

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on February 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Concord Community Center.

Council Members Present: Jeremiah Bush, Jeff Jackson, T. Norris, T. Casey, A. Meeks, Kyle George and Mike Lovitt.

Council Members Absent: None.

Public Present: Jackson County Commissioner E. Poleski, K. Wyatt, Deputy L. Jacobson, DPW Director J. Blossom, Village Clerk J. Lefere.

For their review, Council Members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$65,542.52; USDA Pay Approval in Amount of \$129,891.15; Revenue & Expense Report thru 1/31/2021; January 2020 Police Blotter; December 2020 and January 2021 Fire Run Report; March 2021 Village Voice; W. Center Street House tax Question Email; CMIT Statewide Broadband Listening Tour Email; Main Street House Dumpster Delivery and Cleanup Text; Any Planning Commission Openings Text; Trail Continuation Routes from Concord to Albion Document Sent to the State Email; 1-26-2021 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 2-23-2021 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 1/26/2021 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

E. Poleski discussed the COVID vaccine and how there remains to be a shortage at this time. He stated that 17% of Jackson County residents have been vaccinated. There is a COVID line you can call for information, (517) 817-4469. This is a recorded message. For information on the Jackson County Commissioners meeting go to <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/365/Jackson-County-Commissioners> and select the news tab.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$65,542.52 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$65,542.52. Motion approved by all.

USDA RD Water Main Project Pay Approval in the amount of \$129,891.15 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of Expense for Water Main Project in the amount of \$129,891.15. Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom gave an update on the water main project. Harmon Ave. and Michigan St. to the well house are complete. When the weather warms up, they will be able to test it and turn on the new main. He also stated that there was an issue with the new hydrants that were ordered, the company delivered the wrong hydrants. We are waiting to get them switched out. J. Blossom also informed the council that the person with the highest bid for the 2003 Ford F350 Dump Truck decided he did not want the truck once he came to pick it up. The truck was then sold to the next highest bidder for \$6,675.00.

Deputy Jacobson discussed the property at 203 N. Main St. Citations were issued and it has gone to the courts. The owner's attorney has contacted the Village's attorney. The Village's attorney stated the Village is not out to collect money and would just like the area to be cleaned up. L. Jacobson also discussed the resident who lived at 220 W. Center, their house has been sold and the camper has been moved from her mother's property within the Village. L. Jacobson handed out 5 snow shoveling letters and within 24 hours everyone had shoveled their sidewalks. L. Jacobson also stated he was contacted regarding a resident complaint that some neighbor kids had built a snow fort on the resident's property without permission and they were concerned about the liability if it were to collapse and one of the kids were hurt or killed. The resident wanted to know who they should report this to. L. Jacobson said they should talk to the kids and the parents. To view a copy of L. Jacobson's December Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links.

T. Casey discussed the Village's WOW Internet Account and instead of updating the Village server right now with ITRight he would like to try increasing the internet speed at the office. Motioned by T. Casey, seconded by T. Norris to update the internet to 120mbps. All were in favor. Motion approved.

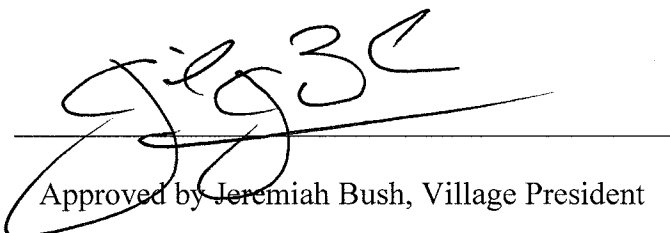
T. Casey also wanted to discuss the Village President's pay. When the Village decided to drop from two meetings per month to one the Village President took a \$1,200.00 a year pay cut. T. Casey and other council members felt he should be paid more with all the work he does. J. Bush stated he does not do the job for the money, he enjoys what he does and does it to better the community. Bush stated he is fine with what he makes and tried to do it for free but the Council insisted on him being paid when this was discussed several months ago.

J. Bush discussed the meeting he was to attend earlier in the month was canceled and is rescheduled for the 2nd Wednesday in March @ 3pm to discuss different routes to continue the trail from Concord to Albion as part of the Great Lake to Great Lake/Iron Belle Trail Route. Region 2 and Jackson County are reviewing the routes and are particularly interested in the Allman Rd to VanWert Rd. route.

Council Comments:

T. Casey commended J. Blossom and his crew on the great job they are doing keeping the streets plowed. All council members agreed.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 7:58 pm. Motion approved by all.


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

3/23/21

Date