through on them by having a special meeting and voting on this matter there.

Village Treasurer C. Gibbs spoke about two budget related issues which could affect the Village's budget in 2023. C. Gibbs stated many of the Village's higher interest rate Certificates of Deposit (CDs) currently at 3+% will be reaching their termination date. With the current lower interest rates of 1%≤ being offered by banking institutions for CDs the Village can expect to make less money on their investments.

C. Gibbs also spoke about Jackson County's Treasurer Department's recent decision to no longer collect delinquent personal property taxes for the municipalities within Jackson County. All municipalities in Jackson County will be responsible for collecting these delinquent personal property taxes going forward. Gibbs mentioned this year there are no delinquent personal property taxes which need to be collected. C. Gibbs said she would be learning the process and keep the Council informed.

J. Bush went over in detail the Village of Concord 2022 Budget, a Summary document he shared with the Village Council via email and in paper format at the Council Meeting. Bush in particular discussed the major projects planned within the budget and how these projects would affect the various funds which they would be paid out of. Bush reminded the Council that if they were interested in more detail about the budget, they could refer to the line items found in the Proposed 2022 Budget shared with the Village Council via email and in paper format at the Council Meeting. Bush said he would likely go over the Village of Concord 2022 Budget, a Summary document at the next Village Council Meeting due to the lack of public in attendance.

**Council Comments:**

T. Casey stated he thought the Council should put something together to congratulate the Concord High School Cross Country Team for their runner up finish at the State of Michigan Final Meet.. Bush said the Council could put a document together and all council members could sign it and we could present it to the team.