

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on May 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Concord Community Center.

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

Council Members Absent: None.

Public Present: K. Wyatt, A. Losey, 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 \$19,257.80; USDA RD Water Project Payment Approval in Amount of \$108,955.67; February Concord Area Police Blotter; Revenue & Expense Report thru 2/29/2020; 2/25/20 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 3/10/20 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 4/14/2020 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt inquired about the status of the Concord Mill Dam. Last July the bridge was inspected and a Request for Action was issued by Brechting Bridge & Engineering on behalf of the Michigan Department of Transportation. The request is for a dam safety inspection. The dam and the roadway above it both have safety issues. The road needs some maintenance attention, but it cannot be done without attention to the dam beneath it. To date the Village has not been notified as to whether contact was made with dam owner or if an inspection has been scheduled. Several emails have been sent to the EGLE to inquire about this and they have not responded.

E. Poleski introduced himself as the recently appointed Jackson County Commissioner and 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 \$60,364.93 was presented. Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$60,364.93. Motion approved by all.

Revised Expense Approval Water Main Project in the amount of \$173,677.89 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of Expense for Water main Project in the amount of \$173,677.89. Motion approved by all.

Deputy Jacobson discussed his Hanover Street Traffic Survey regarding speeding and semi-truck traffic on Hanover St. Jacobson's Report surmised during the times he completed the study there was little to no speeding occurring. Per a Residents complaint about speeding and loud semi-truck traffic it was discussed the Village could block semi-truck traffic from traveling on Hanover St. but any local trucking companies, agricultural trucks/equipment or delivery trucks would be exempt from that and they are the trucks the resident is complaining about. E. Poleski suggested as an example of what another Michigan municipality did. He, a Village representative, and some complainant citizens reach out and meet with these trucking companies to discuss them possibly rerouting their trucks from this area. The Council felt once Hanover Street was repaved in the very near future this would likely reduce the noise problem and wanted to wait to see if this occurs before acting further. To view a copy of the Hanover St. Report, go to the Village website at

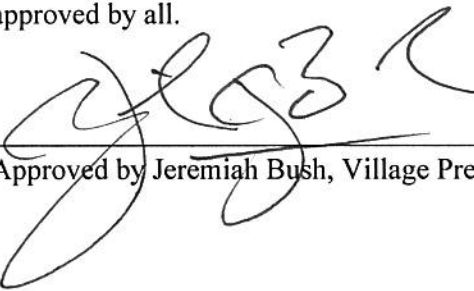
www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links. Jacobson also mentioned he has sent out numerous lawn letters requiring residents to maintain their lawns.

J. Blossom stated the water main project contractors and the DPW staff are all back to work full time. Hanover St. is moving along well. They are putting in the main and will go back to tie in services when some of the Covid 19 restrictions are lifted as they may have to enter homes. He also let everyone know that the flower baskets were put up before the holiday weekend. This year the baskets were done by the Hobbit.

J. Bush discussed an inquiry he had regarding tiny houses in the Village. The majority of the council agreed that they would like to look into this further and plan to discuss at a future meeting. E. Poleski offered to share some info on tiny houses from MSHDA. He also discussed reviewing Ordinance 31 as requested by T. Casey. Ordinance 31 is about the sale and lighting of fireworks in the Village limits. The Ordinance is old and was repealed back in 2017, the Village now goes by the State fireworks law. T. Casey would like to adopt an ordinance regarding fireworks on the days that are not listed in the state law. They will look into this and discuss at a future meeting.

Council Comments: None.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Motion approved by all.



Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President Date

6/23/20