

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on September 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Concord Community Center.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Public Present: K. Wyatt, A. Losey, Jackson County Commissioner E. Poleski, Deputy L. Jacobson, E. Schultz, L. Schultz, J. Ropp, N. Barton, G. Thorrez, 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 \$111,592.26; August Concord Area Police Blotter; Revenue & Expense Report thru 8/31/2020; October Village Voice; Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association Letter-Bid Process for Phase Two; Village Attorney F. Lucas response to MITA Email; Village Response to MITA Letter; Rothenberger Request to Bid Phase Two Email; J. Blossom Phase Two email; USDA Pay Approval Special Meeting Email; Heritage House/Paddock Hubbard House Merger Email; Falling Waters Trailhead Park Wedding Request Email; August 2020 Fire Run Report; 8/25/20 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 9/8/20 Special Meeting Proposed Minutes; 9/8/20 Special Meeting Agenda; 9/22/20 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 8/25/2020 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt, to accept the minutes from the 9/8/2020 special 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 E. Poleski about donations that were made to Cascades Park several years ago and if there is an account where these funds were placed and is it still active. E. Poleski said he would look into and report back at the next meeting.

A. Losey informed the council he is taking over the maintenance of the flower bed at Gottschalk Park.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$111,592.26 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$111,592.26. Motion approved by all.

Deputy Jacobson discussed his August 2020 blotter. To view a copy of his August Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links.

J. Blossom gave an update on the roads. The paving will begin in the next two weeks and be complete by November 1st. Blossom mentioned a portion of the parking lot in front of the community center is in bad shape. He suggested the Village tear out this section and have it paved at the same time as Homer Road and it would be a lot less costly than if we wait and was to have it completed on its own in the future. The Council agreed and asked him to have it done. J. Blossom received a quote from ETNA on pipe prices if the Village were to bid phase two instead of doing a change order. The quote for the pipe alone would be at least

\$30,000.00 more plus sales tax more than the price the Village would receive if they were to be granted the opportunity to complete Phase Two by the USDA and continue to use the current contractor.

Jason Blossom mentioned turning west off of Michigan St. onto Hanover is difficult due to a light pole currently placed at this corner. Blossom and the Village reached out to Consumers and they will relocate the light pole to allow for wider turns. G. Thorrez commented on the difficulty delivery trucks have making that turn to get to his business. The intersection will be more accommodating to semi-trucks when the road is complete. E. Schultz talked about the narrowing of Hanover Street in this same area and his concerns regarding parking for events at the Paddock-Hubbard House, The Heritage House and the local churches on Hanover St. The Paddock Hubbard House Association offered to donate the cost to keep this section of Hanover St. running from Michigan St. to Union St. the current width. The cost is estimated to be about \$38,000.00. The council decided to cover \$23,000.00 and the Paddock Hubbard House would donate the remaining \$15,000.00. All were in agreement.

J. Bush revisited the suggestion from T. Casey regarding Children Crossing signs at the intersection of N. Concord and Railroad Streets because there are a lot of children that play in the area. J. Blossom will check on prices for the signs and report at the next meeting. Other council members were concerned how many other residents may want signs on their street where groups of kids are playing.

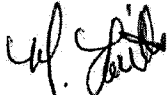
T. Norris gave an update on the Community Memorial Day Flags. He spoke with L. Root and he is willing to continue placing the flags but will need volunteers to assist.

J. Bush discussed the Jackson City/County non-motorized plan and stated he recommended the Village not support the plan because the portion of the Falling Water Trail running from Spring Arbor to the Village would be cut out of the Great Lake to Great Lake and Iron Belle Trail statewide trail plan. E. Poleski asked the council to give him time to look into the matter as he did not realize the Village had been cut out. He will report back at the next meeting.

Council Comments: None.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Motion approved by all.

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Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President Date

10-27-20