

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on September 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Public Present: DPW Director J. Blossom, Clerk C. Niceswander, Deputy L. Jacobson, E. Poleski, B. Otto, S. Rooksberry, D. Evans, J. Compton, J. Rose-Redman, S. Redman.

For their review, Council Members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$38,200.73; Revenue & Expense Report thru 8/31/2024; Concord Area Police Blotter August 2024; August 2024 Fire Runs; September Village Voice; 8/13/2024 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 9/10/2024 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 8/13/2024 meeting. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Motioned by A. Meeks to pay bills in \$38,200.73, seconded by J. Jackson. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt stated that Pulaski Township has approved a contract with a new lawyer to assist with making decisions about the septic issues at Swains Lake and explore options for a septic system.

S. Rooksberry spoke about the blight notice he received from Deputy Jacobson. He stated that he cleaned up his yard and did what was needed in order for the blight to be taken care of.

S. Redman spoke to the Council about how he was pleased with the great improvements happening in the Village since he moved here.

J. Redman also spoke about being pleased with the improvements in the Village.

E. Poleski said that County Jail Millage was an operational millage at .25 mils. This new operational millage will only cover the costs of operating the Sheriff's Department including paying for deputies to patrol our streets and turnkeys to operate our jail. Poleski warned if this millage fails Jackson County will no longer have a road patrol and call outs at night would be for emergency purposes only.

J. Bush spoke about the recent concern expressed about the cost of having to pay for your water to be shut off due to construction. Two years ago we passed an ordinance to raise the cost of turning off water for delinquent bills to \$75. Bush introduced a two tier water shut off/turn off fee that will allow residents to call the Village office to set up an appointment to have their water shut off due to construction, it will be an upfront cost of \$50 instead of the \$75. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to amend the cost of shut off/turn on to an upfront cost of \$50 for Construction and the \$75 to remain in place for delinquent. All were in favor. Motion approved.

L. Jacobson spoke about motorcycles doing wheelies. This is not ok, it is against the law for them to do this because they do not have control of the vehicle. If seen they will be ticketed. He suggested residents try to get video of this and their license plate numbers is possible.

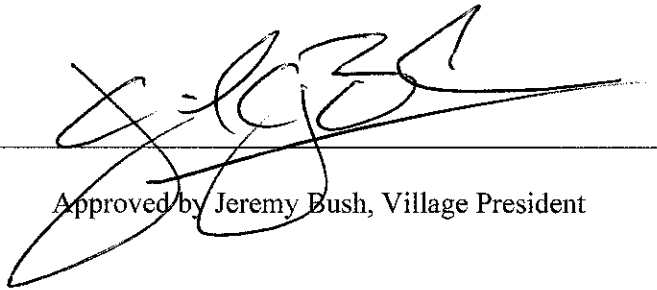
J. Blossom spoke about the meeting with the school about the new well agreement. They agreed to the terms of the proposal to keep the well water safe. This is contingent on there being good water there when we drill the test hole for the

well. He will get the process started for the test hole. J. Blossom stated that the cross walk that is needed for the school is being affected because there is a telephone pole in the way. They are going to continue to see what they can do in order to get this cross walk in place. Blossom spent some time last week marking trees to correlate with the sidewalk replacement for next year. Blossom also spoke on the cost of utility bills which on social media is often labeled as water bills by the public. Blossom felt this is a misrepresentation as these "water bills" are actually utility bills which includes sewer as well as trash. Blossom also brought up the decision of what the water rates should be made based on the requirement from the USDA Loan we received as well as the State of Michigan.

Council Comments: None.

J. Bush stated the Village's Youth Soccer Season was starting and he would be coaching several nights a week including Tuesday nights so he may be late to a future meeting and Pro-Tem M. Lovitt may have to start the meetings and run them until Bush arrives.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 7:41 pm. Motion approved by all.



Approved by Jeremy Bush, Village President

10/8/24

Date