

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on February 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent: T. Norris.

Public Present: K. Wyatt, A. Losey, DPW Director J. Blossom, and Village Clerk J. Lefere.

For their review, Council Members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$30,686.86; March 2020 Village Voice; Open Door Free Store Bingo-Charitable Gaming License Email; 2/11/20 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 2/25/20 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 2/11/2020 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt inquired about the County Commissioner meeting and wondered if the Village has been asked to become a sanctuary village. J. Bush replied no. He also asked if there has been any formal interaction with our County Commissioner recently. J. Bush stated the County Commissioner had only attended one meeting during his two terms and it was well over a year ago. K. Wyatt asked how the MEDC/SBDC meeting went last Thursday. J. Bush gave a recap of the meeting and stated that he was very pleased with the number of people that attended the meeting and potential businesses receiving assistance with possibly coming to Concord.

A. Losey gave an update on the Jackson County Commissioners meeting he recently attended. For information 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 \$30,686.86 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$30,686.86. Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom stated the flower pots have been delivered to The Hobbit. The Hobbit will be filling all of the pots this year with flowers. J. Blossom received his first complaint on the water project. A resident called 911 last Friday night at 11:30 pm and stated they felt the contractor had put mud in his water line because their water was brown. Blossom explained residents' water may see some small periods of brown rusty water as water lines are turned off and on as part of the project. If residents notice this colored water they should let their water run for a few minutes and it will clear up. The resident did not call the office or the emergency contact number on the answering machine at the office. J. Blossom gave an update on the project – weather permitting they will be done with the current section on the west side of the Village on Wednesday. They will move on past Brigham St. and up Center St. next.

J. Bush presented to the Council for approval a Charitable Gaming License for The Open-Door Free Store. The license will allow them to have Bingo nights as a fundraiser for The Open-Door Free Store. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George to approve the Charitable gaming License for The Open-Door Free Store. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed Operating a Business from Home Zoning Ordinance and a potential variance in a multi-family zoning area. The council agreed that having the resident apply for a variance would be best.

J. Bush discussed a complaint the Village received from a resident that a Village truck had hit and damaged their mailbox. J. Bush was given pictures by the resident and spoke with them. The resident didn't see the DPW Truck hit the mailbox but claimed they had seen the DPW and Consumers trucks bump into it in the past. Bush also talked with the DPW who denied it occurred and also noted it wasn't the DPW due to the time frame the resident offered. Due to lack of evidence the Council determined the Village was not at fault and would not be replacing the mailbox.

Council Comments:

J. Bush mentioned the daughter of the former resident at 519 Hanover came in the office and talked to C. Gibbs about land behind the house that she thought the Village was interested in purchasing years ago. She was informed to attend a meeting. She did not attend this meeting but may attend the first meeting in March.

J. Bush met the new librarian, Rachel Fenningsdorf. She inquired about who owns the parking lot behind the library as she is interested in possibly having a farmer's market.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Motion approved by all.


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

3/10/20
Date