

# Concord Village Voice ♦ April 2024

**Village of Concord:** 110 Hanover Street-PO Box 306 Concord, MI 49237 / 524-8534 / M-Th: 8am– 6pm

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## New Drop Box

A new drop box has been installed on the West side of the village office building. You are now able to drive through the alley and drop off your payment!

## No Overnight Parking on Village Streets

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

## Community Blessing Box

Concord UMC, 119 S. Main St.  
The blessing box is located next to the church parking lot. Items such as canned goods, mixes, stews, soups, cereal, peanut butter, personal items, deodorant, toothbrushes, soap, Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, etc. are needed. Donations can be dropped off at the church office  
Mon-Thurs 9-3.

The Blessing Box is a community outreach, and based on  
take  
what you need and give what you can!!  
Thank you!!

## 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:** April 9th @ 7:00pm

**Parks & Recreation:** April 2nd @ 7:00pm

**Planning Commission:** April 16th @ 6:30pm

**Fire Board:** April 17th 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

## 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

**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**

## 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 May issue is April 19th.

## 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– February 13, 2024 Absent: View at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) or pickup hard copy at Village Office**

The Village Council of Concord met on February 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent: J. Jackson and A. Meeks.

Public Present: Sheriff G. Schuette, T. Brigham, Deputy M. Coburn, K. Tyler, A. Tyler, County Commissioner E. Poleski, J. Shirk, S. Marsh, Deputy L. Jacobson, Treasurer J. Lefere and DPW Director J. Blossom.

**Motioned by K. George, seconded by T. Thurman to accept the minutes from the 1/9/2024 meeting. Motion approved by all.**

**Public Comments:**

E. Poleski gave an update on the County Commissioners meeting. For information on the Jackson County Commissioners meeting go to <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/365/Jackson-County-Commissioners> and select the news tab.

S. Marsh attended the meeting to ask for her water bill for 107 E. Jackson Rd. to be reduced. During the extreme cold temperatures last month, a pipe burst and flooded the building with 58,000 gallons of water. Since it was clear that the water did not go into the sewer system the council agreed to remove the sewer charge. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to remove the sewer charges. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Shirk stated that she and her husband pick up trash in the village while they are on their walks and if the village would pick the bags up. J. Blossom stated that she could call the office with the location and the DPW would pick up. She also inquired about the blue house on S. Main St. being a blight issue. L. Jacobson agreed that it doesn't look the greatest but they keep the grass mowed in the summer and that there are no broken windows or missing doors so there's nothing he can do at this time. Also inquired about the three 19-year-olds that were caught tearing up the parking lot at Gottschalk Park and L. Jacobson informed her that they were prosecuted due to the extent of the damage done to the millings. Two of them were ordered to pay restitution, one has paid in full. The third is still going to court.

T. Brigham voiced his concern about property at the edge of the village turning into a cattle farm and felt it would devalue his home. J. Bush and J. Blossom stated that they had contacted the village attorney and with the land zoned Agricultural, that Michigan's Right to Farm Act would trump any ordinances that the village would have on the books and that it is out of the village's hands. It is the Village's understanding that the property will have a couple of cows and possibly a couple of horses.

Sheriff G. Schuette gave a presentation on the Public Safety Millage that will be on the ballot this year. For more information visit their website at <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/167/Sheriff>.

**The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$42,725.46 was presented. Motioned by K. George, seconded by M. Lovitt, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$42,725.46. Motion approved by all.**

K. Tyler stated that he has owned the building at 104 S. Main Street for 10-15 years and never had an issue with the library until the last couple of years. The librarian has changed the lock on the door that accesses the upstairs apartment of his building twice claiming that she was unsure of who the stairway belonged to. When the entrance to the opera house was closed off years ago the stairway was abandoned by the library. He also questioned the validity of the quit claim deed because proper legal procedures were not followed and that the village should still own the building and the parking lot behind the building. Village attorney has been consulted and he is unsure of what could be done under due process.

J. Blossom informed the council that bid opening for Allman Road would be Thursday at 10am. In the village office. He also discussed speed signs at a cost of \$6,750.00 for 2 signs. The council decided to table this until all council members are present. He also informed the council that DPW employee K. Thomas will be leaving at the end of the year. J. Blossom has spoken with former DPW employee D. Tom and he would like to hire him in May to work and train alongside K. Thomas for the remainder of the year so he will be ready to take over the position. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George to hire D. Tom on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at \$19.00 per hour. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush informed the council that he, J. Blossom and J. Lefere had interviewed two candidates for the clerk position. They selected Christina Niceswander. The council supported this decision and discussed a starting wage to be \$19.00 per hour at 20 hours per week. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George to hire Christina Niceswander at the rate of \$19.00 per hour at 20 hours per week. All were in favor. Motion approved.

L. Jacobson discussed his January 2024 Blotter. 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.

**Council Comments:**

T. Norris complimented the Tyler's on the progress they are making on their downtown buildings.