

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on February 26, 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, K. Wyatt, S. Lauer, DPW Director J. Blossom, DPW Employee N. Kidder and Village Clerk J. Lefere.

For their review, Council Members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$37,907.59; Fire Run Report thru January 31, 2019; Moore Insurance Agency Closing Email; Pulaski-Concord Fire Department Reunification Pros & Cons Document Email; 1/22/2019 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 2/12/2019 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by J. Jackson, to accept the minutes from the 2/12/2019 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

S. Lauer attended the meeting to discuss the possible Concord and Pulaski Fire Department merger. If the departments get involved together, Lauer would like to see it as administrative only. As the former Chief during the original split of the departments the biggest problem was dividing up of equipment and he didn't want anyone to have to deal with this problem again. Lauer recommended each department should keep their own equipment, an appointed Chief should run the administration of both Departments and the Chief should have full say in all repairs of equipment with or without ownership.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$37,907.59 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$37,907.59. Motion approved by all.

J. Bush introduced new DPW employee Norm Kidder to the Council. He was welcomed aboard by all.

J. Blossom brought news from a recent training how the Village is going to be required by the DEQ to do Cross Connection Inspections of every home and business that the Village supplies water to. In 2016 the DEQ started pushing the issue of residential inspections. The Village is looking into hiring a licensed plumber to do the inspections as the inspector needs to know plumbing codes and be licensed to perform the DEQ inspections. If the plumber inspects a residence and they find a violation the resident will have 30 days to fix the violation and a re-inspection will occur. If the resident fails to fix the violation the DEQ requires the Village to turn the water off to the residence. Without running water in a residence the property will be deemed uninhabitable by the Health Dept. J. Blossom is researching the cost of hiring an inspector service or a licensed plumber and will have quotes for the Council in the near future.

J. Blossom informed the Council the Town Clock was delivered last Wednesday and will be put up in the spring. Blossom has also been working with the Garden Club on replacing the planters by the Mill Pond. The company we purchased our hanging planters from dropped off a couple of samples for the Village and the Garden Club to look at and decide which will work best. The Garden Club is also checking with a few greenhouses on the cost of doing all of the baskets for the Village. Village Engineer J. Ripstra was in Tuesday to go over the USDA Water Project and J. Blossom hopes to put the job out for bid by the end of March. J. Blossom also informed the Council there is mold growing on the water tower. Blossom contacted Utility Services, the company the Village has a contract with for the water tower and they said that is one thing that is not covered under our contract so but they recommended the company H2O Towers out of Saline which power washes and coats the tower with a mildew resistant finish. The cost will be \$3,800.00. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to hire H2O Towers to power wash and clean the exterior of the water tower. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed the Harwood Study Data Review compiled thru Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library user's responses. The local leaders and the Concord Library staff will continue to meet, discuss data received, and work on formulating plans to address issues the data showed. J. Bush stated he met again 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. They compiled a list of the pros and cons of combining the two departments and Bush shared the list with the Council and those in attendance. They intend meeting again after all parties have had the chance to share the list and will resume reunification discussions. J. Bush informed the Council he had been contacted by Village Treasurer C. Gibbs and she would like to move some funds into CD's at American 1 Credit Union with a 3% interest rate for 18 months. The money can be withdrawn if needed with no penalty. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by T. Casey to move \$100,000.00 in CD's to American 1 at 3% interest for 18 months with no penalty for early withdrawal. Roll call vote as follows - J. Bush – aye, T. Casey – aye, T. Norris – aye, J. Jackson – abstain, K. George – aye, M. Lovitt – aye, A. Meeks – abstain. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

T. Norris asked if the Village had received all of the easements regarding the West side of Main Street downtown business district. J. Blossom informed him they had all been signed, returned and recorded with the Register of Deeds Office.

J. Bush informed the Council he had been contacted by the Heritage House about applying for grants and had a workshop with several members. They are now working towards receiving 501c status to become a non-profit. The Heritage House is interested in grants and funding because the house is in need of some substantial repairs including needing a new roof and some walls need repaired/replaced from the leaky roof. Bush asked the Council and public to think about ideas on how the Heritage House could possibly raise funds. The idea of allowing the Heritage House to run and receive the 50/50 Raffle at the Concord Classic Weekend and a possible fundraising event using the Opera House at the Concord Library were mentioned.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 8:23 pm. Motion approved by all.


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

3/12/18
Date