

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on May 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

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

Council Members Absent: None.

Public Present: A. Losey, K. Wyatt, A. Lewis, K. Palon, B. Barton, 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 \$13,303.47; 4/24/2018 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; May 2018 Village Voice; Revenue & Expenditure Report thru 4/30/2018; Deputy Larry Jacobson's Concord Police Blotter; Sidewalk Sunflower Sales in Front of Shannon's Email; 5/8/2018 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to accept the minutes from the 4/24/2018 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked J. Blossom about aerating the lagoon as J. Blossom had mentioned late last year. J. Blossom stated that there were no problems with the lagoon this spring but that he will be looking into it for next year's budget.

A. Lewis asked if the village had a senior rate for utilities. J. Bush stated no, that everyone pays the same amount. A. Lewis also asked if the sewer lagoon was far enough away from water to avoid contamination. J. Blossom informed him it is.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$13,303.47 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Mockeridge, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$13,303.47. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson reviewed his April Blotter. The Concord area continues to be a haven for vehicle/deer crashes with over 20 in March and April! At one point, there were 11 deer carcasses along the stretch of M-60 between Parsons Rd. and the PS Mart. According to Jacobson, "these creatures have evolved to sense predators, but apparently they can't quite grasp the danger of steel machines that often weigh tons." Now that spring is FINALLY here he will start focusing again on blight and ordinance violations.

J. Blossom mentioned the cold patching which was completed where the water breaks had occurred over the winter and other potholes around town thus far the DPW has used ten tons of cold patch for this work. The cost to pave the alley behind the Cadet will be \$2,500.00. This will be paid from the water fund. The Community Center parking lot is crumbling in spots and needs about 2,000 square feet repaired. The cost for this fix will be about \$6,400.00. This will be paid for from the Community Center in the General Fund. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey to pave a portion of the Community Center parking lot and the area in the alley behind the Cadet not to exceed \$8,950.00. All were in favor. Motion approved. J. Blossom received a price from Allied Sealcoating to seal coat and crack seal the Village's trail section from the start of the Mill Pond bridge west to River St. for \$300.00. It was suggested waiting on seal coating the public parking lot behind the library however Allied Sealcoating will touch up the cracks at no charge. After the paving repairs are done at the Community Center Allied Sealcoating will give J. Blossom a price on sealcoating that lot. The price to seal coat the alley and behind the Village office will be \$1,850.00. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to have Allied Sealcoating seal coat and crack seal the above mentioned areas. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Mockeridge to increase water rates by \$23.22. Roll call vote: T. Casey – Aye, T. Norris – Aye, J. Jackson – Aye, A. Meeks – Aye, M. Lovitt – Aye, J. Mockeridge – Aye, J. Bush – Aye. Motion approved.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to pass a resolution for the Cadet to allow open alcohol on the streets during Concord Classic Weekend. Roll call vote: T. Casey – Aye, T. Norris – Aye, J. Jackson – Aye, A. Meeks – Aye, M. Lovitt – Aye, J. Mockeridge – Aye, J. Bush – Aye. Motion approved.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Mockeridge to end the ordinance not allowing alcohol in the Park. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush recommended the hiring of A. Losey as the new Parks and Recreation Committee member. It was approved unanimously at the Parks & Rec. meeting last week. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Mockeridge to hire A. Losey for the Parks and Recreation Committee. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed the MEDC Rehab Ready Communities meeting with himself, Paula Holtz from MEDC, DPW Director J. Blossom and Clerk J. Lefere. Paula loved our community and said we are moving in the right direction. The MEDC gave us a lot of information and will be working on getting us more information on becoming a Rehab Ready Community. She recommended setting up a donation page on Public Spaces Community Places on miplace.org to receive donations for the Town Clock.

J. Bush made the Council aware that Treasurer C. Gibbs is looking into moving Village Funds to other banking institutions due to higher CD rates. C. Gibbs negotiated with CNB for a better rate on our current CD's and would like to move some CD's from Community Choice Credit Union to Comerica Bank as the current rate is 3% for a five year term. J. Blossom will meet with C. Gibbs to go over any upcoming projects prior to moving the CD's.

Council Comments:

T. Casey mentioned his wife and him went to On-2-Wheels to purchase bikes. While there they met some people, who inquired if the Village intended to pave the section of the trail from the Mill to Allman Rd. where there are millings. J. Bush stated it had been discussed in the past but it was an expense at the time they didn't feel comfortable with pursuing. J. Blossom stated in his estimation it would be well over \$50,000.000 to pave that section of the trail. J. Bush mentioned there may be Iron Belle Grants available the Village would need to match half of, he will check into it. J. Blossom will get a rough estimate on the cost to see if it was something the Village may want to explore further.

J. Jackson informed everyone Charlie Smith has built a free little library and would like to have it placed at Concord's Falling Waters Trailhead. J. Jackson will donate the posts and ready mix to get this installed. J. Jackson also asked if the Friends of the Concord Library and the Garden Club could put a fence and plant decorative landscaping behind the Library. J. Blossom stated that it wasn't a good idea because it likely would be damaged as during the winter months as that is where then snow gets pushed.

A. Meeks asked J. Blossom about patching that needs to be done at Monroe and Main. J. Blossom said he will look at it and get it taken care of. J. Bush informed the Council that he is a T-Ball coach this year, the games are on Tuesday nights and he may miss a meeting or be late.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Mockeridge, to adjourn at 7:56 pm. Motion approved by all.


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

5/22/18
Date