

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on November 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

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

Public Present: A. Losey, K. Casey, T. Norris, DPW Director J. Blossom, K. Wyatt, K. Mills, Sheriff Deputy L. Jacobson

For their review, Council members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in amount of \$27,003.93; Write-In Candidate for Council Position Email; New Part-Time DPW Employee Hire Email; November Village Voice; 11-8-16 Council Meeting Agenda

Motioned by K. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the October 25, 2016 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Mills was curious if the Council knew what work was occurring on M-60? J. Blossom explained Frontier was running new fibre optech cable.

K. Wyatt of the Albion Recorder wanted to know how much longer the detour of N. Main St. tied to the N. Main St. Asphalt Replacement Project was going to be in place. J. Blossom said the plan was for N. Main St. to reopen Wednesday November 9th.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$23,003.98 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$23,003.98. Motion approved by all.

Sheriff Deputy L. Jacobson presented his police blotter for the month of October. Jacobson warned residents to be beware an email and phone scam where the scammers are claiming to be the FBI and residents can get out of their legal trouble if they send a sum of money. In response to D. Harrison's complaint about S. Main St. speeding and people passing one another on S. Main St. Jacobson conducted some undercover work using an unmarked car. Jacobson found the average speed of vehicles was 31MPH and he never witnessed any illegal passing. J. Mockeridge asked Jacobson to contact the owner of the Shannon's building on Main and Hanover to fix the alley door which has deteriorated and was open.

J. Blossom gave an update on the North Main Street Asphalt Replacement Project. Blossom noted Village leaf pickup had started and the Council after discussing decided the last day for leaf pickup would be November 22nd. Blossom noted the Village received their DEQ inspection results and the Village passed with high marks. Blossom also brought news the Village had hired Nick Moore as the new DPW part-time employee. Blossom wanted the Council to consider making the position full-time in the future. It was estimated it would roughly cost the Village an additional \$6,000 in wages and another \$6,000 in health insurance for a total of \$12,000 a year.

Council Comments:

M. Lovitt wanted to commend the DPW for their work on picking up leaves around town. J. Jackson mentioned he had been telling residents on N. Main St affected by the Asphalt Replacement Project to place their leaves at the edge of their driveway to be picked up when N. Main St. reopens.

J. Mockeridge informed the public and Council the Village's new Point and Pay System for residents to pay Village related bills including taxes, permits, and utilities was up and running and a link was online. J. Bush mentioned residents can also use the program to view online what amounts they owe for said bills as well.

J. Bush discussed the lot on 2nd Street which was up for tax sale for the second time had failed to sell at the County Tax Sale therefore the Village was being given the lot. The Village could request to not be given the lot but had to do so formally with the County of Jackson by December 1st. The Council discussed their concerns if it was given back it wouldn't likely be taken care of and our DPW crew would end up having to mow the lot anyways. It was discussed giving the lot back or accepting the lot. With the lots small size it is not big enough to be built on without a variance. Ideas for the lot included approaching neighboring homeowners about their interest in acquiring the lot for the cost of transferring the title and related costs. Changing the Village's building codes to allow "Tiny Homes" was also mentioned as was a community garden, park, or reforesting the lot. The Council will revisit the topic at their next meeting

The Council asked DPW employees J. Blossom and K. Thomas if they were ready to have their Employee reviews completed. Blossom and Thomas requested a closed meeting for their Employee Reviews.

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

At 7:40 pm the Council entered a closed meeting to complete DPW Employees J. Blossom and K. Thomas' Employee Reviews.

At 8:25 pm the Council closed the closed meeting to complete DPW Employees J. Blossom and K. Thomas' Employee Reviews.

At 8:26 pm the Council reconvened into an open meeting.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to adjourn at 8:27 pm. Motion approved by all


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

11/22/16
Date