

# Concord Village Voice ♦ October 2020

**Village of Concord:** 110 Hanover Street-PO Box 306 Concord, MI 49237 / 524-8534 / M-Th: 8am– 6pm

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## Village Meeting Dates and Times

All meetings are held in the Village Commons unless otherwise noted and are open to the public. Come participate in your local government!

### The Village Council will now meet one time per month!!

Village Council: October 27th @ 7:00pm At the Community Center

Parks & Recreation: October 6th @ 7:00pm

Planning Commission: October 20th @ 6:30pm

Fire Board: October 21st— @6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

## ABC ACADEMY

**ABC Academy Concord location is offering Preschool, Latchkey and Summer Camp programs at Concord Community Schools!**

### **Our programs include:**

Full and Half Day Preschool for children ages 33 months to 4 years of age.

State Funded Free GSRP Preschool for children 4 years of age.

Before and After school Latchkey Programs

Summer Camp Programs

Music and Yoga Enrichment programs

S.T.E.M. Curriculum and Technology

Security Access Doors.

Electronic Parent Communication Systems

Please contact Cyndi Laeder, Program Director at [cynthial@abcacademyjackson.com](mailto:cynthial@abcacademyjackson.com) or by phone at 517-740-0167 If you are interested in enrolling your child in our high quality programs.

Visit our website for more information

[www.abcacademyjackson.com](http://www.abcacademyjackson.com)

ABC Academy-a great place for your child to grow, learn and succeed!

## Attention Concord Village Residents:

If Semco has completed work on your property and did not leave it in the same condition it was prior to the work please contact Semco Customer Service at 1-800-624-2019. Semco is responsible for the repairs.

## LEAF PICKUP

Leaf pickup will begin the week of October 22nd and continue through November 15th.

## The Village of Concord Needs a Planning Committee Member.

One evening meeting a month to discuss issues as well as make decisions which will influence the operations of the Village. Paid Position. Contact (517) 524-8534 for more info.

## No Overnight Parking on Village Streets

From 2:00am to 6:00am—November 1st through May 1st. This is in place so the DPW can plow and salt our streets.

## Concord District Library's Upcoming Events

JDL is open! Patrons will be able to place holds via a phone call or text to your local branch and pick up materials in no contact pick up area.

Please note the library will have adjusted hours during this reopening phase.

The hours for the Concord Branch are:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 1pm-6pm.

Please check the JDL website for updated information.

[www.mvjdl.com](http://www.mvjdl.com)

## Village Voice—Village of Concord Website

Do you have community information you want included in the Village Voice or on Village of Concord Website? Call Village Office. Email: [office@villageofconcord.com](mailto:office@villageofconcord.com). All info. must be submitted a week or more prior to the beginning of the month. The submission deadline for the November issue is October 18th.

## Concord Heritage House

The Concord Heritage House is merging with the Paddock Hubbard House!

## GRANGER GARBAGE/RECYCLE INFO

You may have three additional bags of garbage outside of bin if you have 90 gal trash bin!

Garbage Pick Up: At curb by 6am Tuesday morning.

Blue Bag Recycling Program Began in December.

**Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 7/28/2020 meeting as presented Motion approved by all.**

**Public Comments:**

C. Luce asked why the hydrants were moved on Hanover St. J. Blossom responded that according to state regulation hydrants are to be 500 feet apart and that is how it was determined where hydrants were to be placed during the project. C. Luce also asked if the street will be ground before the paving begins. J. Blossom replied yes.

E. Poleski gave an update on the most recent Jackson County Commissioners meeting. For information go to <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/365/Jackson-County-Commissioners> and select the news tab.

K. Wyatt asked about the possible tiny house ordinance that was discussed at a previous meeting. J. Bush responded that it was put to the planning commission and they are currently in talks with the township planning commission on possibly working on a joint tiny house ordinance. They are in the initial research stages and could put a tiny house ordinance together in the future but it is likely about a year out before the work will be completed. K. Wyatt also asked for an update on the Bufalino property. J. Blossom stated he had contacted Village Attorney F. Lucas, he recommended that when L. Jacobson issues the next ticket that he sends it to the courts. A judge can rule that the property owner has to do the repairs or the Village can hire someone to do the repairs at the owner's expense. K. Wyatt also inquired about why there is still a closed to thru traffic sign up on Hanover St. as he has not seen a crew working there lately. J. Blossom responded that it is required because the street is technically still under construction and will remain until the project is fully completed.

**Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$43,340.99 . Motion approved by all.**

**USDA RD Water Main Project Pay Approval in the amount of \$165,880.23 was presented. Motioned by T. Norris, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of Expense for Water main Project in the amount of \$165,880.23. Motion approved by all.**

Deputy Jacobson was unable to attend the meeting. To view a copy of his July Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) look on the home page – quick links.

J. Blossom informed the council about the traffic light at the school and reminded them of the issues we've been having with it. The City of Jackson maintains the traffic light and they have an identical traffic light that they are retiring and offered it to the village for \$2,280.00 which includes installation.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George to purchase the used traffic light with installation from the City of Jackson for \$2,280.00. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Blossom informed the council that a person did damage to the park earlier in the summer. L. Jacobson talked to the person, their dad and their grandfather to warn them if it happens again, the individual would be in legal trouble. Well, it happened again and the person was driving a company owned vehicle with the name of the company on the side of the truck. L. Jacobson told the person they needed to repair the park back to its original condition before the damage. The individual made an attempt but did a poor job. The DPW Dept. made the repairs and billed the person for the cost. The bill has not been paid. The Village consulted Village Attorney F. Lucas and he advised that the bill be sent to the company that owns the truck the person was driving when the damage was done. The council agreed. The bill will be sent out this week. J. Blossom updated the council on the water main replacement project. Phase One of the water portion is 99.5% complete, there is some clean up left to do on Michigan St. and we are waiting on asphalt to hopefully begin in mid-September. Blossom spoke on how Phase Two will be over budget because the cost estimate was completed almost two years prior to the start of the project as it needed to be done before the USDA would look at our application for the loan and how costs have increased since that time. The Village Council, Engineer J. Ripstra and Concord Excavating have been working on cost savings measures to address these projected overages on Phase One and exploring similar ideas on Phase Two. One idea which was brought to the Council's attention was the USDA may allow the Village complete Phase Two through change orders instead of bidding it out to save on costs. The Village would save by eliminating the bidding process, advertising associated with bids and paying for consultations from engineers, lawyers, bondsmen, etc. If the application was accepted by the USDA, Concord Excavating would complete Phase Two of the project and they would need to match the prices they bid on Phase One. Blossom mentioned the bids which have been coming in for neighboring community's infrastructure projects have been coming in 15-25% over engineer projected costs. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to apply to the USDA to complete Phase Two of the project through change orders. Roll call vote: J. Bush – aye, J. Jackson – aye, T. Norris – aye, A. Meeks – aye, M. Lovitt – aye, K. George – aye. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed the property at 403 Hanover St. The resident planned to attend the meeting but was not here to discuss. During the water main project this property is at the dead end of the water line so they had a lot of sludge left in their line because it had no place else to go. There was some damage from the sludge. J. Bush tabled until the next meeting when the resident could attend if they wanted.

J. Bush also mentioned T. Casey, who was unable to attend, asked if Children Crossing signs could be put up at the intersection of N. Concord and Railroad Streets because there are a lot of children that play in the area. J. Blossom stated that there shouldn't be a need to cross that street since there are only sidewalks on one side of the street. J. Bush tabled until the next meeting when T. Casey would be available to discuss his concerns.

J. Bush asked the council if they were good with the Fireworks Ordinance. They were.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to pass the Fireworks Ordinance as presented. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush presented the council with a rough draft of the Village Recreation Facilities Reservation Form. A form must be completed by anyone that is reserving a park facility. The council will finalize at a future meeting. J. Bush was contacted by a local veteran about doing a Community Memorial Day Flag Fundraiser. The veteran would like to do a fundraiser to purchase flags to place on both sides of Main Street on Memorial Day weekend. There were a few suggestions to have Boy Scouts do this as an eagle project but it was commented that there is no longer a local boy scout troop. There is a local person who has done this in the past but did not do it this year, possibly because of Covid-19. T. Norris will make contact with this person and find out and update at the next meeting. Tabled until more information is obtained.

J. Bush informed the council that R. Bradley is resigning from the Planning Commission, therefore there is an opening for a Planning Commission member.

**Council Comments:**

J. Bush discussed a Plant Swap Stand that will be placed at Concord Meats & Sweets. This is where community members can take their extra plants they remove while landscaping and leave them for others to take and/or swap for other plants which may be there. Anyone is free to take any plants left to beautify their landscaping.

**The Village Council of Concord held a special meeting on September 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Concord Community Center.**

**Public Comments:**

J. Rothenberger of Rothenberger Company Inc. attended the meeting to ask the council for the opportunity to bid on Phase 2 of the USDA Water Main Project that will be completed in 2021 rather than doing Phase 2 as a change order. At the last meeting the council approved to do Phase 2 as a change order to reduce the cost.

USDA RD Water Main Project Pay Approval for June in the amount of \$165,280.05 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of Expense for Water main Project in the amount of \$165,280.05. Motion approved by all.

USDA RD Water Main Project Pay Approval for August in the amount of \$29,937.26 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of Expense for Water main Project in the amount of \$29,937.26. Motion approved by all.

**Council Comments:** None.