

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on October 25, 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, B. Barton,

For their review, Council members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in amount of \$64,823.30 and Main Street Streetscaping Drawing Email.

Motioned by K. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the October 11, 2016 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

B. Barton asked how the Main Street Streetscaping project was going to be funded and estimated cost of the project. J. Bush told her the Village has been saving money in our Major Streets Fund for years and had a substantial amount saved to cover the project as well as to complete other projects which may arise on the Village's Major Streets of Hanover Street, Main St. and Homer Rd. Major Street Funds can only be spent on the three roads listed previously. The Village also brings in between \$200,000 to \$300,000 in funding yearly for said Major Streets from State Revenue. The Village has also saved roughly \$300,000 from the two Rural Task Force grant funded asphalt replacement road projects completed on South and North Main St. The Main Street Streetscaping project will cost around an estimated \$200,000.

K. Mills wanted to know if the Council knew what new business was going into the old Tanning Salon building on Main St. J. Bush said we do not know but the building has been purchased by Lloyd Mosher Concord Fire Chief and it is under construction. Mills also was curious of the Hanover St. home which neighbors her home has sold, J. Bush said yes it had and it looks like the buyer will be living there not purchasing as an investment property.

K. Wyatt of the Albion Recorder wanted to know if the Village was responsible for improvements to the Main St. Downtown Business District's building's cornices. Wyatt mentioned many of the cornices had improvements made to them particularly painted. J. Bush said we are not directly responsible for improvements the building owners are but we have been pushing cleaning up the image of the downtown through enforcement of the Village's Blight Ordinance. J. Bush also praised Deputy L. Jacobson's work with enforcing the Village's Ordinances and willingness to work with business owners and residents to rectify issues before he has to ticket them.

A. Losey wanted to applaud the work of the Planning Committee he feels they are underappreciated for the amount of work they do and the amount of time they dedicate with meeting often running much longer the Council Meetings.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$64,823.30 was presented with J. Bush noting the higher amount than usual was due to \$50,000+ bond payment. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$64,823.30. Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom gave an update on the North Main Street Asphalt Replacement Project stating the storm sewer is in and milling of the road would be beginning this week. The construction company had hoped to leave one lane of traffic open during the milling process but with the tight quarters North Main St. from M-60 to Cornell Rd. would be closed for two to three days. Blossom noted Village leaf pickup would likely begin the end of the week. Blossom also brought news the Village DPW's part-time employee had been terminated earlier in the day and he would be revisiting the previous applications to find another candidate to fill the spot.

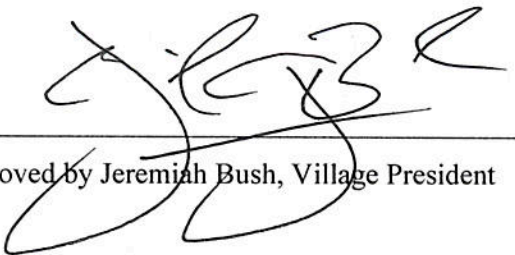
Council Comments:

K. Bush brought the contract from Consumers Energy for the light to be placed on the current existing pole at the corner of Harmon St. and Michigan St. K. Bush and J. Mockeridge both noted the area is very dark and is used by many residents including themselves for recreation purposes. K. Bush donated the \$100 cost for the light. With Council approval J. Bush signed the contract to have Consumer Energy place the light at corner of Harmon St. and Michigan St.

A. Meeks and K. Bush both spoke about issues addressed at the last Fire Board meeting. Fire Chief Lloyd Mosher was given a raise of \$2000 a year for the position. They both noted L. Mosher's work on the Fire Department, within the community, and the fact Mosher is still paid less with the raise than the majority of surrounding community's Fire Chiefs. K. Bush also brought news Steve Lauer has been chosen as the community at-large Fire Board member to fill retiring member Kevin Lovitt's seat. Lauer will take over the seat on the Fire Board at the beginning of the year. Lauer will also step down as a member of the Concord Fire Department to serve on the Fire Board.

J. Bush thanked Councilmember T. Casey for donating a used laptop projector he was able to procure from his work and replacement of a \$25 bulb to make it work. The Council will use the projector for future online presentations. J. Bush asked J. Blossom to relocate the large Zoning Map located behind the President's seat in the meeting room so the wall can serve as the screen for the projector. J. Bush addressed Village Clerk J. Lefere was missing because she volunteers her time running Concord Community Schools ticket sales for sporting events and her ticket sales volunteer for the evening called in so she had to be there to sell tickets. J Bush stated the Council was very pleased with our employees' willingness to donate their time and efforts for Concord community events and organizations even when these volunteer opportunities may interfere with an employee attending our meetings.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by K. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks, to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Motion approved by all.


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

11/8/16
Date