

Concord Village Voice ♦ January 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: January 25th @ 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: January 4th @ 7:00pm

Planning Commission: January 18th @ 6:30pm

Fire Board: January 19th @ 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!

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.

Concord Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2021

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

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

CONCORD GIRL SCOUTS



Concord Girl Scouts will be taking orders for their fabulous cookies starting now! All of your favorites are back again this year - Tagalongs, Thin Mints, Samoas, Trefoils, Do-Si-Dos, Lemon-Ups and S'mores...as well as our gluten-free Toffee-Tastics, AND NEW THIS YEAR is the Adventurous cookie (brownie-inspired, with a caramel flavored creme center and hint of sea salt)! Just ask your favorite Girl Scout, to order yours - or call 517-524-7340/ text 517-230-0596 to get connected.

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!

Hours:

Monday and Wednesday 10-6

Tuesday and Friday 1-6

Saturday 10-2

Please check the JDL website for updated information.

www.mvjdl.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 February issue is January 19th.

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– November 23, 2021 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by J. Bush, to accept the minutes from the 10/26/2021 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson, to accept the minutes from the 11/9/2021 budget meeting. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

B. Raut inquired about lines on the streets. J. Blossom stated that the lines will be painted in the spring and that by waiting the paint will not seep through the pavement causing fade and then the Village would have to pay to reapply the paint. She also inquired as to whether there is an ordinance in the Village regarding downtown businesses to have a store front on the main level and only residential in the upper level. J. Bush stated that there is not an ordinance however the main level zoned for residential is approved by the Council on a case-by-case basis.

K. Wyatt asked with winter coming up does the Village have any plans on how to help the cats in the Village. The Council stated that the Village does not have any plans and that the cat population has declined possibly due the person that is trapping them and getting them spay or neutered.

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.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$51,879.04 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$51,879.04. Motion approved by all.

USDA RD Water Main Project Pay Approval in the amount of \$96,145.12 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to approve the payment of Expense for Water Main Project in the amount of \$96,145.12. Motion approved by all.

J. Bush informed the council that Pete Behnke of Comco Wellness was unable to attend the meeting. He will give his presentation at a later date.

J. Bush presented the 2022 projected budget. Since there was no public in attendance for the Budget Hearing on November 9th he decided to wait until the December meeting to approve the budget.

J. Lefere informed the Council that there was an MML Workers Comp Payroll Audit a few weeks ago and that everything was in compliance. These audits are done every 3 years. J. Lefere informed the council that with the retirement of building inspector M. Levy that the village has hired a new inspector, Phil Beemer, who will start on December 1, 2021. The fee per inspection will increase to \$100.00 to cover the inspection fee and the monthly retainer fee.

L. Jacobson was unable to attend the meeting. To view a copy of L. Jacobson's October Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links.

J. Blossom stated he has no update from Village Attorney F. Lucas on the K. Stuart case. He also informed the Council he has extended leaf pick-up to December 1st. J. Blossom stated the USDA project is 90% complete. They were unable to pave the rest of Spring St. and Main St. The USDA was able to roll the funds over to next year and the paving will be completed in the Spring and it looks like we will be able to complete the project without going over budget. The Village Christmas lights are up. The three DPW employees took the sewer test on November 10th and should have the results by mid-December.

J. Bush discussed an increase in the water/sewer rates is necessary as part of the USDA loan agreement the water rates need to increase each year. Due to the rising cost of supplies and needing to replace numerous grinder pumps in the Village, J. Blossom felt the sewer rates should also be increased to cover these expenses.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to increase the water rates by \$1.00 and to increase the sewer rates by \$1.00 effective on 1/1/2022. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed the Alley and Street Vacating Procedures Ordinance that was created by Village Attorney F. Lucas.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to adopt the Alley and Street Vacating Procedures Ordinance. The Ordinance will take effect 20 days after its adoption. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed the employee reviews that were performed at the November 9th meeting. He discussed how valuable the staff is and how the Village has a great team that works well together. He felt with the cost-of-living increase at 5.9% and the staff working through the pandemic that he was willing to give the 10% increase to all staff that they requested. The Council was in agreement.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to increase all staff wages by 10% effective 1/1/2022. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

T. Norris asked if the Crosby's were pleased with the repairs made to their driveway. J. Blossom stated "yes" and that S. Crosby had stopped in the office to thank the Village.

A. Meeks stated that the Fire Budget was complete and emailed to everyone and will be approved with the Village budget at the next meeting.

J. Bush discussed the trail route going to Albion and the discussions are going well.