

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on February 28, 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. Mills, A. Losey, 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 \$10,385.19; 02/28/2017 Council Meeting Agenda; 02/14/2017 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; March 2017 Village Voice; Letter From Lawyer Eric White Regarding Three Oaks Estates; Springport Offer for Village Police Car; New Lawyer RFP Letter and Lucas Law Firm RFP Letter.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 02/14/2017 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Mills inquired when the Main Street Streetscape Project would begin. J. Blossom stated the plan is to begin on April 10th with a deadline for completion by June 15th. K. Mills also asked about what was going on with the old Shannon's building. J. Bush informed her he has been contacted by a prospective buyer from the area and has been in contact with the MEDC to discuss possible grant opportunities.

A. Losey gave an update on the Old Bait Shop. Drywall has been replaced and the interior has been painted. D. Brown is just waiting on the final walk through from the State before opening her styling salon the Ol' Mill Salon. A. Losey also stated he is waiting to sign papers for the Curl Up and Dye Building and plans to open his provisioning center by the end of April.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$10,385.19 was presented. Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$10,385.19. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson was unable to attend tonight's meeting as he has been working an earlier shift in order to handle a specific morning related complaint.

J. Blossom stated Springport Township voted at their most recent meeting to offer the Village of Concord \$2,500.00 for the old Village Police car. J. Blossom mentioned there were several minor issues with the car which would need to be fixed before Springport could put it on the road and recommended the Council accept the offer. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey to accept the offer of \$2,500.00 for the police car offered by Springport Township. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Blossom informed the Council the DPW Department has cleaned up the brush and trees from the future site of the Spring Street Park and there were two bids to complete the parking lot construction, Concord Excavating for \$4,259.00 and Carr Bros. for \$4,955.00. J. Blossom recommended the Council accept Concord Excavating's bid. Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by J. Jackson to accept the bid from Concord Excavating to complete the parking lot at Spring St Park. All were in favor, Motion approved.

J. Blossom was approached by J. Couling from the Jackson County Road Commission and they will be wedging Homer Rd. in 2017 and chip sealing in 2018. J. Couling extended an offer to the Village to have the same treatments applied on the portion of Homer Rd that is in the Village with a bid price to be determined if there was Council interest in having it completed. After discussion with the Council J. Blossom was asked to check into the price of applying the treatment all the way to Main St. and bring the cost back to the Council for approval.

J. Blossom discussed information he has received Rural Water regarding the Asset Management Plan. He will be compiling information over the next few months. Rural Water will then return and enter the information gathered by the DPW into a software program that has been approved by the DEQ. Once this is finished Rural Water will complete a rate study. Once the Asset Management Plan is completed and accepted the State will dictate to the Village what features of our water and sewer infrastructure needs to be replaced and when.

J. Bush discussed the Foreclosed, Vacant & Abandoned Property Registry Ordinance. The Council has had a couple months to review; it has been on the Village website and copies available in the Village office for public viewing for over a month. Motioned by J. Mockeridge, seconded by M. Lovitt to adopt the Foreclosed, Vacant & Abandoned Property Registry Ordinance. All were in favor. Motion approved. J. Bush stated that once the Ordinance was published in the County Press for thirty days it will go into effect.

J. Bush noted J. Mockeridge and he met with A. Cavasin, Concord Township Supervisor to discuss details and to gain information on whether there is mutual interest in the Village bidding on maintenance of the Maple Grove Cemetery in the future. J. Bush informed the Council he has started working on the Site-Condo Ordinance as there interest in placing a Site-Condo Unit on the Mill Pond and would forward them a copy for review when complete. J. Bush also stated the Medical Marijuana Ordinance changes necessitated by State changes will entail more than just changing the wording from the current language of dispensary to provisioning center. The Council will look into this matter further and will seek out public input when the time is ready to discuss the further changes. J. Bush stated C. Gibbs, Village Treasurer has brought forth a gentleman from the Woodsman Organization interested in donating trees, shrubs, flowers, etc. to the Village. He may be willing to donate some or all of the Japanese Lilac trees for the Main Street Streetscape Project. He will be in contact with J. Blossom. J. Bush asked the Council if there was interest in sending out the RFP letter completed by former Councilmember D. Norris and J. Bush in the event the Village would like to pursue looking for a new attorney or if they would like to contact several municipal attorneys and request an RFP from directly from them. J. Bush informed the Council that a letter would be sent to Three Oaks Estates informing them the Village is no longer pursuing the balance of \$79.52 for ready to serve charges for an abandoned home in the park.

J. Bush informed the Council there was a need to appoint a Pro-Temp President in the event of his absence. Bush recommended several Council Members would be a fit to fill the position including J. Jackson due to his longevity on the Council, M. Lovitt due to lengthy prior Presidential and Council experience, A. Meeks due to her longevity on the Council, and J. Mockeridge due to his work ethic and willingness to learn. It was ultimately decided through discussion by the Council M. Lovitt was the best candidate due to his lengthy prior experience. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Mockeridge to have M. Lovitt as the Pro-Temp President in the event of J. Bush's absence. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

J. Jackson commented on the change of trees that will be used for the Main Street Streetscape Project and is glad the Village chose not to go with the original decorative pear tree as they drop their fruit and leave a gooey mess near his place of employment in Hillsdale.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Motion approved by all.


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

3/14/17
Date