

## Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on January 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Public Present: A. Losey, K. Wyatt, B. Smith, K. Stuart, DPW Director J. Blossom, Deputy L. Jacobson and Village Clerk J. Lefere.

For their review, Council Members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$24,335.76; Concord Area Police Blotter for December 2018; Employee Water Test Certification Results Email; Revenue and Expense Report thru 12/31/2018; 12/20/2018 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 1/8/2019 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 12/20/2018 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

### Public Comments:

B. Smith attended the meeting to discuss the condition of some of the buildings in the Downtown Business District. He provided the Council and attendees a letter and pictures regarding his concerns. He also discussed how these buildings are structures of the historic registry and how it affects the appearance and value of the adjoining buildings in the Downtown Business District.

K. Wyatt mentioned when he worked in Jackson and how the Enterprise Group helped with restorations. He also asked about the survey results that J. Bush received from A. Cavasin at a previous meeting. J. Bush informed him that the Planning Commission was going through the results as they will be a part of the Master Plan and would give out a summary when the plan is complete.

K. Stuart attended the meeting to discuss the home and property at 640 Hanover he recently purchased and his intentions to build another home on the back of the property. He would like to use the Village's Site Condo Ordinance to split the property so he can hook up the new home being built to the existing water and sewer connections. His reason for asking to use the Site Condo Ordinance and hooking into the preexisting water and sewer connection is he could save on the expense of Village connection fees and purchasing a grinder pump. J. Bush asked if there were pre-existing land splits on the property as the Site Condo Ordinance was put in place for downtown buildings and to allow splitting land where land splits were no longer available i.e. the land along the Mill Pond. Stuart stated there were still land splits but wanted to use Site Condo Ordinance as a way to save money on the connection fees and grinder pump. ✕ J. Bush asked if he had plans for the house he wants to build as the planning commission would need to go over the plans and review the ordinance before making a decision.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$24,335.76 was presented. Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$24,335.76. Motion approved by all.

T. Casey expressed his concerns regarding the mutual aid fire and rescue runs the Concord Fire Department is making to Pulaski due to the fact Pulaski does not have adequate coverage during the day. He is concerned who is covering the cost of these runs. A. Meeks stated this was discussed at the last fire board meeting and the cost is coming out of the Concord Fire Department budget. It was discussed that if these runs continue they would like to get some type of funding from Pulaski to offset the cost and intended to discuss again at the next fire board meeting. However, the fire department, like every fire department in the state has a Michigan Mutual Aid Agreement and must provide mutual aid when and where requested.

J. Blossom informed the Council that DPW employee D. Winter resigned from his position effective January 4, 2019 and a listing for the job has been posted and an ad will run this weekend in The Salesman. He also mentioned that he has received the easements back from all but one of the business owners on the west side of N. Main St. J. Blossom also gave a water project update – The crew from Ripstra & Scheppelman has been surveying for the last couple of weeks and are about two-thirds done. The plan is to have the project ready to bid mid-February however with the Government shut down the USDA is not available to process our project and we cannot proceed with the project until the Government shutdown is over.

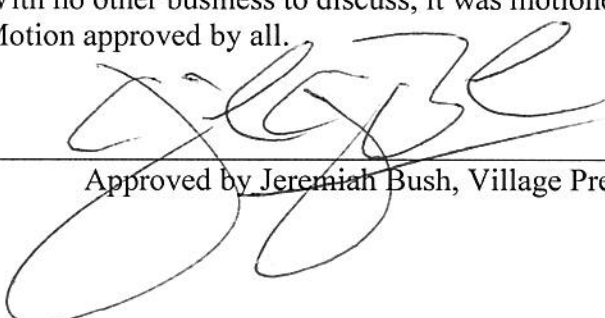
L. Jacobson discussed the December 2018 Blotter. Jacobson also wanted to mention there were two calls on the same day last month, one in the Village and one in the Township regarding a male subject with his face partially covered, driving a gold car that pulled in the driveway of these separate homes. When one resident went out to question the man, he said he was looking for a house to buy and then got in his car and left. At the other house the man just walked up, looked in the window and when he saw there was a person sitting in the house, he left as the resident went out after him. Deputy Jacobson called the behavior suspicious and warned residents to be observant.

Council Comments:

J. Jackson updated the Council on the Concord Café – there was an offer and a counter offer. The person financing the loan wanted to look at the building first. He will update again at the next meeting. J. Jackson also mentioned that Concord Excavating, a local business, was recommended to his dad for the removal of a building in Jackson, the removal needed to be complete by December 31<sup>st</sup> and he wanted to commend Concord Excavating for meeting the deadline and for doing a great job.

A. Meeks asked Deputy Jacobson if he has been out doing work on blighted residential property. L. Jacobson stated that he planned to start soon.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Motion approved by all.

  
Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

11/22/19  
Date