

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on December 13, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Village Office for a 2017 Proposed Budget Presentation and at 7:15pm the regular Village Council Meeting was held.

Council Members Present: Jeremiah Bush, Kayla Bush, Jeff Jackson, Jason Mockeridge, Mike Lovitt, Tim Casey and Ashley Meeks.

Council Members Absent: None.

Budget Meeting Public Present: A. Losey, K. Mills, Village Clerk J. Lefere, K. Wyatt, G. Miller, DPW Director J. Blossom.

J. Bush presented the Village of Concord's Proposed 2017 Budget and answered questions in regards particular figures found on the budget.

Public Present: A. Losey, DPW Director J. Blossom, K. Wyatt, Village Clerk J. Lefere, Village Treasurer C. Gibbs, K. Mills, Deputy Jacobson, G. Miller and A. Cavasin.

For their review, Council members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in amount of \$42,587.29, Revenue and Expense Report thru 11/30/2016, 11/22/2016 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes, December Village Voice, 2017 Proposed Budget and 12/13/2016 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by K. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the November 22, 2016 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

A. Losey informed the council that he had recently attended a provisional seminar gaining knowledge and information on the law and terminology regarding the operation of a provisioning center. A. Losey will put together a packet of information for the council members to review and will present this information at a future council meeting in January of 2017.

G. Miller requested a resolution to be detached from the Village. This was initially requested over a year ago and now he is actively pursuing the issue due to a job change and a major loss of income in his wages. He told the Council that he has already spoken with tax assessor S. Dishaw and she informed him that it was as easy as the Council passing a resolution. Once a resolution is passed she can issue a new parcel number. J. Bush informed G. Miller he would check into this, including seeking legal advice and discuss with the council and get back with G. Miller.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$42,587.29 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$42,587.29. Motion approved by all.

Deputy L. Jacobson discussed the information in his monthly police report. He mentioned the property at 303 W. Center is looking good and he has seen the owner of the home on Homer Rd. actively working on the roof. L. Jacobson asked the council if the Village received a stipend from the tickets/citations that he issued and J. Bush informed him that yes the Village does receive a small stipend, so far this year the Village has received around \$900.00. L. Jacobson stated he had spoken with the owner of the Shannon's building and the owner will be down soon to repair the broken window and the jack door. L. Jacobson wanted to give residents a heads up regarding a couple of incidents in nearby Villages/Townships. There have been subjects going up to homes, knocking on doors, and asking to shovel sidewalks or driveways. Then these same subjects lurk around the residence and slip back inside to take purses, wallets or anything left near the front door. Call 911 if anyone acts overly suspicious.

J. Blossom stated that the cleaning of Well #1 took place the first week of December and the efficiency of the well will improve. J. Blossom let the council know that the first snow plow of the season went well.

J. Bush took a roll call vote to approve the adoption of the resolutions to approve the rate increases of \$1 for Water, \$1 for Sewer and \$1 for Garbage monthly. Councilperson K. Bush motioned, seconded by J. Jackson the resolution to adopt and establish rates to operate and maintain the water system. All were in favor. Resolution adopted.

Councilperson K. Bush motioned, seconded by J. Jackson the resolution to adopt and establish rates to operate and maintain the sewer system. All were in favor. Resolution adopted.

Councilperson K. Bush motioned, seconded by J. Jackson the resolution to adopt and establish rates to operate and maintain the waste and garbage collection system. All were in favor. Resolution adopted.

J. Bush informed the council that the Michigan Department of Civil Rights found in favor of the Village in that Mr. Munster's complaint was not supported by any evidence. As both complaints have been dismissed this file has been closed.

J. Bush informed the council that Village Treasurer C. Gibbs would like to invest Village funds by placing some of the Village's funds into C.D.'s. She would like to open 13 C.D.'s with \$50,000.00 per C.D. for a total of \$650,000.00. The Village currently earns .10 percent interest on their current funds in ICS accounts, the opening of C.D.'s will allow the Village to earn an average of 1.5 percent interest on the funds invested. The funds will be totally insured and there is no penalty for early withdrawal if the Village were to need the funds. K. Bush made a motion to allow Village Treasurer C. Gibbs to invest in C.D.'s, seconded by M. Lovitt. All were in favor Motion approved.

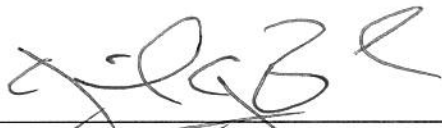
J. Bush noted Eagle Scout Justin Detgen had completed the Paddock Nature Trail. The Trail was completed by the DPW Department dropping off loads of free wood chips recycled from the Dollar General site for use as the trail base and J. Detgen's work of cutting in the trail and placing the wood chips.

Council Comments:

K. Bush informed the council that there is a large limb/tree that fell during a recent rain storm on S. Concord St. The Village will be sending the resident a letter informing them that it is their responsibility to remove the limb/tree.

M. Lovitt told J. Blossom that the DPW Department did a nice job with the snow removal.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. Bush, to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Motion approved by all.



Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

12/27/16
Date