

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on March 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

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

Council Members Absent: Jason Mockeridge

Public Present: A. Losey, K. Wyatt, K. Mills, T. Karr, T. Brooks, DPW Employee D. Winter, T. Dotson, Deputy L. Jacobson, 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 \$25,632.27; 2/27/2018 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; February Fire Board Minutes; February Concord Area Police Blotter; Revenue and Expenditure Report thru 2/28/2018; Tammy Dotson JDL Harwood Training Email; Tony Brooks Liquor License Contact Email; MLive City of Jackson Response to Jackson County Sheriff Email; Parks and Recreation Board Ordinance Email; 3/13/2018 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 2/27/2018 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

T. Brooks asked about a rumor of a new liquor license application in the Village. J. Bush explained the number of Liquor Licenses issued by the State of Michigan are based on population and at this point the Village's Liquor Licenses have all been issued. J. Bush stated at this time the Council has not received notification that anyone has applied for a new Liquor License in the Village. Currently the one and only On-Premises Liquor License is owned by T. Brook's Cadet Tavern.

T. Karr wanted to remind everyone the Opioid Crisis Workshop fundraiser for the Concord School Linked Health Center that will take place on Tuesday March 27th from 6 – 8 pm at Spring Arbor University Ralph Carey Forum. Cost is \$20.00. All funds go to Concord School Linked Health Center. The event is free for SAU undergraduate students. Registration: <https://www.arbor.edu/event/opioid-crisis-community-discussion/>. 2 CEU credits for nurses and social workers. Questions: email Dr. Tammy Dindoffer at tammyd@arbor.edu. Karr also wanted to inform everyone Concord School Linked Health Center has a pediatric nurse on staff and is available to administer vaccinations to youth from local and surrounding communities. T. Karr also reminded everyone of the Library Renovations and that there will be a Diamond of the Community Open House Dedication and Ribbon Cutting on Friday April 13 from 7-8:30 pm. T. Karr also mentioned the Friends of the Library group would like to install a "Little Library" at the Concord Mill Pond Park a Falling Waters Trailhead. The Garden Girls of Concord are interested in creating a green space in the back of the library to improve the appearance of the area.

T. Dotson, Librarian of the JDL Concord Branch, discussed the Harwood Institute training she recently attended. She is currently conducting a survey "What Do You Want of Your Community"? There are open invitations to participate in a Community Conversation on Thursday April 19th from 7 pm to 9 pm and on Tuesday April 24th from 10 am to 12 pm. A Community Conversation is a conversation between members of the community about what is happening and what the future holds for Concord.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$25,632.27 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$25,632.27. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson discussed his February Blotter and wanted to mention that Hansen's Windows was out soliciting in the Village, when asked to see their permit they said they left it in their car and left the Village. They are out in neighboring communities as well. He also mentioned a seminar he attended recently for law enforcement officers about the new medical marijuana facilities. The State will be putting together an inspection team to monitor the facilities/dispensaries.

J. Blossom stated that sewer cleaning will be taking place Wednesday March 14 through Friday March 16th. He also mentioned that Rothenberger Company has all the pipe placed for the W. River St. Project and asked the Council to approve a progress payment in the amount of \$85,674.37. It was approved by the council to make a progress payment in the amount of \$85,674.37 payable to Rothenberger Company for the W. River St. project. They are going to wait until the second week of April to bring this extension online after hydrants have been flushed at the end of March. J. Blossom asked the Council if they were willing to make a motion to move forward with the water main replacement project because of all the work, time and money that is being put into compiling the information to complete the USDA loan application. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to allow DPW Director J. Blossom, Clerk J. Lefere and Ripstra & Scheppelman to move forward on the water infrastructure improvement plans. Roll call vote – J. Bush – aye, J. Jackson – aye, T. Norris – aye, A. Meeks – Aye, M. Lovitt – aye, J. Mockeridge – absent.

J. Blossom discussed the deeds and easements needed to move forward on the USDA loan application., he has been able to identify all of them. He also mentioned meeting with SEMCO on Monday. SEMCO will soon begin replacing gas mains in the Village. They are hoping to have most of them replaced prior to construction of the water main replacement project.

J. Bush discussed the Parks and Recreation Commission Ordinance. The Parks and Recreation Commission met last week to draft and approve the creation of a Parks and Recreation Commission Ordinance since one has not been located in our files. If it is located the new ordinance will supersede. Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by J. Jackson to allow a Parks and Recreation Commission. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

Meeks had a business owner on Homer Rd. ask her why the DPW Department did not clear the sidewalks in front of her business and in front of the Post Office. A. Meeks said she explained to the business owner the reason the Village clears the downtown business district sidewalks is to protect their substantial investment.

J. Bush informed everyone that a tentative date has been set for the tire clean-up day. The date is 5/26/2018 from 8 am to noon at Gottschalk Park. This is a grant funded project in which Concord Village, Concord Township, Pulaski Township and Hanover Township residents can bring in tires for recycling.

J. Bush stated that DPW employee D. Winter was up for his review. D. Winter asked to have his employee review in a closed meeting. D. Winter invited DPW Director J. Blossom and Clerk J. Lefere to attend.

It was motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to adjourn open meeting at 7:55. Motion approved by all.

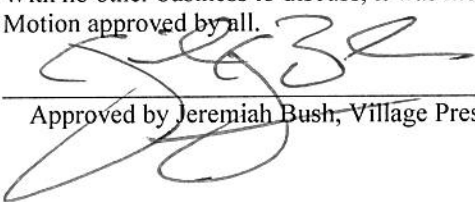
Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to enter closed meeting at 8:00. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey to adjourn closed meeting at 8:22. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to return to open, open meeting at 8:22. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to continue to employ D. Winter and extend his probationary period by three months. He will get his benefits on the anniversary of his hire date. 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 8:25 pm. Motion approved by all.


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President


Date