

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on January 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Village Office.

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

Council Members Absent: Tom Norris

Public Present: A. Losey, H. England, J. Martines, DPW Employee K. Thomas, D. Leininger, DPW Director J. Blossom, and Village Clerk J. Lefere.

For their review, Councilmembers were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$42,633.40; 1/9/2018 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; December Fire Run Report; 1/23/2018 Council Meeting Agenda.

J. Bush stated that DPW reviews were going to take place, K. Thomas and J. Blossom asked to go into a closed meeting. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to enter closed session for the purpose of DPW Employee reviews. Roll call vote as follows: J. Bush – aye, J. Jackson – aye, T. Norris – aye, T. Casey – aye. A. Meeks – aye, M. Lovitt – aye, J. Mockeridge – aye.

Entered closed session at 6:31 pm.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to return to open meeting at 6:52 pm.

Open meeting resumed at 7:00 pm.

Council Members Present: Jeremiah Bush, Jason Mockeridge, Tom Norris, Jeff Jackson, Tim Casey, M. Lovitt and Ashley Meeks.

Council Members Absent: None

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to accept the minutes from the 1/9/2018 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

J. Martines attended the meeting to express his concern about the hydrant issue that caused the brown water and questioned why the hydrant was being allowed to be used by companies who needed to clean equipment, fill tanks, etc. He asked if there was another hydrant that could be used instead. J. Blossom explained the Village allows companies who are working on Village business to use the hydrant and the Village does sell water to other companies on rare occasions. That particular hydrant is used because it has a direct line to the water tower and causes the least amount of strain on the Village's water system.

J. Blossom explained the process of fixing the hydrant, the future River St. Water Project and the potential cast iron water system fixes and replacements which need to be replaced throughout the Village. J. Blossom has spoken with engineer J. Ripstra and he will have our cost estimate for the cast iron water system replacement completed in about a month, which is about four months ahead of schedule. This cost estimate is necessary to explore procuring loans through USDA for the cast iron water system replacement.

D. Leininger attended the meeting to discuss Halsey Jenks memorial service and recommended the Village erect some type of memorial in honor of his thirty plus years of service. Ideas offered included erecting a gazebo in the park, park benches downtown, or possibly the Town Clock, which would also be a way to collect additional donations toward the Town Clock Fund. Leininger also spoke about the life, accomplishments, and year of service Halsey Jenks gave to Village serving on the Council and as Mayor for over thirty years. He also stated that the Village Council has done an amazing job on improving the Downtown Business District.

website coming soon. J. Blossom also stated that he has finished and will be submitting a bid for maintaining the cemetery.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$42,633.40 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Mockeridge, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$42,633.40. Motion approved by all.

Council Comments:

T. Casey discussed the "robo-call" software he was checking into as a way to inform Village residents about emergency situations. Price wise they are sold in a block number of calls which are good for one year. There is also a setup fee. T. Casey will send a video to the Councilmembers for them to view and they will decide at a future meeting if this is an option they want to purchase. T. Casey also wanted to inform the Council about K. Wyatt's daughter and offer that our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

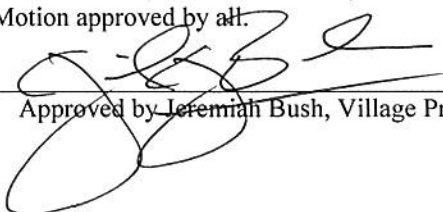
A. Meeks stated that she had been approached by a senior resident that wanted to know if the Council would explore giving seniors a reduced water rate since they are on a fixed income. A. Meeks told the person that would be defeating the purpose of increasing the rates but she would bring it up at the Council Meeting. The Council stated that a reduced rate was not something that could be done. A. Meeks also asked if there was a place to look to see where the tax money is paid to. J. Mockeridge informed her that it is listed on the tax bill sent out by mail or could be accessed online.

J. Bush mentioned the Concord Cafe closing, new gas station nearing opening and a new restaurant opening in the former Big Misters Pizza building. Bush also mentioned he discussed with a Township planning committee member his plan on updating the joint Village and Township Master Plan and his interest on working on the updating the Plan together with Township if they were interested. J. Bush also stated he has been contacted by Hanover Township about participating in the Community Clean-Up Day and will be working with them Pulaski and Concord Township to get this put together through a DEQ Grant.

J. Bush stated during the employee review the Council discussed a raise for DPW Employee Kevin Thomas. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Mockeridge to give K. Thomas a .73 cent per hour increase. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush stated during the employee review the Council discussed a raise for DPW Director Jason Blossom. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to give J. Blossom a .73 cent increase. All were in favor. Motion approved.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks, to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Motion approved by all.


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

2/13/18
Date