

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on August 28, 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, B. Brigham, L. Brigham, B. Barton, M. Berryhill, Village Attorney F. Lucas, 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 \$50,459.53; July 2018 Fire Run Report; September 2018 Village Voice; MDEQ Water System Report Email; 8/14/2018 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 8/28/2018 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Mockeridge, to accept the minutes from the 8/14/2018 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments: None

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$50,459.53 was presented. Motioned by J. Mockeridge, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$50,459.53. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson had nothing to report.

J. Blossom stated the ad for receiving bids for the Concord Village Office Entrance Replacement project will run in this weekend's edition of the Salesman. Bid openings will be on Thursday September 6th at the Concord Village Office Meeting Room. During construction of the front entrance the Village Office will be closed for a couple of days. He also mentioned the Village Engineer J. Ripstra, Village Clerk J. Lefere, B.J. Haire from the USDA RD and himself met last week to go over the details that need to be done for the water project – the project will be completed in two phases over a two-year period due to the size and scope of the project J. Ripstra would not be able to get it engineered in the short amount of time. J. Blossom went over the Water System Sanitary Survey which was sent to the council. There are four pages of suggestions the DEQ is implementing and expecting to be done. J. Blossom contacted C. Bates with the DEQ to go over the list and what needs to be done and there were a lot of questions she did not have answers to and does not know when or if she will have the answers. Blossom said he will wait for the DEQ's guidance on the matter.

B. Brigham and L. Brigham attended the meeting to discuss the lots in the Paddock Subdivision. B. Brigham stated he has the best interest of the town at heart. He also stated he had not heard anything about mowing his lots until he received a letter. He stated he had contacted L. Jacobson, M. Lovitt, J. Bush, T. Casey and J. Jackson, three of them said they did not care one way or the other if the lots were mowed. He also asked why the school did not have to mow their field. He feels the issue should have been handled differently and it is short sighted selfish goal at the Village's expense. Village attorney F. Lucas stated that whatever the Council decides to do they needed to be consistent with the mowing ordinance or if the Council is not going to be consistent with all residents they need to repeal the ordinance.

M. Hoornstra attended the meeting to discuss his vacant lot on the corner of Grove St. and Spring St. he stated when he first got the property he maintained it for several years until the Village had a lift station installed about ten years ago and the contractor left his lot in bad shape. He stated the difference could be seen on Google Maps using the chronological Time Stamp feature. He also stated he had filed two permits in the past to put a shed/gazebo on the lot

and both were denied. J. Blossom stated neither permit ever came across his desk that he was aware of. M. Hoornstra stated that it was a woman that denied them. The permits were denied because it is a Village ordinance that you cannot have an accessory building on a vacant lot. M. Hoornstra will bring in or mail copies to the Village.

T. Wilkison asked to make sure he understood the summary of the mowing discussion. His understanding is the ordinance must be followed. The Council stated yes, the ordinance must be followed.

Village Attorney F. Lucas indicated to the Council when Paddock Subdivision was constructed water and sewer assessments which were to be paid after seven years of all roads being paved were never filed with the register of deeds office, he intends to register them now. He also stated the assessments were an agreement with the original purchaser and it is the original purchaser which owes the assessments unless they informed the buyers of the lot in their agreements. The unregistered contracts are still a valid contract. Lucas stated he doesn't see any basis to hold current owners accountable unless the language was written in their purchasing contract. Original owners will be held accountable for the contract which was signed.

J. Bush motioned the Village refund any current landowner who has paid the assessment fees but were not made aware of the assessment fees by the original owner.

Seconded by M. Lovitt. Roll call vote: J. Jackson – Aye, T. Norris – Aye, A. Meeks – Aye, M. Lovitt – Aye, J. Mockeridge – Aye. T. Casey – absent. Motion approved.

J. Bush stated Treasurer C. Gibbs would like to put another \$50,000 from the Major Streets Account and \$50,000 from Local Streets Account into CD's to earn more interest. Motioned by M. Lovitt to have Treasurer C. Gibbs invest \$50,000 from Major Streets and \$50,000 from Local Streets in CD's to earn more interest. Seconded by J. Mockeridge. All were in favor. Motion approved.

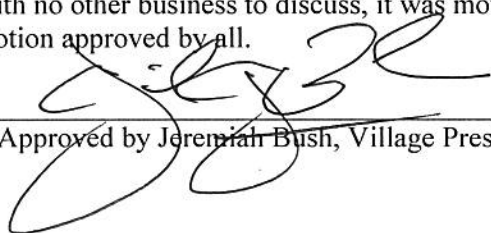
J. Mockeridge asked about the trees on Hanover Street that discussed at the last meeting. J. Blossom stated a letter had been sent to the property owner and he will check into it.

J. Bush stated The Village will be partnering with Pulaski Township, and Hanover Township who will be hosting the Tire Clean Up in 2019. No date has been set at this time.

Council Comments:

None

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Mockeridge, to adjourn at 8:02 pm. Motion approved by all.



Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President



Date