

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on October 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent:

Public Present: K. Wyatt, E. Poleski, S. Crosby, Deputy L. Jacobson, 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 \$40,990.55; Revenue & Expense Report thru 9/30/2021; September 2021 Fire Run Report; November 2021 Village Voice; Concord Area Police Blotter September 2021; M. Bradley Text to Council about Blight at 96 River St.; 9-28-2021 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 10-26-2021 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 9/28/2021 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked about the improvement to the Paddock boat launch. J. Bush stated that the DNR needs to do a 1-year fish and species study on the lake before a boat launch can be put in.

E. Poleski thanked J. Bush for the road width information he provided for E. Root. E. Poleski will pass along the information.

S. Crosby attended the meeting to discuss the water that collects at the end of his mother's driveway when there is a heavy rain. J. Blossom will get with Concord Excavating and see if something can be done at the curb to improve the situation.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$40,990.55 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$40,990.55. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson asked if there were any questions regarding his September 2021 Police Blotter. He stated that he has been parking near the school crosswalk and has not observed any issues.

J. Blossom opened the bids for the 2001 International. They are as follows: Casey Williams - \$20,750.00; Jason Sumner - \$23,551.00; and John Sanders with the Hillsdale County Road Commission - \$29,500.00. J. Blossom will contact the Hillsdale County Road Commission Wednesday morning to let them know they had the highest bid. J. Blossom talked with village attorney F. Lucas regarding the property at 203 N. Main St. F. Lucas stated that property owner, K. Stuart was served on October 12th and has 28 days to respond. K. Stuart has been in contact with an attorney, said attorney contacted F. Lucas to ask what the village wants. F. Lucas stated the village wants him to clean up the mess on the property and quit hauling in junk. The attorney stated he would not be representing K. Stuart. J. Blossom also stated that with the permit finally being issued to drill under the bridge the contractors are back in the village to complete the water main project. He also discussed the "no

parking” on S. Main St. from the funeral home to the school. If no parking signs were placed on the street the village would need to pass an ordinance pertaining to this and the signs would need to be 50 ft apart on each side which would consist of 84 signs at approximately \$100.00 each. Another option is the curbs could be painted yellow in the spring to avoid people parking on the street. The council decided to revisit the issue in the spring. J. Blossom discussed with the council about charging residents a fee if they are called in after hours or on the weekends if they get to the residents and it is not a village issue. The DPW has had several calls to come in only to realize that the resident problem was an issue that was not the villages responsibility and J. Blossom doesn't feel it's fair that tax dollars pay these overtime wages when the call could have been prevented if the home owner had done a little investigating on their own to find and rectify the problem. J. Blossom also mentioned to the council that to keep in compliance with the USDA loan agreement they will need to approve a minimum of \$1.00 increase for water and also asked them if they would like to increase the sewer charge as well. They will discuss at the November meeting.

J. Bush discussed Comco, the business that moved into the former bank building. He spoke with the owner and discussed the parking issue. They also discussed that Comco will be having tasting events and P.O.S. trainings for their employees at this location.

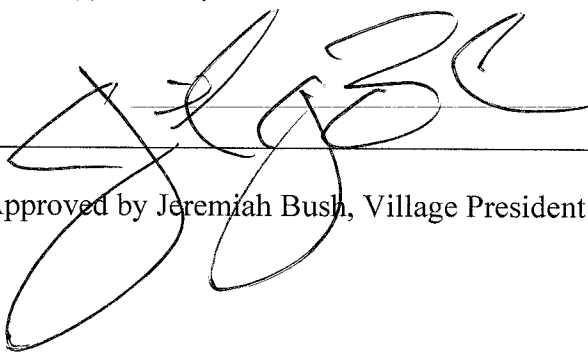
J. Bush discussed adding/changing meeting dates for November and December. The meetings will be as follows: November 9th at 6:00 pm - Public Hearing meeting to discuss the 2022 Budget and do employee reviews.

November 23rd – regular monthly meeting and will also approve the 2022 budget. December 14th – will be the monthly meeting in place of December 23rd – will do budget amendments at this meeting.

Council Comments:

T. Norris asked about Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours for the village. The hours are on Sunday October 31st from 6pm-8pm. On Saturday October 30th there will also be a Fall Festival at the Middle School and a Trunk-or-Treat in the Middle School parking lot.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Motion approved by all.



Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

11/23/21

Date