

### Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on April 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

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

Council Members Absent: None.

Public Present: A. Losey, K. Wyatt, K. Morgan, B. Schleede, A. Lewis, 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 \$40,006.37; 3/27/2018 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; Revenue & Expenditure Report thru 3/31/2018; Granger now Recycling Glass Email; March Concord Police Blotter; Tire Clean Up Day Flyer; Cindy Magness Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner not Pediatric Nurse Email; MML Business Development Incentives—Commercial Rehab Zone Email; 4/10/2018 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 3/27/2018 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

#### Public Comments:

K. Morgan introduced herself and informed the Council that she will be opening an Edward Jones Investment office in the area and will be going around the Village to introduce herself to Village residents. She is hoping to find a location in the Downtown Business District.

A. Lewis asked how much the water rates will increase with the water project. He is also concerned about an increase on his taxes. J. Bush explained that the rate increase will only affect the utility bill and the rates would likely increase by \$10-\$20. A. Lewis also stated that there is an old well on his property and asked if he could tap into it and use the water to water his lawn during the Summer months. J. Blossom informed him the Village does not allow wells and that the Health Department would not allow him to pull a permit to do this.

K. Wyatt stated that he has a rain barrel on his property and uses the water collected to water plants with and asked if the Village had any ordinance against having a rain barrel. J. Bush stated that there was not an ordinance against this and would encourage residents to recycle rain water.

B. Schleede Concord Township Planning Committee Member attended the meeting and was interested in the Township having a booth or table and participating in the Concord Classic Weekend.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$40,006.37 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$40,006.37. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson discussed his March 2018 Police Blotter. In response to some complaints about speeders on S. Main St. between the hours of 6am and 7am, Jacobson came in early two times and recorded the following numbers: the average speed registered was 29 and the fastest vehicle clocked in at 37. This was the fifth time since Jacobson started here he has done this and found there was little to no speeding. Jacobson stated, "There will always be crazy people driving at ludicrous speeds, but a majority of the vehicles are moving at close to posted limits." He also stated that all suspects involved in the robbery at CJ's Party Store have been identified and arrested. L. Jacobson also wanted to inform everyone that the Sheriff's Office, all local police agencies and the State Police are working very closely to address every potential threat, social media rant or rumor regarding the potential violence in our schools. Each report is monitored closely by the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office to determine if charges are warranted and/or intervention is necessary. He also wanted to warn residents about a new scam where a female will come to your door asking for a ride. When you leave to give her a ride she has a partner waiting to break into your house. Do not give her a ride, offer to call 911 for her.

J. Blossom informed the Council that DPW employee D. Winter has been using his own cell phone since he began employment with the Village last year. The Village has 3 cell phones, one that is an old phone that cannot receive alerts from the Village's Water System Software. The Village pays \$30 per month for this phone. The Village could purchase another smart phone and the rate would be \$50 per month or they could pay D. Winter a stipend of \$50 per month to continue to use his phone. Rather than buy a new smartphone the Council agreed to pay D. Winter a \$50 per month stipend to continue to use his personal phone for Village business.

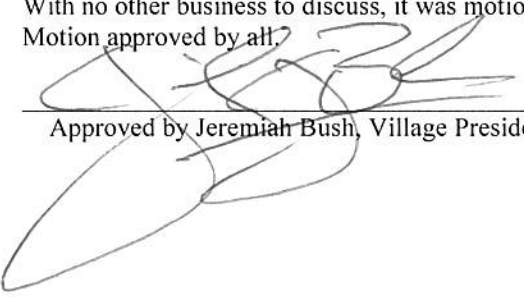
J. Blossom has a meeting at the end of the month with the engineering firm regarding the construction that will take place at the school. He will also be meeting with Rural Water on Friday to discuss what our water rates will need to be raised to in order to pay back the USDA loan within 40 years. J. Blossom stated that the batting cages donated by the Concord Baseball and Softball Club (CBSC) have been delivered. He also mentioned one of the bigger donors to the CBSC has donated three sets of bleacher frames which will be placed at the ball diamonds in the park after the Village placed wood benching on them.

J. Bush discussed Business Development Incentives updates. Bush presented placing a Commercial Rehab Zone in the Village to offer tax abatements for up to ten years to anyone opening or completely renovating an existing business in the Downtown Business District or in the M-60 Business District. J. Bush and J. Mockeridge will be attending day two of the MEDC Rehab Ready Community Training on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Council Comments:

J. Bush thanked B. Schleede for attending the meeting and mentioned his attempts at working together with the Township on updating the Master Plan. B. Schleede offered to attend the Village's next Planning Commission Meeting and stated maybe the rest of the Township Planning Committee could start working together on the Master Plan in June or July.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 7:39 pm.  
Motion approved by all.

  
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Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

4/24/18  
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