

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on September 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Public Present: K. Wyatt, D. Saenz, J. Gillespie; J. Alexander; B. Raut; 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 \$37,025.06; Revenue & Expense Report thru 8/31/2022; Homer Rd. House Demo/Asbestos Abatement Email; Concord Area Police Blotter August 2022; October 2022 Village Voice; August 2022 Fire Run Report; August 2022 Fire Board Minutes; September 2022 Fire Board Minutes; August 23, 2022 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 9-27-2022 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 8/23/2022 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked about an area behind the downtown businesses on the west side of Main Street. He stated that it pools water when it rains and is concerned about ice when winter arrives. J. Blossom was unaware of the issue and will take a look the next time it rains.

J. Alexander attended the meeting to inform everyone that her term is up at the end of the year and to thank everyone for their support. J. Bush thanked her for her time served as a state representative.

J. Gillespie, supervisor with Jackson County Dispatch attended the meeting to discuss a proposal that will be on the ballot in November where they will ask the voters to increase the 911 charge to phone services to allow a faster response to a 911 call.

B. Raut, owner of Trail Head Coffee Shop thanked the council for working with her and allowing her to have the events she plans. J. Bush stated that the village supports any event that brings people downtown to support the local businesses.

D. Saenz stated that Township Clerk T. Butts asked about the lighting outside the community center. J. Blossom stated that Aladdin had replaced the lighting and there should be no issues for election day. He also mentioned that Township Treasurer J. Clark asked him to ask about a couple of pot holes on her street. J. Blossom stated that they had already been filled.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$37,025.06 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$37,025.06. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson was unable to attend the meeting. To view a copy of L. Jacobson's Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links. A copy may also be picked up in the Village Office.

J. Blossom stated the removal of the asbestos siding began today at the house on Homer Rd. When the removal is complete Concord Excavating will demo the remainder of the house. Thank you to Granger for donating the dumpster for the removal. A. Meeks stated that L. Mosher thanked the village for allowing his fire fighters to train in the house several weeks ago. They rarely get an opportunity for this type of training. J. Blossom also stated that \$20,000.00 was budgeted this year to improve the drive that goes to the water tower. He would like to have millings placed there at a cost of 10,000.00 split between the Water Fund and the Parks Fund. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George for Concord Excavating to do the drive to the water tower. All were in favor. Motion approved. J. Blossom contacted four tree cutting companies to bid on the removal of 12 trees and the trimming of 5 trees. He received 2 bids back. They are: Uprooted with a bid of \$32,000.00 and Professional Tree Services with a bid of \$13,525.00. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to hire Professional Tree Services for the tree removal and trimming at a cost of \$13,525.00. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed the ORV Ordinance which includes golf carts. There have been several Facebook posts regarding golf carts being driven by persons under the age of 12. L. Jacobson will begin pulling over golf carts if the driver appears under the age of 18 to check their safety certificate. Anyone without a valid driver license must have a certified safety certificate to operate a golf cart. This certificate can be obtained online. To view program details, request more information and to register for the Golf Cart Safety Certificate Program visit <https://ntsi.com/fleet/golf-cart-and-utility-vehicle>.

J. Bush gave an update on the Great Lake to Lake/Iron Belle Trail Extension Update.

J. Bush informed the council that after 20+ years Kellie Watson has retired from running the Concord Youth Soccer Program. The Village will now run the Concord Soccer Recreation League.

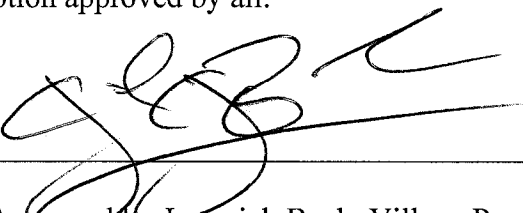
J. Bush informed the council that the village has an opening on the Planning Commission. This has been posted on the Facebook page, the Village Voice and at the Village Office.

Council Comments:

A. Meeks mentioned a few complaints she has received. One is about the blue house located at 124 S. Main. There have been reports of animals going in and out of the house. J. Bush stated that it doesn't fall under the blight ordinance as there are no broken windows or doors and the lawn is always mowed. She also received a complaint about the awning at the Free Store. It is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. They will be sent a letter regarding the condition of the awning.

J. Jackson commented on how nice the new awnings looks at the Village Office.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 8:19 pm. Motion approved by all.



Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

10/25/22

Date