

## Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on May 25, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Concord Community Center.

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

Council Members Absent: A. Meeks and Mike Lovitt.

Public Present: Jackson County Commissioner E. Poleski, K. Wyatt, A. Losey, C. Leader, P. Leader, T. Karr-Jackson, Deputy L. Jacobson, R. Calliotte, DPW Director J. Blossom, Village Clerk J. Lefere.

For their review, Council Members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$269,009.70; USDA Pay Approval in Amount of \$203,599.25; Revenue & Expense Report thru 4/30/2021; April 2021 Police Blotter; April 2021 Fire Run Report; May Fire Board Minutes; June 2021 Village Voice; Welcome Letter to Mel's Place Email; Closure of the School Linked Health Center Email; Village of Concord: Category B Community Service Infrastructure Fund Application MEDC Grant Waiver of Fees for Businesses Who Don't Apply for MEDC Grants Email; 4-27-2021 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 5-25-2021 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by T. Casey, to accept the minutes from the 4/27/2021 meeting. Motion approved by all.

### Public Comments:

T. Karr-Jackson announced that the Concord School Linked Health Center will be closing on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. She stated they do not have the support or traffic flow to continue.

R. Calliotte thanked the DPW Dept. on the good job they have done and are doing in the Village during the water main project. He also informed the council about bikes running the stop sign at River and Railroad St. Larry will patrol the area. J. Bush stated the bicyclist need to abide by the same traffic rules as vehicles.

K. Wyatt walked the extension of the trail and commented on how it was more difficult to walk as it has millings instead of paving and wondered if the village has any plans to pave it. J. Bush stated that he plans to explore grants and would eventually like to pave. The village checked into paving it before putting the millings down and the cost was over \$100,000.00.

E. Poleski stated the county will be getting some "Biden Bucks." The funds cannot be spent on capital improvements. He is checking on spending it on increased internet broadband to get better service in the Concord, Pulaski and Hanover area. For information on the Jackson County Commissioners meeting 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 \$269,009.77 was presented. Motioned by K. George, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$269,009.77. Motion approved by all.

USDA RD Water Main Project Pay Approval in the amount of \$203,599.25 was presented. Motioned by K. George, seconded by J. Bush, to approve the payment of Expense for Water Main Project in the amount of \$203,599.25. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson discussed his April 2021 blotter. To view a copy of L. Jacobson's December Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) look on the home page – quick links.

J. Blossom was unable to attend as he was coaching baseball. He emailed the following: The water main project update, we are hoping to be done with the majority of this leg of the project by the first of July if not sooner, which is about 5 months ahead of schedule. The only thing to be done after this section is from M-60 to the mill on Main St. and from the trail to Grove St. on Spring St. (still waiting on permits drill beneath the Kalamazoo River). I'm sure there will be minor punch list items to do before final payments are made to Concord excavating.

J. Bush discussed the Category B Community Service Infrastructure Fund Resolution. The Village is proposing to reconstruct and resurface five Village Streets and Roads at a total project cost of \$385,862.12 and thus are applying for \$192,931.06 in funding through MDOT from the Transportation Economic Development Category B Program. The Village will match the remaining \$192,931.06. Motioned by J. Bush to approve the Category B Community Service Infrastructure Fund Resolution seconded by T. Casey. Roll call vote as follows: J. Bush – aye, J. Jackson – aye, T. Norris – aye, T. Casey – aye, K. George – aye. Council members absent: A. Meeks and M. Lovitt. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed the need for municipal approval to allow fireworks to be shot off for the Concord Classic. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George to approve Fireworks for the Concord Classic. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Lefere discussed several issues with the server. The server is 9 years old and needs to be replaced. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George to replace one of the servers at the Village Office. All were in favor. Motion approved

Council Comments:

J. Bush discussed a complaint he received about golf carts in the village not abiding by traffic rules. Golf carts need to stop at stop signs and follow all traffic rules. The operator must be at least 12 years of age or older. If the operator is at least 12 but less than 16 they must be under direct visual supervision of a parent/guardian and shall have in their possession a safety certificate. If the operator is 16 or older but less than 18, they need to have in their possession a valid driver's license or a valid state personal ID card and a safety certificate or be under the direct visual supervision of a parent/guardian. If the operator is 18 or older, they must have in their possession a valid driver's license.

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

  
Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

6-22-21  
Date