

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on December 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent: None.

Public Present: K. Wyatt, E. Poleski, B. Raut, S. Blessington, A. Colburn, 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 \$33,462.24; USDA Loan Payment in Amount of \$52,663.72; Revenue & Expense Report thru 11/30/2021; Concord Area Police Blotter November 2021; 11-23-2021 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 11-23-2021 Council Meeting Agenda.

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.

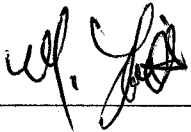
Council Comments:

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.



Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President



Date