

## Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on March 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Public Present: D. Saenz, J. Natter, Deputy L. Jacobson, Treasurer J. Lefere, Clerk C. Niceswander and DPW Director J. Blossom.

For their review, Council Members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$53,384.96; Revenue & Expense Report thru 1/31/2024; Concord Area Police Blotter January 2024; December 2023 Fire Runs; February Village Voice; 1-9-2024 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 2-13-2024 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 2/13/2024 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

J. Natter attended the meeting to inform the community, the school and Concord UMC applied for and received a grant for \$2500 to extend the kids club group into the summer and will be used to create a community garden on the premises of United Methodist Church. Any advice or help will be accepted. The goal is to keep the kids club busy this summer with growing the garden and place a produce stand out by the blessing box, so that once the produce is grown it can go there for the community to use.

K. Wyatt stated Village Council operates at a better level of efficiency than Congress.

D. Saenz stated Hanover Rd. Bridge has been designated for construction by MDOT in 2025, Albion Rd. Bridge designated for construction by JDOT in 2026. Pulaski Rd. from the Hillsdale County line will be under construction 2025.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$53,384.96 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$53,384.96. Motion approved by all.

Resolution to remove C. Gibbs from Bank Accounts, Motioned by J. Bush Seconded A. Meeks all were in favor motion approved.

Resolutions to add C. Niceswander to Bank Accounts, Motioned by J. Bush Seconded J. Jackson all were in favor motion approved.

Budget Amendment to Move Budgeted Amounts from Treasurer to Clerk Motioned by J. Bush Seconded by M. Lovitt. All were in favor motion approved.

Budget Amendment to move budgeted Amounts from Clerk to Treasurer Motioned by J. Bush Seconded by M. Lovitt. All were in favor motion approved.

Motion to Compensate J. Lefere for additional duties at \$1.13 per hour and retroactive to Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Motioned by J. Bush Seconded by K. George

L. Jacobson says burglaries are on the rise in the county and are happening in the Village. Even with locked trailers, they are popping the lock and getting away with property from the trailers. Jacobson suggested residents using trail cameras as pictures and video evidence of thieves are key to locating suspects and prosecution.

J. Blossom stated the brick tuck pointing is complete on the Village Office. A new vehicle pull up drop box slot will finish being installed in the alleyway by March 13th. The vehicle pull up drop box will allow residents the opportunity to make payments from their vehicle. The Village will be completing reconstruction of our worst sidewalks at about 1000 ft. per year with the plan to take five years to complete. An extension of Second Street will begin this spring so that the new land owner can access their land and a pole barn being built, the extension will be 23'x300', with 8" of sand and 6" of crushed asphalt applied. J. Bush motioned and A. Meeks seconded to extend Second Street 300' for \$12,046.

Council Comments:

J. Bush asked the Council if they would be interested in exploring becoming a city. He will gather information and inform all parties as he learns more.

A. Meeks stated R. Betz has fire meeting planned as well has named his Assistant Chief J. Hoch and Captains T. Paruch and B. Mosher.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to adjourn at 7:33pm. Motion approved by all.

  
Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

4/9/24  
Date