

Concord Village Voice ♦ February 2022

Village of Concord: 110 Hanover Street-PO Box 306 Concord, MI 49237 / 524-8534 / M-Th: 8am– 6pm

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Village Meeting Dates and Times

All meetings are held in the Village Commons unless otherwise noted and are open to the public. Come participate in your local government!

The Village Council will now meet one time per month!!

Village Council: February 22nd @ 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: February 1st @ 7:00pm

Planning Commission: February 15th @ 6:30pm

Fire Board: February 16th @ 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

ABC ACADEMY

ABC Academy Concord location is offering Preschool, Latchkey and Summer Camp programs at Concord Community Schools!

Our programs include:

Full and Half Day Preschool for children ages 33 months to 4 years of age. State Funded Free GSRP Preschool for children 4 years of age. Before and After school Latchkey Programs.

Summer Camp Programs.

Music and Yoga Enrichment programs.

S.T.E.M. Curriculum and Technology.

Security Access Doors.

Electronic Parent Communication Systems.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our high quality programs. Visit our website for more information

www.abcacademyjackson.com

ABC Academy-a great place for your child to grow, learn and succeed!

Concord Board of Education

Meetings are held in the High School Library, the first Monday of the month, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Attend and invest in your community and your child(ren)!!

No Overnight Parking on Village Streets

From 2:00am to 6:00am—November 1st through May 1st. This is in place so the DPW can plow and salt our streets.

SAFE SNOW PRACTICES!!

Piling or depositing snow that obstructs vision is a violation of Michigan's Vehicle Code.

It also is important to remember that the Village ordinances require residents and businesses to keep sidewalks clear of snow. This is important for pedestrians.

Winter can be a difficult time to get around for those on foot, so please make the extra effort to clear your sidewalks and help everyone stay safe!

Concord District Library

Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library are back to their regular hours! The library is back open for browsing. Our capacity is 21 patrons at a time, with an hour allowed in branch. Computers remain open for use as well. The friendly staff is there to welcome and assist you!

Upcoming Events:

Saturday Morning Movies—Concord Library will be showing recently released movies in their auditorium on the 1st Saturday of each month. Showings at 10am and noon. Enjoy a movie with your family along with a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and a snack! Crafts and activities for the kids will be available!

February 5th—Paw Patrol.

March 5th—Jungle Cruise.

April 2nd—Ron's Gone Wrong.

Can You Solve It? - Stop by during open hours between February 19th and February 26th to experience a range of puzzles and games designed to challenge kids and adults while having a little bit of fun during the long days of winter!

Hours:

Monday and Wednesday 10-6

Tuesday and Friday 1-6

Saturday 10-2

Please check the JDL website for updated information.

www.myjdl.com

Village Voice—Village of Concord Website

Do you have community information you want included in the Village Voice or on Village of Concord Website? Call Village Office. Email: office@villageofconcord.com. All info. must be submitted a week or more prior to the beginning of the month. The submission deadline for the March issue is February 18th.

GRANGER GARBAGE/RECYCLE INFO

You may have three additional bags of garbage if you have a 90 gal trash bin!

Please place all bags of garbage and recycling in your bin!

Garbage Pick Up: At curb by **6am** Tuesday morning.

Village Council Meeting Minutes– December 14, 2021 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to accept the minutes from the 11/23/2021 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked if any changes were made to the proposed budget since the last meeting. J. Bush stated that there were no changes.

E. Poleski gave an update on the County Commissioners meeting. 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.

B. Raut inquired about who is responsible for maintaining the sidewalks in the downtown business district as she is opening a business downtown in the spring and wanted to clarify. J. Blossom stated that for debris/litter that when Norm waters the hanging baskets he picks up debris that has collected on the sidewalks but normally the business owner keeps their area clean. He also noted that during the winter months that the DPW Department cleans and salts the sidewalks. She also asked if the meeting dates and times could be put on the village Facebook page each month as that is where a lot of people get their information. J. Lefere stated that she will put the information out there.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$33,462.24 was presented. Motioned by K. George, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$33,462.24 . Motion approved by all.

USDA RD Water Main Project Pay Approval in the amount of \$52,663.72 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of Expense for Water Main Project in the amount of \$52,663.72. Motion approved by all.

J. Bush presented the 2021 budget amendments to the council.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to approve the 2021 budget amendments as presented. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush presented the 2022 projected budget.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George to approve the 2022 budget as presented. All were in favor. Motion approved.

L. Jacobson discussed his November 2021 Blotter. To view a copy of L. Jacobson's November Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links.

J. Blossom stated that he was informed by village attorney F. Lucas that the property owner at 203 N. Main Street, K. Stuart has defaulted in the judgement against him. Once the default paperwork is filed the village is allowed to have the property cleaned up and bill the property owner.

J. Blossom also mentioned it is time for a new mower.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George to purchase a new mower from Superior sales in the amount of \$15,699.00. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Blossom informed the council that the backhoe is in bad shape, it is a 2008. He would like to go back to the lease program that the village had several years ago.

Motioned by K. George, seconded by J. Jackson to lease a backhoe for 5 years at \$14,440.20 per year. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

T. Casey stated that he has been approached by residents asking him why we don't get after residents that don't rake their yards because their leaves blow into other yards. It would be difficult to monitor.

T. Norris asked if permanent flag holders could be on the light poles in the downtown business district. J. Bush and J. Blossom stated that when the light poles were purchased the village opted to have the plant hangers in place of the flag holders and that they went with the flag holes in the sidewalks.

J. Bush stated that has been some discussions that a few new businesses may be opening in the downtown business district. More information will be released as it becomes available.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Motion approved by all.