

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on April 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

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

Council Members Absent: Tim Casey.

Public Present: K. Mills, K. Wyatt, A. Losey, 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 \$37,058.33; 04/11/2017 Council Meeting Agenda; 03/28/2017 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; Revenue & Expenditure Report thru 3/31/17, April Village Voice, RFP Letters.

Motioned by J. Mockeridge, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 03/28/2017 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

A. Losey informed the Council that Concord Meats & Sweets will be carrying produce effective in a few weeks, they are still trying to organize. He also asked if the fire Department could have Concord Meats & Sweets do the Fire Department breakfasts. A. Meeks informed everyone that due to lack of participation the Fire Department will not be doing breakfast at this time.

K. Mills asked about the Townships Community Clean-up Day and if the Village would be partnering with them on this if they continue. J. Bush stated that the Village residents are within the township and pay township taxes therefore are already a part of it.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$37,058.33 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Norris, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$37,058.33. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson discussed his monthly Blotter and explained the reason for such an increase in the monthly calls was due to the wind storm. He also stated that there have been shed break-ins in the county and suggested residents put a lock on their sheds. He mentioned that someone left their purse on the front seat of their vehicle, left the vehicle unlocked overnight and the purse was stolen. He warned everyone to be extra vigilant to take your valuables inside and lock your vehicles at night. L. Jacobson noted that he nor Village employees have had any luck trying to contact the resident on the corner of Concord and Hanover St about the tire and rock to see what they plan on doing with it. The DPW Department will remove on Wednesday. L. Jacobson was pleased to have bright orange flags placed on the 25 miles per hour speed limit signs on Albion Rd. however, he still had offenders claim they didn't see the sign. He also stated that the blue tarp house building permit has expired and that he would be making contact with the owner.

J. Blossom stated he had gone through the applications for the DPW position and after interviewing three applicants offered the position to Dominic Winter, he accepted and will begin work on 4/17/17. He also mentioned that the Street Scape Project is underway. He also asked the council if they thought businesses should come to the council for approval before placing anything on the new sidewalks. The council agreed and J. Bush stated that he would put together a permit for the councils review that will be required before anything could be placed on the sidewalks. There will be no fee for this permit. J. Blossom mentioned that he has spoken with J. MacConnell and T. Norris at the Blacksmith Shop about the possibility of designing and creating benches for the Street Scape Project and what the cost would be. J. Blossom will be discussing this further with them. The trees for the project have been ordered through KP Landscaping.

J. Blossom talked to the company we have a contract with to maintain the water tower and they have branched out to wells now. They have also recently bought out Peerless who currently maintains our wells. J. Bush asked J. Blossom to come up with a figure of what we pay now to maintain our wells and see if it would be in our best interest to contract this.

New Legal Services Discussion – J. Bush asked the council if after reviewing the RFP's from several legal firms if they had made a decision on new legal services. J. Mockeridge recommended Lucas Law Firm. Several council members agreed. J. Jackson asked if anyone had checked references on them and J. Blossom stated that he had.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson that the Village end their legal services with White and Hotchkiss and hire Lucas Law Firm as the Villages New Legal Counsel. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Lefere will contact Lucas Law Firm to inform them of the motion and invite them to attend the next Village Council meeting on April 25th.

Council Comments:

M. Lovitt spoke with Deputy L. Jacobson about people in the Village that park on the wrong side of the street. The council will discuss parking tickets at the next meeting.

A. Meeks mentioned that her and her husband had gone to the Concord Café over the past weekend and wanted to let everyone know that the Café is changing their hours to be open every day of the week. J. Bush stated that there was a great article on MLive about the Concord Café.

J. Bush informed the council that he had recently walked the Village, trail and parks with two reporters from MLive and they were very impressed with all that the Village has to offer.

J. Bush, M. Lehman and J. Blossom met recently to discuss the Concord Classic weekend, which will take place on June 23rd, 24th and 25th. They plan to have cornhole tournaments on Friday and Saturday this year, a concert on Friday night and Caleb Maitland's band on Saturday night. A Concord Idol Contest and Euchre tournaments for Saturday afternoon. The bounce houses will be back along with the Baseball, Basketball and Volleyball tournaments. The golf tournament will be held on Sunday. M. Lehman has contacted Brembo to possibly sponsor a firework show Saturday evening at dusk.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to adjourn at 7:51 pm. Motion approved by all.


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

4/11/17
Date