

# Concord Village Voice ♦ February 2025

**Village of Concord:** 110 Hanover Street-PO Box 306 Concord, MI 49237 / 524-8534 / M-Th: 8am– 5pm

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## 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:** February 11th @ 7:00pm

**Parks & Recreation:** February 4th @ 7:00pm

**Planning Commission:** February 18th @ 6:30pm

**Fire Board:** February 19th 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

## Blessing Box

Thank you, Concord Community, for your thoughtful and generous donations to the Blessing Box at Concord United Methodist Church. Contributions are always needed and accepted such as Non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, syrup, canned goods, mixes, soups, chili, stew, hash, cereal, etc.

Items can be dropped off in the church office. Take what you need, and leave what you can.

## Chilly Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, February 1, 2025

From 2:00 to 4:00pm

St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church

211 Harmon Ave. Concord, MI 49237

Enter to win prize money!

1st: \$250.00, 2nd: \$150.00, 3rd: \$100.00

Rules & Registration: 517-740-2887

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## IMPORTANT Announcement!

SUNDAY, Feb. 2 at 11:30 A.M. Four Chaplains program at St. Catherine Laboure, 211 Harmon, Concord. Please use the east fellowship hall entrance. The program last about 25 minutes. It tells the ultimate sacrifice by four WWII chaplains.

For further information contact Brenda Walters at 517-937-3334.

Sponsored by Concord Pulaski Memorial American Legion Auxiliary #81

## No Overnight Parking on Village Streets

November 1st through May 1st.

This is in place so the DPW can plow and salt our streets.

## SAFE SNOW PRACTICES!!

Piling or depositing snow that obstructs vision is a violation of Michigan's Vehicle Code.

It also is important to remember that the Village ordinances require residents and businesses to keep sidewalks clear of snow. This is important for pedestrians. Winter can be a difficult time to get around for those on foot, so please make the extra effort to clear your sidewalks and help everyone stay safe!

## 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 Council Meeting Minutes– December 10, 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 December 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent: T. Norris.

Public Present: DPW Director J. Blossom, Clerk C. Niceswander, J. Compton, K. Wyatt, D. Saenz and E Poleski.

For their review, Council Members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$61,869.20; Revenue & Expense Report thru 11/31/2024; Concord Area Police Blotter November 2024; October 2024 Fire Runs; December Village Voice; 12/10/2024 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 12/10/2024 Council Meeting Agenda.

**Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 11/12/2024 meeting. All were in favor. Motion approved.**

Public Comments:

E. Poleski stated since the failure to pass the millage for the jail and police services, the Jackson County Commissioners have to readjust the budget for the \$1.5 Million deficit in the budget. They have considered a few different ideas to address this deficit starting with cutting from the administration budget by about \$50,000; the drain commissioner will not be able to fill an employee opening this year because of the cuts to budget; facilities and information technology will take a cut of \$135,000; the courts will see a reduction in their budget of about \$300,000 and finally the Sheriff will have to cut \$615,000 or roughly 6 deputy positions. Poleski also spoke about how the County Clerk is struggling with getting citizens to show up for jury duty, if you do not show up for jury duty you could be faced with \$100 show cause hearing and potential jail. There will also be tree removal happening in the county.

K. Wyatt spoke about the new digital display speed limit sign that was placed near the school in the Village this last month. The County owns this sign.

J. Compton did not have anything to speak about but he will take T. Norris's place on the Council effective January 2025, he will be sworn in at the January meeting.

**Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson to pay bills in the amount of \$61,869.20. All were in favor. Motion approved.**

J. Blossom stated the manhole by the Mill is fixed. D. Tom has passed both water certification exams, he will be taking more classes in the Spring.

J. Bush spoke about the contract with Fire Recovery LLC and the fire budget, although the Council approved these two things in the last meeting the Township did not. At this point we cannot go any further, but Bush stated the Village budgeted accordingly if the Township was to act.

J. Lefere will be attending a conference in February about the Earned Sick Time Leave Act, at which point the Council can decide what will be our best choice moving forward with employees and the State of Michigan Earned Sick Time Leave Act.

**Motioned by J. Bush to payout retiring employees banked sick and vacation time, seconded by M. Lovitt. All were in favor. Motion approved.**

**Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to increase ready to serve water fee by \$1.50 per month and sewer ready to serve fee by \$.50 per month. All were in favor. Motion approved.**

**Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by T. Thurman to approve the 2024 Budget Amendments. All were in favor. Motion approved.**

**Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush to approve the 2025 Budget as presented. All were in favor. Motion Approved.**

Council Comments: None.