

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on January 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent: None.

Public Present: K. Wyatt, T. Karr-Jackson, 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 \$109,626.22; USDA RD January Pay Approval in Amount of \$104,525.22; Concord Area Police Yearly Report; Fire Run Report thru 12/31/2019; February Village Voice; 1/14/20 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 1/28/20 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey, to accept the minutes from the 1/14/2020 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked about the former Shannon's Building as he noticed another tax foreclosure warning letter taped to the door. J. Bush informed him that yes once again the owner is in default of property taxes on the property and he expected the owner would pay just enough taxes on the date due to keep the building from going to the tax sale. This has become a yearly occurrence.

T. Karr-Jackson commented on at the last meeting J. Bush mentioned a few local residents that would like to put lights on the trees in the downtown business district as part of Light Up Concord festivities and she has had a lot of positive feedback. J. Blossom stated not to be the bearer of bad news but there are no outlets to plug lights in. Solar lights were discussed as a possibility but more research would be needed. There is plenty of time to think about the options. She also reminded everyone once again to take a tour and visit the Concord Schools Linked Health Center to be more informed of what services they offer. The Center is open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8-5. You may also call and leave a message during closed hours.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$109,626.22 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$109,626.22. Motion approved by all.

Expense Approval Water Main Project in the amount of \$104,525.22 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of Expense for Water main Project in the amount of \$104,525.22. Motion approved by all.

Deputy Jacobson was unable to attend as he had to go out on a call. J. Bush discussed the Concord Area Police Yearly Report and his December 2019 Police Blotter briefly. Bush noted the number of calls for service were pretty even between the Village and Concord Township. To view a copy, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links.

J. Blossom discussed the progress of the USDA Project and it is coming along nicely. He also informed the council that the freightliner has been delivered to the up fitters and he expects it to be completed by September.

J. Bush stated representatives from the MEDC/SBDC will be here on 2/20/2020 at 3:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room to do a presentation on Business and Building Rehab Programs, Services, Grants, etc. for current Village building owners, current Village business owners, potential new Village building owners, & potential new Village business Owners. Letters were sent to current and potential business owners who have contacted the Village. Signs will be placed at the library, Post Office and other local businesses. Everyone is welcome to attend.

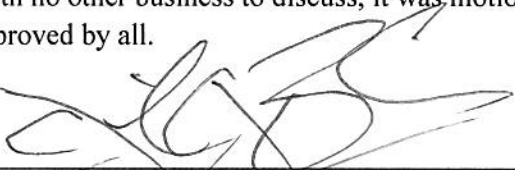
J. Bush also discussed the Autistic Child Area sign on S. Main St. A resident brought attention to a Councilmember that the sign was too close to their driveway. J. Blossom said it was properly spaced. Several Councilmembers commented they felt the sign was not that close to the resident's driveway. Another Councilmember stated that the resident children's maybe upset because people would assume the sign was put there for one of the children and this maybe the underlying issue.

J. Bush also discussed parking on the Village streets during winter months as a resident was upset they had been ticketed for parking on the street when there was no snow and asked the Council if they wanted to adjust the Village's current winter parking ordinance. The Council was in agreement parking is prohibited on Village Streets from November through May during the hours of 2am-6am. If a car is parked on a Village street during these hours, they will receive a ticket. L. Jacobson and/or J. Blossom are authorized by the Village to ticket vehicles who are in violation of this ordinance.


Council Comments:

J. Bush reminded everyone the February 18th Village Planning meeting has been rescheduled for February 5th at the Township Office and will be a joint meeting of the Village Planning Committee and the Concord Townships Planning Committee to approve the Concord Area Master Plan.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Motion approved by all.



Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President



2/11/20

Date