

Village of Concord Council Budget Meeting Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on November 26, 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:

Public Present: DPW Director J. Blossom, Clerk C. Niceswander, and Treasurer J. Lefere.

**J. Bush called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, with no public present other than Village Employees present there was no Public Comment.**

J. Bush opened the meeting discussing the proposed 2025 Village Budget and shared with those in attendance a document he put together summarizing the 2025 budget. Bush discussed how certain projects completed in 2024 affected the 2025 budget going forward. Bush presented potential projects of note which are scheduled to be completed in 2025 which will affect each fund. Bush went over projected fund balance for the end of 2024 and presented projected fund balance for the end of the 2025 year.

A. Meeks presented two budgets for the Concord Fire Department which were given to the Concord Fire Board. One budget was requesting a raise in funding of \$5000 and the other an increase in funding of \$10,000 which would be split evenly between the Village and Township at cost of \$2,500 or \$5,000 to each municipality. The Council questioned the time delay in receiving these budgets from the Concord Fire Chief as the Village's budget was already finished. A. Meeks explained that in the future the new Fire Chief will have his budget prepared earlier in the year so the Village Council can properly review and budget accordingly. A. Meeks noted the increase of \$5,000 was mostly to give the Concord Fire Department Officers a raise and noted the \$10,000 budget was to give all Firefighters a raise. Meeks noted that currently Concord Firefighters make \$15 a run where neighboring fire departments pay their firefighters \$18-\$20 a run. Bush stated even though the Council was receiving these fire department budgets late he could find the money in the budget for either one and suggested he felt all the firefighters should get a raise or no one should get a raise. After some discussion the Council felt there was a need for all firefighters to receive a raise and suggested that the Council approve the \$10,000 budget change pending Township approval of the same fire department budget.

**Motioned by J. Bush to increase the Concord Fire Department budget by \$10,000 with the Village paying their \$5,000 half of the budget increase pending approval by Concord Township of the same budget and their paying the \$5,000 half, seconded by A. Meeks. All were in favor. Motion Approved.**

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks, to adjourn at 7:32 pm. Motion approved by all.



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Approved by Jeremy Bush, Village President

12/10/24  
Date