

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on July 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

Council Members Present: Jeremiah Bush, Ashley Meeks, Tim Casey, Jeff Jackson, Tom Norris and Mike. Lovitt.

Council Members Absent: J. Mockeridge

Public Present: A. Losey, K. Herendeen, T. Wilkison, K. Wyatt, DPW Employee D. Winter, DPW Director J. Blossom, and Village Clerk J. Lefere.

For their review, Councilmembers were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$50,115.66; 7/10/2018 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; August 2018 Village Voice; June 2018 Fire Run Report; 7/24/2018 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to accept the minutes from the 7/10/2018 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked what is going into the Curl Up and Dye building on M-60. J. Bush and J. Blossom stated that it was purchased by a chiropractor and it will be Concord Chiropractic, LLC. They have begun renovations, intend to expand the building's size and plan to open in six months.

K. Herendeen asked about the overgrown lots in the Paddock Subdivision. J. Blossom stated the ordinance is in effect now and that Deputy Jacobson will get with Clerk J. Lefere this week to send letters to the property owners. J. Blossom also stated he had received complaints about a shed on an empty lot in the Paddock Subdivision, which is against the rules of the Paddock Subdivision Covenant. A letter has been sent to the property owner that the shed must be removed.

T. Wilkison attended the meeting to discuss the water/sewer assessment fee meeting he and J. Blossom had previously. He stated that he was satisfied with the meeting but still had concerns. He started thinking when he purchased the house a title search was done and no special assessments showed up during the search. He contacted American Title and was told there was no special assessment on the title and it was free and clear. The people he purchased the home for had a title search done through their mortgage company as well and it also came back as a clean title. He paid the assessment on the lot but asked the Council to look at the information he provided, contact their lawyer about his opinion and make a decision on what they would like to do. He also stated he felt the assessment being placed on the title was the responsibility of the Village. K. Herendeen asked the Council to think about how they would react if they were the homeowners receiving a large assessment fee they were never made aware of and stated maybe the Council should have waived the fee.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$50,115.66 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Norris, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$50,115.66. Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom mentioned there was a MDEQ inspection of the water and water infrastructure here in the Village. There were a few minor repairs which were needed and those repairs have since been completed. He also mentioned there are multiple new rules and policies coming in the next few years from the MDEQ. Currently the law states the DPW inspect commercial establishments every 1-3 years depending on the type of establishment and in the near future the MDEQ may expect inspections of all the residential homes within the Village of Concord. Blossom also discussed the status of the USDA loan application. Engineer J. Ripstra of Ripstra & Scheppelman has completed the PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) needed for submission of the application and has emailed it to Clerk J. Lefere to upload into the application. The application will be submitted by the end of the week. J. Blossom also stated the water tower was emptied for cleaning last week. He also stated Engineer J. Ripstra, J. Bush, J. Fay of CNB, B. Watson, K. Palon, and K. DeChalk met recently and discussed the easement behind the buildings on the west side of Main St. He felt the meeting was productive and that B. Watson, K. Palon and K. DeChalk will allow a private easement that the public will be able to access if the business owners allow parking behind their buildings. The parking lot behind the buildings will be paved and maintained by the Village.

Council Comments:

J. Jackson commented to J. Blossom with all the new rules/regulations on water maintenance how did prior generations ever make it with drinking from their garden hoses, etc.

A. Meeks asked if it is possible to trim the pine trees on the corner Hanover St. and Concord St. as it is obstructing drivers view. J. Blossom stated he would talk to the resident and see what can be done.

J. Bush stated he attended a Harwood Meeting with T. Dotson from the Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library, Concord Community Schools Superintendent D. Funston, Pulaski Township Supervisor Bob Jones, Concord Methodist Church's R. Passmore, and Library Board President and Village Resident E. Blonde. There were talks about maybe doing a monthly Community News Letter with all parties involved, if this reaches fruition the Village Voice will discontinue and information will be found in the newsletter. During the meeting it was discussed the Village should explore using more social media. Currently the only social media used by the Village is a Facebook page. J. Bush has also been working on a portfolio for the MEDC. He asked the Council if they have any buildings to suggest for the portfolio. The ones suggested are – Concord Station, Concord Café and the former Shannon's Building.

J. Bush asked D. Winters if he wanted his employee review completed in an open or closed meeting. DPW employee D. Winters requested his review take place in a closed meeting and invited J. Blossom DPW Director to attend.

It was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt to adjourn open meeting at 7:53 pm. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to enter a closed meeting at 7:57 pm. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to adjourn closed meeting at 8:06 pm. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson to return to open meeting at 8:07 pm. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to officially hire DPW employee D. Winter and move his review date to November so all DPW and office staff have the same review date before yearly budget writing takes place. Motion approved by all.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 8:08 pm. Motion approved by all.



Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President



Date