

## Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on September 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent: J. Mockeridge.

Public Present: A. Losey, K. Herendeen, T. Wilkison, K. Wyatt, N. Cornstubble, B. Brigham, D. Fosbender, K. Luttenton, K. George, Deputy L. Jacobson, DPW Director J. Blossom, and Village Clerk J. Lefere.

For their review, Council Members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$22,479.82; Concord Area Fire Run Report thru August 2018; Patronicity Community Clock Outreach Email; Village Voice October 2018; 9/11/2018 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 9/25/2018 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by T. Casey, to accept the minutes from the 9/11/2018 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

### Public Comments:

B. Brigham asked the Council if they had received the timeline of events letter he dropped off at the office for each of them regarding the letter he received back in August about mowing his lots in the Paddock Subdivision. He also mailed a copy of the timeline to Village Attorney F. Lucas. Brigham feels he should have been given an additional 10 days from the date of the August 14<sup>th</sup> Village Council meeting where there was a motion and a second for the Village to hire someone to mow the lots. However, that still would have put the deadline to mow his lots 4 days before the next Village Council meeting where he intended to state his case. B. Brigham discussed he met with J. Bush and L. Jacobson as outlined in the letter he received from the Village and felt he was given an extension till the next Council Meeting to address his concerns. Brigham feels he was not given adequate notice about the lots needing to be mowed. He also stated that he would be contacting his attorney and plans to take the issue to small claims court to avoid paying the mowing fee of \$845.00.

K. Herendeen stated she has been coming to Village meetings for more than two years and the lot mowing at Paddock has been discussed each summer. L. Jacobson stated the letter was mailed and received giving B. Brigham 10 days to comply with the ordinance and it would never stand up in court.

K. Wyatt asked about a report J. Blossom had given a few meetings ago regarding new state regulations regarding residential water testing by municipalities. Wyatt mentioned an MLive article in which the City of Jackson Council is declining to complete this new expectation because of the cost. J. Blossom and J. Bush explained the information they have on these new expectations at this time, a potential meeting on the matter they will be attending and recommended to stay tuned for the Village's response.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$22,479.82 was presented. Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$22,479.82. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson discussed running radar on River St. near the Mill Pond and the Falling Water Trail and he has made no stops as of yet but will continue to monitor the area for speeders.

J. Blossom stated the initial legwork for the water project is in full swing. DPW employee K. Thomas and Blossom have been out locating water service lines in preparation of the project. He also stated the front office ADA ramp replacement project will be starting in mid-October. The delay is due to the concrete contractors are busy and can't get here before then. J. Blossom also informed the Council about a post on social media where someone was complaining about the DPW employees placing cold patch in pot holes on Main Street and not setting up a barricade. J. Blossom

explained how cold patch works for those who don't know. He also discussed the sale of the generator. The Village received one bid from the Village of Grass Lake in the amount of \$9,785.00. J. Bush motioned that the Village sell the generator to the Village of Grass Lake for \$9,785.00. seconded by M. Lovitt. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed the D. Harrison/J. Hively lot issue. D. Harrison attended the Planning Commission meeting last week to voice her opinion on the lot behind her property that is owned by J. Hively. She is concerned about the overgrowth of the partially fenced in area. L. Jacobson feels it is wooded lot and is not mowable. The Council will table until the next meeting so they have time to look at the lot and decide.

J. Bush discussed his contact with Paula Holtz from MEDC about the Public Spaces Community Places Grant through Patronicity fundraising for the Town Clock. He stated it didn't sound like a Town Clock purchase meet the criteria according to Holtz but Bush will be checking with a contact at the Patronicity site to explore further to see if purchasing a Town Clock meets the criteria for this grant opportunity. Bush also mentioned he would be in contact with the Jackson Community Foundation about their \$500 Mini-Spirit Grant.

Council Comments:

T. Casey asked about a Christmas Light Decorating Contest. J. Bush informed him that this is something that the Township already has in the works through a Mini Spirit Grant they received from the Jackson Community Foundation.

J. Jackson asked B. Brigham to think about what kind of compromise he may be interested in if one could be given regarding the cost of his lots being mowed in the Paddock Subdivision and to keep them mowed in the future. He did not want an answer tonight but wants B. Brigham to think about it and get back with the Council.

M. Lovitt discussed the social media issue that was posted last Friday regarding the cold patch and how a member of the Village Planning Commission made personal attacks against the Village and singled out the DPW Director. This is not the first time this appointed official has done this and he feels that he should be reprimanded. As an appointed official he should be supporting the Village not bashing them.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by A. Meeks, to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Motion approved by all.

  
Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

10/9/18  
Date