

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on February 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

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

Council Members Absent: Ashley Meeks

Public Present: A. Losey, K. Wyatt, K. Mills, P. Jacobson, T. Karr, 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 \$26,892.39; 2/13/2018 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; January Fire Run Report; March Village Voice; Jackson County Sheriff Statement Emails; DNR Mann House Volunteer Email; Brigham Sub/Draper Water Issue Emails; Saenz Sidewalk Correspondence Emails; Information on Incorporating as a City Emails; Creation of Parks and Recreation Board Ordinance Emails; 2/27/2018 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by T. Norris, to accept the minutes from the 2/13/2018 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked about how the meeting went with the USDA and about how the Master Plan was going. J. Bush stated that these topics would be covered more in depth during the meeting.

T. Karr wanted to let everyone know about the heroin/opioid epidemic and how it is prevalent in our community, noting that a fundraiser for the Concord School Linked Health Center will take place on Tuesday March 27th from 6 – 8 pm at Spring Arbor University Ralph Carey Forum. Cost is \$20.00. All funds go to Concord School Linked Health Center. Free for SAU undergraduate students. Registration: <https://www.arbor.edu/event/opioid-crisis-community-duscussion/>. 2 CEU credits for nurses and social workers. Questions: email Dr. Tammy Dindoffer at tammyd@arbor.edu. She also wanted to remind everyone Concord School Linked Health Center has a pediatric nurse on staff and is available to see patients from local and surrounding communities. T. Karr also informed everyone of the Library Renovations and that there will be a Diamond of the Community Open House on Friday April 13 from 7-8:30 pm.

K. Mills asked what business is being built on M-60 near N. Concord Rd. J. Bush stated that 360 Transport owned by local residents T. Mandrelle and K. Hoffman are building a semi-truck terminal. She also asked about the Village's plans to incorporate into a city and if the Council size would increase. J. Bush explained the Council was still exploring the process and hasn't decided to forgo the process; the Council would remain the same size, pretty much the form of governance would remain the same other than the Village would take on the Maple Grove Cemetery from the Township. J. Bush offered to email anyone the information he has been compiling.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$26,892.39 was presented. Motioned by J. Mockeridge, seconded by M. Lovitt, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$26,892.39. Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom said he had talked to the owner of Lighting Quick Gas N Go and he anticipates to open on March 8th. He also discussed a complaint from a resident with discolored water. When the DPW Department went to flush the line, they collected a water sample before and after the flush. Both jars of

water were the same – clear water. While flushing there was no sign of discoloration. He also mentioned that the construction on the water main on W. River St has been started and they have not been able to locate the shut-off valve. J. Blossom also discussed the water main break on S. Main St over the weekend and another one the previous Monday which was cobbled together. M&K Jetting came out and televised the area and in one block they found 4 different types of pipe. On another street they found a gas main that had been drilled through. J. Blossom also discussed the meeting held on Monday where himself, Clerk J. Lefere, B. J. Haire and Andy Granskog from the USDA met to discuss the loan process for the loan that the Village is applying for from the USDA Department of Rural Development. The plan is to have the application submitted in 60 days.

J. Bush discussed the Parks and Recreation Commission ordinance. A sample ordinance was given to the Council for review and will be discussed further at a Parks and Recreation meeting and then brought to the Council for approval.

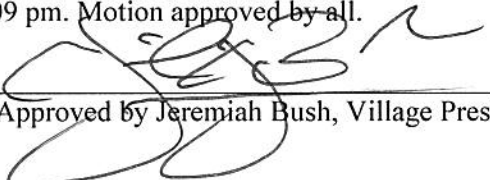
Council Comments:

T. Casey talked about the statement and letter regarding Sheriff Rand's actions that J. Bush proposed the Council makes and sends to the State of Michigan Governor. Casey stated he felt the entire Council was abhorred by what was said by Sheriff Rand but was not sure a statement should be made and letter sent, he felt it was not the Village's business to be involved in this matter. J. Bush felt with the Village's contracted police services with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office in all intents and purposes Sheriff Rand is the Village's Police Chief and the Village Council should act accordingly. J. Bush stated if Sheriff Rand's actions were committed by any of the Councilmembers our citizens would be calling for our removal. J. Bush also spoke about the threshold necessary to remove an elected official which is petitioning the Governor and the last time this process was started was corrupt Detroit's Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. J. Mockridge spoke about the best outcome would be if Sheriff Rand would resign and felt the Council should respond if he wasn't willing to do so. J. Jackson said he felt like Sheriff Rand's career was already over with the Jackson County Commissioners having already contacted the Governor and Council would be piling on and should allow the matter to play out. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to table the discussion until the next meeting when the Council felt they would have more information including the City of Jackson's response to the matter. J. Jackson stated that he appreciated the respectful discussion which took place on this issue.

J. Bush discussed the Planning Committee started working on revising the current Concord Area Master Plan and have managed to get through a couple of chapters. He had invited the Township to work together with the Village on a shared Master Plan however he had not received a response from the Township.

J. Bush mentioned the library is doing a community planning program and would like to get ideas from community members on what they want the Concord Community to be. J. Bush offered to bring the materials and asked the Councilmembers to please participate as our voice is important.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by T. Norris, to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Motion approved by all.


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President


Date