

## Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on April 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent: None.

Public Present: K. Wyatt, D. Saenz, K. Weaver, A. Knickerbocker, S. Knickerbocker, J. McCormick, R. Sheffield, E. Vilminot, 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 \$51,530.65; Revenue & Expense Report thru 3/31/2023; Concord Area Police Blotter March 2023; March 2023 Fire Board Minutes; April Village Voice; March 14, 2023 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 4-11-2023 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 3/14/2023 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked J. Bush to confirm that he is not G. Brigham!

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$51,530.65 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$51,530.65. Motion approved by all.

J. Bush stated that the planning commission had approved a variance for E. Vilminot to put a pole building on his lot on Railroad/Union. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded M. Lovitt to approve the pole building on Railroad/Union Street. All were in favor. Motion approved.

A. Knickerbocker and S. Knickerbocker attended the meeting to discuss unpaid blight tickets that were placed on their 2022 taxes. They claimed they only received one ticket from the village and one for the 12<sup>th</sup> district court. Officer Jacobson had copies of seven letters that he mailed between 2018 and 2022, and the office had copies of four letters and tickets that they mailed during that same time period. J. Bush stated that if they had come in sooner to dispute the tickets the council may have been able to do something as the council would rather see the fine money go into fixing the issues with the persons property rather than pay tickets. Once the taxes are rolled over to the county for non-payment it is out of the village's hands.

R. Sheffield attended the meeting to discuss after hours charges, he received on his utility bill. He had called the office about a frozen meter one day and then the day after the meter was replaced, he called again for an after-hours call stating his water was not working and when the DPW arrived he realized his aerator needed to be replaced. He was charged for the frozen meter and 2 after hour calls. He asked the council if some of the fees could be waived. The council discussed the situation and made the decision to remove one of the fees. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by T. Thurman to cut his fees and cost of the meter down to \$375.00. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. McCormick attended the meeting to introduce himself. He is planning to open the Italian Bistro on S. Main St.

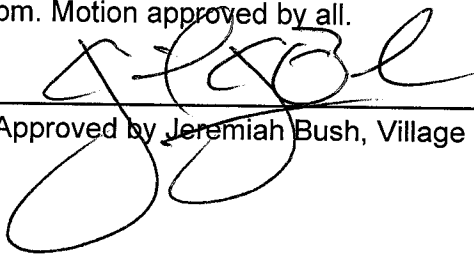
K. Weaver attended the meeting to discuss the speed of traffic entering and leaving the village on Hanover Street. She stated that the trucks are the worst. L. Jacobson and the council suggested that she get the name from the side of the truck and call the company and report the problem. Jason is looking into moving the 25mph sign that is at the top of the hill down by Mill Street. The township will request to the Jackson County Road Commission to have the 55mph sign moved further out Sears Rd. in the hopes to slow down the speeders.

L. Jacobson had to leave the meeting before giving his report. To view a copy of L. Jacobson's Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) look on the home page – quick links. A copy may also be picked up in the Village Office.

J. Blossom informed the council that the village has had several residents begin projects without obtaining a permit from the village office. These residents were either mailed a letter or the inspector has stopped and talked with them. J. Blossom also discussed piles of brush in the village that would not be getting picked up. One is in plastic garbage bags, the other two are huge piles not separated into the village expected units, J. Blossom also discussed the grinder pumps being removed from the basement of homes and placed outside the home. The residents will be given the option. The village will have the resident sign a waiver that the village is no longer responsible for the pump if left in the basement. The plan is to set up a time with each resident that has a grinder pump in the basement and assess the condition of the pump. A list will then be made to determine what order they need to be replaced. The plan is to replace 10 pumps per year. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George to purchase 10 grinder pumps. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments: None.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Motion approved by all.

Approved by  \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

Date

