

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on October 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Concord Community Center.

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

Council Members Absent: Jeremiah Bush.

Public Present: K. Wyatt, A. Losey, S. Grieb, R. Blake, Jackson County Commissioner E. Poleski, 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 \$113,760.33; USDA Pay Approval in Amount of \$131,178.14; September 2020 Concord Area Police Blotter; Revenue & Expense Report thru 9/30/2020; November Village Voice; September 2020 Fire Run Report; September Fire Board Minutes; October Fire Board Minutes; Community Center Parking Lot Replacement Estimate and President Approval Email; K. Wyatt Jackson City + County Non-Motorized Plan Email – Fwd. by J. Bush; County Non-Motorized Plan & Invite Email; Halloween Advice from Jackson County Health Dept Mlive Article Email; Village Halloween Trick or Treat Recommendations and Times Email; Employee reviews Conducted at 6:15pm Prior to Regular Council Meeting Email; Planning Commission Applicant Email; 9/22/20 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 10/27/20 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by K. George, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 9/22/2020 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

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 an updated Village Covid Policy. J. Bush has updated the policy and will discuss it at the next meeting.

A. Losey asked if there is a leaf ordinance that requires residents to rake their leaves. J. Blossom stated that there is not. R. Blake and S. Grieb stated that when leaves are covering the sidewalk and the leaves are wet the sidewalk becomes slippery. L. Jacobson stated that would fall under the keep your sidewalk clear of ice, snow and debris ordinance and when this happens to call the office to report and he will talk to the resident.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$113,760.33 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$113,760.33. Motion approved by all.

USDA RD Water Main Project Pay Approval for September in the amount of \$131,178.14 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of Expense for Water Main Project in the amount of \$131,178.14. Motion approved by all.

Planning Commission Applicant S. Grieb attended the meeting to introduce herself. J. Jackson asked her what drew her to apply for the position. She stated that she recently moved to Concord to help care for her father, she has a school age daughter and wants to be involved in the community. She would like to keep the history of the village intact. She is very organized and likes to plan. Motioned by T. Casey, Seconded by M. Lovitt to hire S. Grieb for the Planning Commission position All were in favor. Motion approved.

Deputy Jacobson discussed his September 2020 blotter. To view a copy of his September Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links. He thanked J. Blossom and his crew for installing new 25 mph signs on Main Street and hopes that it deters speeding. He also mentioned that there is white Ford Windstar van that has been seen parked in driveways during odd hours of the night. If you see this van call 911. There are no charges against this person, - they would just like to speak to him. There is also a tan truck with a red door that is suspicious and L. Jacobson would like information on it. J. Jackson said he has seen it and where it is located. L. Jacobson will be following up on this. He also mentioned some trouble with people playing basketball at the park. When they leave, they are tearing up the millings in the parking lot. J. Blossom said the next step will be to remove the basketball hoops and eliminate the problem. He mentioned that behind the post office/old factory building B. Koepp has been given permission by property owner B. Watson to set up a cat condominium. She runs a program to spay/neuter cats. She traps them, takes them to be spayed/neutered and then as part of the program they must be returned to their original place of trapping.

J. Blossom gave an update on the roads. He also stated that leaf pickup has begun and will continue through November 13th. He received a call a few weeks ago from Beck Chevrolet that the one-ton chevy that he ordered last year was in, however it was the wrong color. Beck Chevrolet is painting it the color that was ordered at no cost to the Village and we should have it soon. DPW employee N. Kidder has taken a two day online and a two day in person water class and will be taking the water test in a few weeks. If all goes as planned with the USDA loan Concord Excavating will begin Phase 2 of the project next month and work through the winter months as weather permits.

M. Lovitt discussed an email he received from Village Treasurer C. Gibbs. She would like to invest \$100,000.00 from General Fund, \$100,000.00 from Major Streets and \$50,000.00 from the water fund in CD's at County National Bank at a rate of .6%. With the agreement if we need to cash out there is no penalty and if the interest rate increases the bank will give us the higher rate.

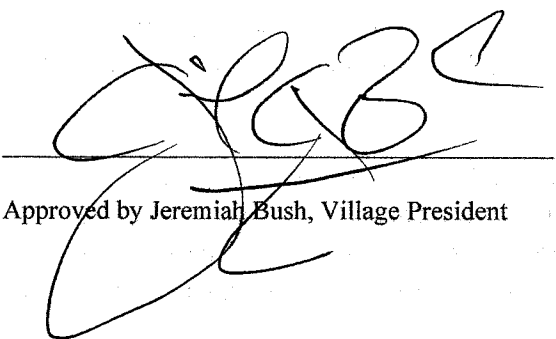
Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by T. Norris to invest \$100,000.00 from General Fund, \$100,000.00 from Major Streets and \$50,000.00 from the Water Fund in CD's at County National Bank. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

J. Jackson stated that T. Karr-Jackson is redoing the kiosk at the trailhead and would like any new and /or updated menus to put there. Contact J. Jackson or T. Karr-Jackson.

A. Meeks informed the Council that L. Mosher will have the 2021 Fire budget ready for approval at the next meeting. The budget amount will remain the same as it was for 2020.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey, to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Motion approved by all.


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

11/24/20
Date