

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on June 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Concord Community Center.

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

Council Members Absent: Kyle George.

Public Present: K. Wyatt, A. Losey, Jackson County Commissioner E. Poleski, 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 \$51,929.24; USDA RD Water Project Payment Approval in Amount of \$253,595.28; May Concord Area Police Blotter; Revenue & Expense Report thru 5/31/2020; June Village Voice; May 2020 Fire Board Meeting Minutes; May 2020 Fire Run Report; MHSDA Tiny House Info Email -E. Poleski; Hanover St. Suggested Changes Email – J. Blossom; 288 River St. Construction Business Operates Out of Home Response Email from Richard Poling; Fireworks Ordinance Example Email – J. Bush; E. Poleski Hanover St. Truck Traffic Plan Response from J. Bush; 5/26/20 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 6/23/20 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to accept the minutes from the 5/26/2020 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.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$51,929.24 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$51,929.24. Motion approved by all.

USDA RD Water Main Project Pay Approval in the amount of \$253,595.28 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of Expense for Water main Project in the amount of \$253,595.28. Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom informed the council about issues with the stop light located in front of the school on Main Street. Blossom has been informed the City of Jackson is replacing a traffic light in the city that is identical to the one located here. We plan to approach the City of Jackson about acquiring it and using it for parts. Blossom also discussed the storm we had two weeks ago and that Kryst and Harmon Streets were a mess with many trees down. We have contracted with Consumers to assist with the clean-up. He noted residents with brush piles – brush is normally picked up the first full week of the month. Therefore, brush pick up will begin the week of July 6th. Blossom wanted it known that when there is a storm the DPW duties do not change, they still have their regular duties to attend to and cannot put those duties off to solely pick up brush. J. Blossom also mentioned that there was a sewer line collapse on S. Concord Street, emergency permits were pulled to have Concord Excavating do repairs. The Hanover Street Lift Station had a sewer break. The Village has received a proposal from Concord Excavating and will be repairing soon. Due to unforeseen expenses with the water main replacement project the Village is planning to narrow some of the streets to offset the cost rather than impose another substantial increase in residents water bills.

J. Bush discussed with the council and the clerk the potential to reopen the office and a date that may occur. Some safety measures need to be put in place before this can happen. J. Blossom anticipates these safety measures can be done in the next few weeks and the office will plan to open early to mid-July. Masks will be required to enter the office; two residents will be allowed in the office at time and must comply with the social distancing guidelines. Time will be limited to 3 minutes. If you do not have a mask you will need to use the drop box.

J. Bush asked the council if they would be willing to go to one meeting a month instead of two. All were in agreement. The meeting will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7PM.
Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson for the council to meet once per month with the pay of \$75.00 per meeting for trustees and \$100.00 per meeting for the President. This will begin in July. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed permits for sheds. He had a resident ask why they needed a building permit if they were putting a prefab shed on their property. The council agreed to keep the permitting as is. To place a shed on your property you are required to complete and pay for a zoning permit and a building permit.

J. Bush asked the council to continue to research and review Tiny Houses in the Village.

J. Bush discussed the Fireworks Ordinance that was emailed to the council. The council agreed to approve a Fireworks Ordinance.
Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Casey to accept the Fireworks Ordinance with the changes discussed. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

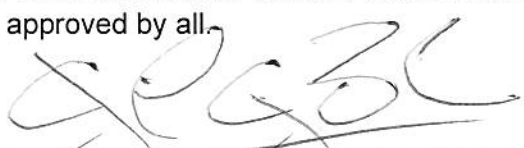
T. Casey mentioned that there is a second trailer parked down by the Mill Pond and he has reports that someone is living in it. J. Bush will have L. Jacobson keep an eye on it.

T. Norris inquired about a pile of tires at a residence on W. Center St. J. Bush said he believes the resident will be using them for a gardening project.

J. Jackson commented on how nice it has been hearing the cracking of bats and the activity at the ball fields. Everyone agreed.

A. Meeks mentioned that L. Mosher had planned to attend the meeting to discuss some changes to the Bonfire Permit regarding nuisance smoke.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 8:19 pm. Motion approved by all.



Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

Date

7/28/20