

Concord Village Voice ♦ September 2022

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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: September 27th @ 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: September 6th @ 7:00pm

Planning Commission: September 20th @ 6:30pm

Fire Board: September 21st @ 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

Concord Community Schools

Due to some unexpected changes, Concord is no longer partnering with ABC Academy for GSRP Preschool and Latch Key. Unfortunately, it will take us a little longer to get both programs launched this year, so we appreciate your patience. Fortunately, we will be welcoming new staff to the #ONEHIVE family. We are looking for 2 GSRP Lead Teachers, 2 GSRP Associate Teachers, and 2 GSRP Aides.

Please see the postings for more information on how to apply today!!

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 September issue is August 22nd.

Concord Soccer

2022-2023 Registration for girls and boys—ages 3 years through 8th grade. Please visit our website or stop in the Village Office for a registration form!

MANN HOUSE EVENTS

Annual Women's History Conference

Saturday September 8th at 9:00 am.

The \$40 conference fee includes lunch & 2 snacks!

This year's conference theme centers on the role of faith in the lives of Mary Ida and Jessie and that of other women in their small rural community. The Mann sisters were brought up in the First Presbyterian Church of Concord, where Jessie became an elder in her later years.

The Mann House will be open to the public until Sunday September 11th.

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

PLANT EXCHANGE

The Concord Garden Girls are offering a plant exchange stand located in front of the library on Main St. If you have plants to share, please leave them. If you need plants, please take them at no charge. Be sure to mark your donations with the type of plant & whether it's a sun or shade lover. Beautify Concord!

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!

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. Showings at 10am and noon. 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.myjdl.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– July 26, 2022 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

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

Council Members Absent: M. Lovitt.

Public Present: K. Wyatt, D. Saenz, Deputy L. Jacobson, DPW Director J. Blossom and Village Clerk J. Lefere.

Motioned by K. George, seconded by A. Meeks to accept the minutes from the 6/28/2022 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by K. George, seconded by A. Meeks to accept the minutes from the 7/18/2022 special meeting. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked about the store that opened at 203 N. Main Street. He called the number to get information to write an article but has not received a call back. J. Bush stated that he believes the store is more of an online auction/consignment shop and has minimal hours that they are open. K. Wyatt also asked if there are any updates on the former Shannon's building. J. Bush stated that he has talked to another person interested in purchasing the building but hasn't heard back from them. K. Wyatt also inquired about the boat launch at Paddock. J. Bush stated that after numerous phone calls and emails to the DNR the village has yet to hear anything.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$285,049.14 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$285,049.14 . Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson discussed his June 2022 Blotter. 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.

J. Blossom stated that the brush pile has gotten better however someone with a truck load of brush entered the village from the east and the DPW went down to the brush pile to ask if they lived in the village. They replied yes but couldn't give a street name that they lived on. They admitted they were from Spring Arbor. They were asked to leave. J. Blossom informed the council that he has signed a contract with the county to stripe the streets. The striping will be done before school resumes. The stop bars will be done at a later date. The paving is complete on N. Main and Harmon Ave. Michigan Street will be milled on Friday and paved on Saturday.

J. Bush discussed the ARPA funds. J. Blossom stated that he has approved the tuck pointing of the Village Office. He also stated that work needs to be done on the back of the building – when it rains water comes between the two buildings and goes into the basement. The office and the apartments are in need of new furnaces which will also come from the ARPA funds.

J. Bush stated that the Village closed on the house at 114 Homer Road on July 11th. J. Blossom stated that there is a like new furnace and water softener in the house that the village will use the furnace to replace the one in the DPW shop. And the water softener will be used for the apartments above the village office. The plan is to demo the house in the fall. Work on the zoning plan continues.

J. Bush informed the council that the awnings out front are in need of replacing. They looked at some color samples and decided on dark gray with purple lettering.

Council Comments: None.

Village Council Special Meeting Minutes– July 18, 2022 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Public Comments: None.

J. Bush discussed with the Council the opportunity for paving Michigan Street and Harmon Avenue. A couple of years ago the Village had financial estimates put together to see what the cost would be to have some of the Village's worst local and major streets paved over. The local streets paving was completed this spring. The Council had tabled paving any more Major Streets until Main Street was nearing completion so the Council would be better able to gauge the amount of funds which would be needed from the Major Street Fund for the paving of Main Street and if funds were available for paving any additional major street. Concord Excavating and the pavers agreed to match the old cost estimates but milling and paving had to be completed at the same time as they were milling and paving Main Street for the price to be matched. Bush said he felt comfortable there would be enough funds to finish the paving of Main Street and be able to afford to complete the paving of Harmon Avenue and Michigan Street while still having a substantial funds balance left in the Major Streets Fund for potential Major Street issues.

Motioned by J. Bush to approve the milling and paving of Michigan Street and Harmon Avenue at the old cost estimate, seconded by M. Lovitt. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments: None.