

Concord Village Voice ♦ November 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 meets one time per month!!

Village Council: November 22nd @ 7:00pm

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

Planning Commission: November 15th @ 6:30pm

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

Mann House Events

The Mann House will reopen for the holidays on

Friday December 2nd from 6-8 pm.

Saturday, December 3, 2:00 to 4:00 & 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 4, 2:00 to 6:00 pm

Friday, December 9, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 10, 2:00 to 4:00 & 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 11, 2:00 to 6:00 pm

Each Saturday from 2pm—4pm Michigan History Center Docent Doug Sharp will be playing Holiday music on the Mann House Piano.

No Burning Leaves, Brush or Trash in the Village

Social and cooking fires are allowed in the village. Please stop in the Village Office for a permit or it can be found on our website: www.villageofconcord.com under the permit tab!

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 December issue is November 17th.

Concord PTO Craft Fair

Saturday November 26th 9am to 3pm.

405 S. Main Street, Concord, MI

Admission \$5.00 per person, children are free.

Lots of vendors, crafters and food trucks.

For more information and table rental email—
concordptocraftshow@gmail.com

Village of Concord Planning Commission Member Needed!

The Village is accepting applications for a position on the Planning Commission. Applications can be obtained at the Village Office. All applications must be submitted by Thursday October 13, 2022.

Leaf Pick-Up

Leaf pick-up will begin Mid-October and continue through November 18th, weather permitting!

No Overnight Parking on Village Streets

November 1st through May 1st.
This is in place so the DPW can plow and salt our streets.

Concord District Library

Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library are back to their regular hours!

Hours:

Monday and Wednesday 10-6

Tuesday and Friday 1-6

Saturday 10-2

Saturday Morning Movies—Concord Library will be showing recently released movies in their auditorium on the 1st Saturday of each month. Showing at 11am. 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!

Weekly Take-n-Makes Stop by each week for a new take-home craft!

Monthly iSpy and Scavenger Hunt activities

Please check the JDL website for updated information.
www.mvjdl.com

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!

Bags should be no larger than 30 gallon and weighing no more than 30lbs each

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

Village Council Meeting Minutes– September 27, 2022 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

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.

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. 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 4 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 look at the Village Office.