

**VILLAGE OF CONCORD COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 8, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Village of Concord Council was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office.

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

Absent: None

Public Present: H. England, K. Wyatt, B. Barton, A. Losey, Sheriff Deputy L. Jacobson, Treasurer C. Gibbs

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Village President Bush. Appointed treasurer C. Gibbs filled in for appointed clerk J. Lefere for the purpose of taking minutes for this meeting.

For their review, Councilmembers were given or emailed the following: Bills to be paid in the amount of \$38,336.90, Concord Area Police Blotter for July 2017, Revenue and Expenditure Report thru 7/31/17, Letter from Julie Alexander on Meetings with State Representative including times and locations, Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting Letter, Douglas North email Correspondence on Gerald Ford/Wolverine sculpture donation, UIA unemployment determination letter, July 25, 2017 Village Council Meeting unapproved minutes, and August 8, 2017 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson to accept the minutes from the July 25, 2017 meeting, as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment consisted of:

K. Wyatt discussed the upcoming MDEQ meeting concerning the Pig Farm plans in Concord Township. The MDEQ will be holding the meeting in the Village's Concord Community Center.

H. England thanked the Council for changing the speed limit sign coming into the Village on her side of Main St. England asked about changing the speed limit signs on the opposite side of Main Street when coming into the Village to eliminate any confusion. J. Bush stated he had been approached by several other residents asking about the same speed limit sign change and intended to have the DPW change the signs. England also expressed concern on the faded condition of the Village of Concord sign and wondered if the Village had thought about replacing it. J. Bush said he would look into it.

B. Barton asked about some of the Village blight issues in the Downtown Business District. Officer Jacobson addressed the issues of concern, including repair of the Shannon's building windows and possible sale of the building, and also the possible sale of the Buddy's building.

Deputy L. Jacobson reviewed procedure on solicitation permits after Seventh Day Adventist were reported soliciting in the Village. All solicitation permits must be approved by Concord Village Council prior to organizations and companies soliciting in the Village limits. Jacobson also mentioned he has increased patrols in areas where there have been speeding complaints and will be adjusting with school starting soon.

Village President J. Bush reported the Village's lawyer was pleased with the wording on the Site Condominium Ordinance to allow Site Condominiums in the Village and asked the Council to act on enacting the Ordinance. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to adopt the Site Condominium Ordinance as written. Motion carried with a Roll Call Vote of:

J. Jackson—Yea; T. Norris—Yea; A. Meeks—Yea; M. Lovitt—Yea; T. Casey—Yea; J. Bush—Yea; J. Mockeridge—Yea;

J. Bush also shared news of email correspondence about the possible donation of a bronze wolverine statue with a limestone bench base honoring Gerald Ford to the community from the North Family of Jackson, MI. There was Council discussion of possible locations, i.e. Gottschalk Park, Community Center, Village Office, Downtown Main Street, etc. Expected maintenance of the statue was also discussed with Councilmembers concerned about lighting and possible placement of security cameras. J. Mockeridge stated that wherever the Gerald Ford statue ends up lighting should be installed to reduce the possibility of vandalism. J. Bush and the Council are open to suggestions from the community for the statues placement.

Council Comments consisted of:

M. Lovitt wanted to know if the board could make residents take care of the weeds in front of their home between the curb and road with particular mention of property on W. Center St.

J. Bush stated that the tenant in the West Apt. was happy with the board action concerning her apartment. Bush also stated that Mrs. Snay had a change of heart and was happy with what the Village has done with Spring Street Park.

J. Bush stated there was need for the yearly Employee Review of Treasurer Colleen Gibbs. C. Gibbs requested a closed meeting for her review. The Village Council went into closed session at 7:48 p.m.

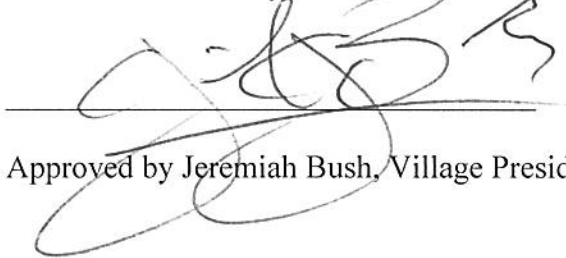
Open meeting resumed at 8:28 p.m.

Motion made by J. Bush seconded by A. Meeks to give employee Colleen Gibbs a \$1 an hour raise. Motion carried with a Roll Call Vote of:

J. Jackson—Yea; T. Norris—Yea; A. Meeks—Yea; M. Lovitt—Yea; T. Casey—Yea; J. Bush—Yea; J. Mockeridge—Yea;

Motion to adjourn made by A. Meeks, supported by J. Mockeridge. Motion unanimously approved, meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Treasurer ~~C. Gibbs~~



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Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

8/22/17

Date