

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on September 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Public Present: A. Losey, D. Cesco, Village Clerk J. Lefere, K. Casey, K. Mills, T. Norris, DPW Director J. Blossom, Officer L. Jacobson, D. Saenz, K. Wyatt and B. Williams III.

For their review, Council members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be paid in amount of \$21,235.58, D. Saenz water shut off email, September Village Voice, R. Bradley fix streets not light poles email, J. Lefere phone bundle savings email and Lawyer E. White letter D. Munster suit findings in our favor letter.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. Bush, to accept the minutes from the August 23, 2016 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. Bush, to accept the minutes from the August 30, 2016 Special Meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

A. Losey spoke about the Medical Marijuana Bill which was approved by the State House and Senate. Medical Marijuana Dispensaries are fully legal in State of Michigan now. He also discussed how he plans to professionally run his dispensary business.

D. Saenz questioned the process of water shut offs and asked the council to waive his water turn on fee as he didn't feel he received the notice in a timely manner. D. Saenz also stated if his bill/shut off notices were emailed this would not happen. This is something that the Village is working on implementing. The council waived the fee due to a technicality as the Village failed to post a 24 hour shut off notice on his property prior to the shut off. M. Lovitt stated residents know utility bills are due the 15th of every month and if residents are going to be out of town on the due date the resident is responsible for arranging the payment prior to going out of town. The Council also discussed once again their intention of procuring online payment services residents could use to pay Village utility bills, permits, and taxes.

K. Mills asked J. Blossom if he had talked to the Joers family about the mill pond dam. J. Blossom stated he talked to D. Joers and J. Medek and felt it was a positive conversation.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$21,235.58 was presented. Motioned by K. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$21,235.58. Motion approved by all.

Deputy L. Jacobson discussed how his time is spent between the Village and the Township. He also discussed the blight issue with some local businesses and the plans he has received from owners to improve the businesses. He commented on how nice the awning looks at the Flower Basket. L. Jacobson also wanted to remind everyone to keep their homes and cars locked. T. Casey inquired about the school bus tire situation that occurred on the first day of school. L. Jacobson is fairly certain he knows who committed the act however did not have enough evidence at this time. The incident is still under investigation.

J. Blossom stated the North Main Street Asphalt Replacement Project bid came back and was awarded to C.D. Hughes the week of September 19th. There is not an official start date but the project needs to be completed by November 15, 2016. Blossom also stated the Main to Allman trail extension project is moving forward and completion is expected the end of the month. L. Jacobson asked about Non-Motorized Vehicle Only signs for the trail extension. J. Blossom stated that the signs were being donated by J. Mockeridge and will be placed on the trail.

J. Blossom asked what the council would like to do with the old Impala police car. J. Blossom and L. Jacobson will take a look at it and decide what needs to be done with the car before it can be sold.

J. Blossom, after several interviews, recommended the hire of Robert Williams III for the part time DPW position. Motioned by J. Mockeridge, seconded by A. Meeks to hire R. Williams III for the DPW part time position as recommended. The motion was approved by all.

Council Comments:

K. Bush commented on how dark it was at the curve of Harmon and Michigan St. and who should she contact about having a street light placed at that location. T. Casey offered to put her in contact with someone at Consumers. J. Blossom suggested the Council give K. Bush permission to approve the purchase if the light was less than \$500.00. All were in favor.

J. Mockeridge gave council members a packet of information on the new Main St. LED Street Light Project he has been working on for their review. The project consists of 14 street lights. Major Street funds would be used for this project.

J. Lefere informed the council that several residents had commented on how great the Village website looks and thanked J. Mockeridge for his hard work and dedication to the site.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by K. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks, to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Motion approved by all.



Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President



Date