

## Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on February 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Public Present: A. Losey, E. Kenyon, DPW Director J. Blossom, Deputy L. Jacobson and Village Clerk J. Lefere.

For their review, Council Members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$31,598.10; Revenue and Expenditure Report thru January 31, 2019; Village Voice February 2019; New Yoga Classes at Library Email; New Employee Compensation for Not Taking Insurance Email; J. Blossom's Recommendation of Hiring Norman Kidder as DPW Employee Email; Concord Area Police Blotter January 2019; 1/22/2019 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 2/12/2019 Council Meeting Agenda.

At the last meeting Kyle George was recommended as the new council member by T. Casey and M. Lovitt. Kyle George was sworn in at tonight's meeting.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to accept the minutes from the 1/22/2019 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments: None

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$31,598.10 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$31,598.10. Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom stated how the Village has always had a Water Cross Connection Ordinance in place and updates have been made as recommended by the State. He also stated there are a lot of gray areas in the ordinance the State doesn't have answers to at this time. It was motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to accept the updated Water Cross Connection Ordinance. Roll call vote as follows: J. Bush – aye, J. Jackson – aye, T. Norris – aye, T. Casey – aye, K. George – aye, M. Lovitt – aye, and A. Meeks – aye. Nays – none. Motion approved.

J. Blossom informed the Council the decorative light pole that was damaged beyond repair in a traffic crash last month has been ordered and the invoice has been sent to the Village insurance company. He also let the Council know the Town Clock will be delivered next Wednesday or Thursday. It will be put up in the Spring when we have better weather. J. Blossom informed the Council the easements the Village has been working on regarding the West side of Main Street downtown business district will be signed on Wednesday. Once they are signed, we can proceed with the USDA Water Project. Village Engineer J. Ripstra is having some problems with the engineering agreement – the USDA has wanted the agreement worded differently several times. J. Blossom informed the Council the boat launch at Paddock Lake will be engineered and surveyed. The DNR also needs to do a fish study to ensure there will be no harm to the fish in the lake. The permit turnaround time is about six months. He also stated three interviews were conducted for the DPW position and he recommends the hiring of Norm Kidder with a starting wage of \$14.50 per hour. Motioned by J. Bush,

seconded by A. Meeks to hire Norm Kidder at \$14.50 per hour. All were in favor. Motion approved. J. Blossom also mentioned he talked to Jack from the Jackson County Parks Department about a grant they received to install signs at the Falling Water Trail. A sign will be placed on the Southwest side of the Village's trail entrance.

L. Jacobson discussed his January Blotter. The vehicle used in the Village B&E's (one at Concord Mfg. and the other at the school bus garage) appears to be a 2005 or 2006 Dodge Caravan similar to one he had a picture of. It's blue, dark green or teal in color. A distinguishing mark is a small black antenna on the roof above the center of the windshield. This is not a common feature and the suspect's van has one PLUS a luggage rack. L. Jacobson also stated now that the temperatures are not so low he will start sweeping the Village and cracking down on unshoveled sidewalks. He also mentioned at the Township meeting Monday night it was decided to change the time of their meetings to 6 pm, at least for the rest of the winter months.

Council Comments:

J. Jackson informed the Council the Concord Café has been sold and they closed last Friday. When they open, they plan to focus on breakfast and lunch.

J. Bush said he met with Pulaski Township Supervisor Bob Jones, Concord Township Supervisor A. Cavasin, Concord Fire Chief L. Mosher and Pulaski Fire Chief D. Riley to discuss the possibility of combining the Concord and Pulaski Fire Departments again. They plan to meet again later in the month. He also informed the Council the Harwood Study Data will be released Wednesday night at a meeting held at the Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library at 7 pm.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 7:34 pm. Motion approved by all.

  
Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

2/26/19  
Date