

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on June 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

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

Council Members Absent: Tom Norris.

Public Present: A. Losey, B. Barton, K. Herendeen, T. Wilkison, K. Williams, K. Wyatt, 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 \$9,960.73; 6/12/2018 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; Concord Fire Board Minutes 6/20/2018; May 2018 Fire Run Report; July Village Voice; MDNR Mann House Events Flyer; MDNR Mann House Acoustic Strings Live Music July 13th 6-8 pm Flyer; MDNR Mann House Walking Tours of Town Friday's 4-6pm; Watson, Palon, & DeChalk Response Email; 6/26/2018 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey, to accept the minutes from the 6/12/2018 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

B. Barton asked about the Concord Classic Weekend. J. Blossom stated that it went very well. Food vendors ran out of food, the Cadet ran out of several beers and burgers. J. Blossom thanked K. Williams for selling raffle tickets for the Town Clock Fund. \$676.00 was raised taking the fund total to almost \$5,000.00. The winners of the 50/50 were Art & Paula Bamm and Jeff & Barb Wilson. J. Blossom also mentioned they are considering moving the Basketball Tournament to the park next year so all events are in the same area.

K. Wyatt asked about the former Shannon's building. L. Jacobson stated that he had previously informed the owner that the fascia needed to be fixed before 3pm on Friday June 22nd, the owner arrived at 1 pm on the 22nd and did get part of the work done on the building.

K. Williams attended the meeting to thank the Concord Fire Department, DPW Director J. Blossom and DPW employee K. Thomas for their hard work. He felt the event was very organized. He also thanked Deputy L. Jacobson for a job well done. J. Bush thanked K. Williams for volunteering his time. J. Blossom stated he and DPW employee K. Thomas will be donating their overtime again this year. J. Blossom also thanked K. Thomas and former DPW employee D. Tom for all of their hard work.

K. Herendeen stated everyone did a great job on the Concord Classic, she said the fireworks were a phenomenal display. She also stated the organizers and the community should be very proud. She asked J. Blossom about the corner of Paddock St. and Jenks St. J. Blossom stated reflectors have been placed there to mark the edge. K. Herendeen also inquired about the mowing of the overgrown lots in the Paddock Subdivision. J. Bush informed her when the ordinance goes into effect on 7/17/2018 letters will be sent to the owners of the lots which need mowed and they will have ten days from the date of the letter to mow. If the lots are not mowed by the ten days' notice the DPW Department will mow or hire a company to mow depending on the condition of the lot and the amount will be placed on the property owner's taxes. She also asked about sheds on the empty lots and J. Blossom stated he will be checking into this.

T. Wilkison mentioned that a house and lot in the Paddock Subdivision that he and his wife purchased for some friends has an assessment owed on the lot. He would like to set up a time to meet and discuss the assessment with DPW Director J. Blossom. J. Blossom will call him on Wednesday to set up a meeting.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$9,960.73 was presented. Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$9,960.73. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson mentioned how well behaved the young kids behaved at the Concord Classic, there were no problems. He also mentioned a huge improvement on the lawns and curbs at the E. Center St. and Concord St. area. He also brought to the Council the idea of the Village issuing tickets and collecting fines for minor infractions such as overgrown lawns, parking, etc. If the perpetrator of the infraction failed to deal with the Village's citation they would be passed on to the 12th District Court as is the practice now.

Jacobson noted the Village only receives a small portion of the fine for tickets issued through the 12th District Court where if the Village started issuing their own tickets the Village would receive the whole amount of the fines collected. Jacobson is looking into having J. Lefere order citations for the Village to use.

J. Blossom mentioned the Village's fines and efforts to get Dollar General mowing was successful as Dollar General mowed on the 18th and he is hoping that they continue to keep their lot mowed regularly. Dollar General was not involved with the Classic Weekend. M. Lehman and J. Blossom intend to work on getting them involved next year. J. Blossom also mentioned he and K. Thomas will begin working on locating all water valves in the Village for the upcoming large Water Infrastructure Project scheduled for next year. Locating and documenting water valve placement must be completed prior to starting the water main replacement project and to receive the USDA Loan. Blossom also noted he will be meeting with M&K Jetting and SEMCO Gas Co. on Thursday. SEMCO will begin replacing gas mains in the Village prior to the water main replacement project. The Village and SEMCO are working together by splitting the costs for M&K's services which saves both parties money.

J. Blossom stated he was on the phone half the day with Village Attorney F. Lucas discussing the alley way easement necessary for replacement of the Village's water infrastructure which runs behind the business buildings on the North West side of Main St. Betty Watson owner of the Salesman and Kara DeChalk and Kathy Palon owners of the Old Hasbrouck Building are not willing to provide the Village with an alleyway easement. J. Blossom is working with F. Lucas on getting a public easement so that the Village is able to obtain the USDA loan needed to complete the water main project in this area. Village engineer J. Ripstra stated that a utility easement will need to be 30 ft wide. He is drafting a plan to present to the business owner.

J. Bush discussed the adjoining office space to Village Commons. The Council is looking at renting the former neighboring Concord Township Offices. To accomplish making this space rentable another door would need to be put in to be in compliance with fire code and other small renovations are needed. With plans in the fall to redo the sidewalk and handicap accessible ramp at the front entrance of the Village Office the Council feels this would be a perfect time to do this.

J. Bush announced that at their last meeting of the Planning Commission it was voted unanimously to accept three new members to the committee. Motioned by M. Lovitt to welcome new members R. Bradley, P. Laeder and R. Schleede to planning commission, seconded by T. Casey. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

J. Jackson and M. Lovitt commented on what a great job everyone did on the Concord Classic.

J. Bush stated Clerk J. Lefere was up for her annual employee review. Clerk J. Lefere asked to have her employee review in a closed meeting. Clerk J. Lefere invited DPW Director J. Blossom to attend.

It was motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to adjourn open meeting at 8:03. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to enter closed meeting at 8:08. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by J. Mockeridge, seconded by A. Meeks to adjourn closed meeting at 8:25. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by T. Casey to return to open, open meeting at 8:25. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson to give Clerk J. Lefere a \$2.00 per hour increase. All were in favor. Motion approved.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey, to adjourn at 8:26 pm. Motion approved by all.


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President


Date