

## Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on April 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Public Present: K. Wyatt, A. Losey, K. Casey, Village Attorney Fred 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 \$5,045.30; 04/25/2017 Council Meeting Agenda; 04/11/2017 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; Snay Correspondence Emails and Fire Department Run Report.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 04/11/2017 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked about the donations for the Town Clock. Donations will be accepted at the Village Office and placed in a fund designated specifically for the Town Clock. Donation jars have been placed in several businesses in the Village by Brenda Walters. If you would like one at your business please contact the Village Office. The cost of the clock is approximately \$25,000.00.

A. Losey informed the Council that Concord Meats & Sweets now has produce. He encouraged everyone to check it out.

J. Bush introduced new Village Attorney Fredrick Lucas of Lucas Law PC. Mr. Lucas told a little about himself, his background and his experience representing other municipalities. He discussed the disarray of the Village ordinances and how he feels some of them should be repealed, some amended and the rest put in order. He also recommended that the Village adopt a Civil Infraction Ordinance. The council agreed and he will begin working on these issues. A Municipal Civil Infraction Bureau can be set up in the Village Office to accept the payment of fines. If a resident does pay the fine they will be issued a Civil Infraction Citation which will then need to be taken to the County Court Office.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$5,045.30 was presented. Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$5,045.30. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson discussed that there had been several vehicle larcenies in the Village in the past few weeks. Things taken include: wallets, purses and sunglasses. All vehicle larcenies were from UNLOCKED vehicles. Officer Jacobson cannot stress enough to please keep your vehicles LOCKED. There was also a generator and chain saw taken from a garage on Maple St. L. Jacobson also mentioned that the previous weekend someone had left the cadet driving at a high rate of speed and hit 2 parked cars. The suspect was apprehended. He also noted that since the orange flags were placed on the speed limit signs on Albion Rd that the traffic has slowed down. Several council members asked about placing the orange flags on the Hanover St speed limit signs also. J. Blossom will be checking on purchasing more flags. J. Blossom stated that while working on Main St during the construction he is amazed at how many of our residents do not know what a 4-way stop is.

J. Blossom informed the council that the new DPW employee is working out very well. He also mentioned how well the Street Scape Project is going and that they have ran into a few snags but nothing that couldn't be taken care of. There have been some complaints about how the new sidewalk rolls, the reason for this is there are so many different levels to the building entrances this was the best option. J. Blossom informed everyone that the plans for the Concord Classic are coming along and that they will be having a firework display Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> that is being generously donated by BMAC Properties. J. Blossom noted that CSU, the company that installed Fibre Optic for Frontier last Fall will be in the Village the month of May to clean up the mess that was left during installation. If you have anything on your property please contact the Village Office.

J. Bush asked the council their opinion and what they would like to do regarding the Fire Boards vote to move the Fire Department money into a separate bank account. The Village currently uses a pooled cash accounting system which the state already recognizes as separate accounts. The Village switched to pooled cash last fall by the recommendation of treasurer C. Gibbs and former council member D. Norris as this is what the majority of municipalities use as best business practice. J. Bush motioned that he writes a letter to the Fire Board explaining this and ask that the old Fire Board agreement be revisited to change the verbiage to adhere to the best business practice the Village is currently using, seconded by M. Lovitt.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Bush, Meeks, Casey, Jackson, Norris, Lovitt and Mockeridge.

Nays: None

Council Comments:

T. Casey thanked J. Bush for being so professional on his letter writing to a disgruntled resident. J. Jackson agreed.

J. Bush informed the council that Fred Riley has resigned from the Planning Commission and that we need a new member. He also informed the Council that he received an application from Veronica Sharpe for the position on the Parks & Recreation Commission. The council agreed to hire Veronica and she will begin at the next meeting that will be held on May 2nd.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to adjourn at 8:13 pm. Motion approved by all.

  
Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

5/9/17  
Date