

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on December 12, 2017 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, 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 \$88,440.42; Projected 2018 Budget; Semco Franchise Agreement Ordinance; Revenue & Expense Report thru 11/30/2017; November 2017 Concord Police Blotter; December 2017 Village Voice; 11/28/2017 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 12/12/2017 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to accept the minutes from the 11/28/2017 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt commented the new home on River Street looked almost completed and wondered if it was going to be a summer home or if the residents would live there year-round. J. Lefere commented that it will be a year-round home and they are planning to move in this month. Wyatt was also curious if there was any news on any new homes being built on the other lots. J. Bush mentioned they were not aware of any but mentioned the Site Condo Ordinance was put in place so the lot the new home in on could be split and there was a friend of the owners who was going to buy the split off lot and build in the future was the reason behind the Site Condo Ordinance.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$88,440.42 was presented with note the high amount of the bills was due to the \$58,928 paving of Jenks St. in the Paddock Subdivision. Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$88,440.42. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson discussed his November Blotter. He also mentioned he will be working the early shift Thursday and Friday to check on cars parked on Village streets between the hours of 2 am and 6 am. L. Jacobson would like to warn residents of scams that have happened to a few residents. You will receive a call from someone stating that they are from Consumers and tell you that you are behind on your bill and to avoid disconnection of your service you need to go to the nearest Dollar General (they will give you the address) and purchase pre-paid cards to pay your balance or wire money via wire transfer. DO NOT do this. Hang up and call Consumers directly to check the balance of your account to make sure it is in good standing and to report this.

L. Jacobson reported three chain saws were taken out of an unlocked garage and would like to remind residents to keep things locked up.

J. Blossom discussed the cost of Jack Ripstra of Ripstra & Scheppelman, Inc. to complete a detailed cost estimate for the three-million-dollar water infrastructure improvements needed in the near future according to the State of Michigan Water Asset Management Plan. The cost to complete the detailed estimate will be between \$2000.00 and \$2,500.00. After discussion of the usefulness of having a detailed cost estimate and the information it would offer it was motioned by J. Mockeridge, seconded by T. Norris to have Jack Ripstra do a cost estimate, not to exceed \$2,500.00, for the water project as described in the Asset Management Plan. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Blossom mentioned numerous complaints about rusty water in/near the Brigham Subdivision. The DPW Department has flushed the water tower and the several homes who have reported the issue. Blossom offered to flush out water lines of residents who report having rusty water. Residents still may see some rusty water as it is believed to be from the out of service fire hydrant in front of the Community Center which can't be fixed until the W. River St water main project is completed this winter.

J. Blossom also mentioned doing the annual increase on water and sewer rates. After much discussion about the three-million-dollar water infrastructure improvements needed in the near future according to the State of Michigan Water Asset Management Plan and the needed rates necessary to make annual payments on a loan of that amount it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Mockeridge to increase water rates by \$5.00 per month and sewer rates by \$1.00 per month effective January 1, 2018. Roll call vote: J. Bush-aye, J. Jackson-aye, T. Norris-aye, T. Casey-aye, A. Meeks-aye, M. Lovitt-aye and J. Mockeridge-aye. Motion approved.

J. Bush asked for a motion to approve the SEMCO Franchise Agreement Ordinance. This is renewed annually.

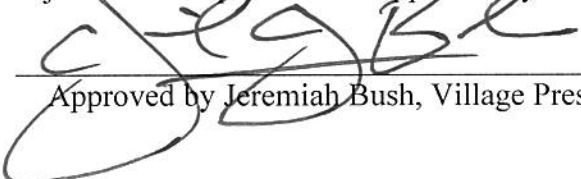
Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by A. Meeks to approve the SEMCO Franchise Agreement Ordinance. Motion approved by all.

J. Bush discussed and reviewed the Projected 2018 Budget. The Projected 2018 Budget is available for review and will likely be approved at the December 26th Village Council Meeting.

Council Comments:

T. Casey thanked J. Blossom and his staff for getting the Christmas decorations up so quickly. There have been numerous comments on how nice they look. He also thanked K. Wyatt for always putting such great information on his Facebook page.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey, to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Motion approved by all.


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

12/26/17
Date