

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on September 12, 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:

Public Present: B. Raut, K. Tyler, N. Allison, B. Otto, Treasurer C. Gibbs, Township Supervisor D. Saenz, Deputy L. Jacobson, Clerk J. Lefere and DPW Director J. Blossom.

For their review, Council Members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$49,677.85; Revenue & Expense Report thru 8/31/2023; Concord Area Police Blotter August 2023; August 2023 Fire Board Minutes; July Fire Run Report; September Village Voice; Granger Cart Service Replacement Email; Resident Sewer can Replacement Notice Email; Outdoor/Sidewalk Café Addition to Zoning Ordinance Email; 8-8-2023 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 9-12-2023 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 8/8/2023 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

D. Saenz stated the Township will be paving Allman Rd. from Mann to Van Wert. This was made possible from a grant through Representative S. Lightner.

K. Tyler appreciates everyone's patience as they work on the building located at 101 N. Main St. He hopes to complete the outside before winter and work on the inside during the winter months. He also commented on how lucky the village is to have Deputy Jacobson. All were in agreement.

B. Otto is glad to see businesses coming into the village and hopes everyone is welcoming.

N. Allison wanted to let everyone know that she supports the family that plans to open the bistro.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$49,677.85 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$49,677.85. Motion approved by all.

J. Bush discussed customer conduct expectations with village staff. There is a resident that comes into the village office and treats the staff disrespectfully. It has been decided that this resident will need to make an appointment to do business in person. All other correspondence needs to be done via email. The council agreed that village staff needs to be treated equally and professionally. Signage is to be posted in the office highlighting customer conduct expectations.

J. Bush discussed the Outdoor/Sidewalk café addition to the zoning ordinance that was prepared by village attorney F. Lucas. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to add the Outdoor/Sidewalk Café addition to the Zoning Ordinance. Roll call vote as follows – J. Bush – aye, J. Jackson – aye, T. Norris – aye, T. Thurman – aye, A. Meeks – aye, M. Lovitt – aye, K. George – aye. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed Granger cart service replacement. For the safety of their drivers Granger is now requiring everyone to have a cart. Anyone with bag service will have a cart delivered to their address at no additional cost to them for the remainder of the contract with Granger. The contract goes through October 2029. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to allow Granger to switch every resident to cart service. All were in favor. Motion approved.

L. Jacobson discussed his July 2023 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. A copy may also be picked up in the Village Office.

L. Jacobson discussed his August 2023 Blotter. To view a copy of L. Jacobson’s Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on Police tab.

J. Blossom discussed a letter he put together and had previously sent to the Council regarding the replacement of grinder pumps. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George to proceed with mailing the letters to residents that have a grinder pump. All were in favor. Motion approved. J. Blossom also told the council that the speed signs have arrived and he will get them out in the next few weeks.

Council Comments:

J. Jackson thanked K. Tyler for what he is doing in our village.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Motion approved by all.


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

10/10/23
Date