

### **Village of Concord Council Minutes**

The Village Council of Concord met on August 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent: Tim Casey

Public Present: A. Losey, K. Herendeen, T. Wilkison, K. Wyatt, N. Cornstubble, K. George, E. Kenyon, B. Barton, M. Berryhill, 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 \$34,210.86; Revenue & Expenditure Report thru 7/31/2018; 7/24/2018 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 8/14/2018 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Mockeridge, to accept the minutes from the 7/24/2018 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

#### Public Comments:

N. Cornstubble attended the meeting to thank Clerk J. Lefere for her help with the permitting/paperwork process and DPW Director J. Blossom, DPW employees K. Thomas and D. Winter for their work on the water/sewer hookup on the home he recently constructed in the Paddock Subdivision. He stated he enjoyed working with the Village and appreciated all of their help.

K. George asked about the letter he recently received from the Village about a shed he has on his adjacent owned vacant lot in the Paddock Subdivision. The Paddock Covenant states sheds cannot be placed on vacant lots. He plans to meet with Paddock Subdivision residents to see if they can come to an agreement to abolish/revise the Covenant.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$34,210.86 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Mockeridge, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$34,210.86. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson discussed his July Police Blotter and he has been monitoring the 4-way stop. He stated that his worst offender that he pulled over for rolling through the stop sign was the very person who stood up at the last meeting and complained that someone was going to be killed in that intersection.

J. Blossom mentioned the USDA loan application has been signed and submitted for \$4.2 million dollars. BJ Haire from USDA RD informed the Village they have been approved for the \$3.5-million-dollar loan and will be receiving a \$679,000 grant. J. Bush thanked BJ Haire, J. Lefere and J. Blossom for all their work in assisting with receiving the substantial grant. The Village must use the \$3.5-million-dollar loan first before touching the grant money. The Village is in good shape in the loan process as the money has been allocated but there is still a lot of work to be done. As part of the loan process an ADA disability study of the Village's properties was completed and the Village Office was found not ADA compliant. The Village will be redoing the office ramp and door entrance to make the office ADA compliant. J. Blossom received two bids to redo

the door of the office, one from Jackson Glass for \$3460.00 and one from Quality Glass for \$3,200.00. It was motioned by J. Mockeridge, seconded by J. Bush to hire Quality Glass at a cost of \$3200.00 to redo the entrance door of the Village Office. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Blossom also mentioned Village Engineer J. Ripstra of Ripstra & Scheppelman is 2/3 of the way done with the bid for redoing the entrance of the Village Office. He hopes to bid that job by the first of September. Blossom also stated he is waiting on a price from a local contractor for putting a separate entrance door for the former Township Office which will bring the space to code so it can be rentable.

J. Bush discussed the Bill Brigham-Paddock Subdivision Open Lot Mowing Concerns. B. Brigham was mailed a letter on July 30, 2018 giving him 10 days from the date of the letter to mow his vacant lots in the Paddock Subdivision. It has been 15 days from the date of the letter and the lots have not been mowed. J. Bush stated B. Brigham had contacted him and was put on the agenda as Brigham hoped to make the meeting but also had a school board meeting to review the future school construction improvement plans and was going to possibly not be able to attend. Bush stated for this reason B. Brigham should be given the opportunity to come the next meeting and speak before acting on this matter. K. Herendeen spoke to the fact of the overgrown lots in the Paddock Subdivision and stated just because a person was born and raised in the community it should not allow them to go against the ordinances of the Village. The ordinance should apply to everyone equally. J. Bush stated he was not against enforcing the ordinance and mowing the lots but felt Brigham was missing the meeting for a legitimate reason and should be afforded the opportunity to say his peace within a public meeting and waiting two more weeks until the next meeting was not that big of an issue. K. Herendeen, J. Blossom, J. Mockeridge and M. Lovitt stated B. Brigham should have attended the meeting if he wanted the opportunity to speak and the lots should be mowed immediately. Bush stated he felt if the Village was to decide to vote to enforce the ordinance B. Brigham should at least be afforded a couple of days to procure a provider to mow the lots before the Village hired a company to complete the work as he wasn't given the opportunity to speak. Motioned by J. Mockeridge, seconded by A. Meeks to have the lots in reference at Paddock mowed immediately by the Village or a company hired by the Village and the fee for this service will be billed to the lot owners' and if not paid within 30 days of the invoice the fee will be applied to the lot owners' taxes. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

None

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 7:53 pm. Motion approved by all.

  
Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

  
Date