

### Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on January 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Public Present: K. Wyatt, A. Losey, B. Hackworth, Tom Brigham, K. Mills, T. Draper, S. Draper, L. Neill, Concord Township Supervisor A. Cavasin, 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 \$12,100.86; 12/26/2017 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 2017 Yearly Concord Police Blotter Report; Proposed Jackson County Parks and Rec. Sign Example for Iron Belle Grant; January 2018 Village Voice; 1/9/2018 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by J. Mockeridge, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 12/26/2017 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

T. Draper stated in late November he started getting sludge in his water. He had his wife call the Village Office to report and asked if there were any issues with the Village water at that time. They were having their water softener checked out by a water softener company as they were changing the filter every two weeks, Village Clerk J. Lefere stated there were no issues that she had been made aware of but would check with the DPW Department and get back with her. The DPW Department confirmed that there had been no other issues and this was the first report of brown water in the Village. J. Lefere called S. Draper the following day to let her know. T. Draper also stated the water had ruined clothing and possibly ruined his washer, dishwasher, softener and his reverse osmosis system and asked the Council who was going to pay to have these items replaced. J. Bush stated that he is welcome to submit an itemized list of the things he felt were ruined and the Village will submit a claim to the Village insurance company. J. Bush and J. Blossom explained that it is believed the problem is with a fire hydrant that was broken during a fire training late summer/early fall and has been unable to be flushed during hydrant flushing. They also explained the large W. River St waterline project was being approved at tonight's meeting to hopefully rectify the situation. Up until mid-December the Village had only received two complaints of brown water.

T. Draper also stated that since he moved to Concord six years ago the appearance of the downtown business district looked great and stated the Councilmembers were doing a great job at improving the Village.

B. Hackworth attended the meeting to also voice his concerns about brown water at his residence. He also stated how pleased he is with the improvements to the downtown business district.

Ways in which to contact residents about issues similar to the brown water issue was discussed. Ideas included the use of mass emails and "robo-calls" which T. Casey agreed to research "robo-call" software applications and have information on a few at a future date.

Concord Township Supervisor A. Cavasin mentioned he would like to work with the Village and put together another Community Clean-up Day. He also has been working on changing the zoning to the M-60 Corridor in the Township from residential to residential commercial. He has talked to several real estate developers who think this is a wonderful idea and may help to attract businesses along M-60. If everything continues to go as it is this will take about one year. The Township will be holding some open meetings to discuss the plan. He is pleased with what has happened in the downtown business district. Cavasin also spoke about the Townships' Planning Committee has begun working on the Master Zoning Plan for renewal. J. Bush said the Master Zoning Plan was a joint plan completed between the Village and the Township and the Village was planning on working on the document too because it must be in place to receive the MEDC Rehab Ready Communities Grants for the Downtown Business District. Bush and Cavasin both stated maybe there would be opportunities to work together to complete the renewal of the Master Zoning Plan.

K. Wyatt commented on how he continues to hear quite a few compliments about the downtown business district holiday lighting and wondered if there are any plans for different/additional decorations next year. J. Bush stated that it has been discussed and no decision has been made yet.

K. Mills also wanted to say that the downtown business district looks fantastic.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$12,100.86 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$12,100.86. Motion approved by all.

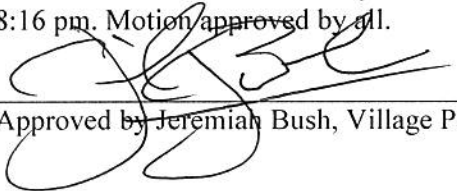
Deputy L. Jacobson discussed his Yearly Blotter and stated that there have been issues with snowmobiles going through people's yards. L. Jacobson also mentioned he is working on getting a couple of junk vehicles moved out of the Village. He mentioned that if a vehicle is parked on a Village street overnight that he puts a notice on the vehicle and the next time the vehicle is parked on a Village street overnight he issues a ticket. If the vehicle is tagged for 48 or more hours the vehicle can be towed at the owner's expense.

J. Blossom informed the Council he would like to do DPW reviews at the next meeting but would like to complete them before the meeting at 6:30 pm. The Council was in agreement on this change. Village Clerk J. Lefere will post this information. J. Blossom stated he had received the bid tabulations from J. Ripstra for the W. River St. Project and they are as follows: Bailey Excavating - \$140,045.61, RJT Construction - \$119,540.00, Concord Excavating - \$114,595.00 and Rothenberger Construction - \$104,556.52. It was recommended by J. Ripstra that the Village hire Rothenberger Construction to complete the project. Motioned by J. Mockeridge to hire Rothenberger Construction to complete the W. River St. Water Project for \$104,556.52. Seconded by J. Jackson. All were in favor. Motion approved.

#### Council Comments:

J. Bush informed the Council the Jackson County Parks and Rec. Department is trying to pull a couple of grants for the Iron Belle Trail. J. Bush approved a sign for the entrance of the trail here in the Village. There is no cost to the Village for this sign. He also stated that the library will continue to use the Concord Community Center for yoga and other events until the renovation of the Opera House is complete.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Mockeridge, to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Motion approved by all.

  
Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

1/23/18  
Date