

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on January 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent: None

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

For their review, Council Members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$67,872.24; Revenue & Expense Report thru 12/31/2024; Concord Area Police Blotter December 2024; October 2024 Fire Runs; January Village Voice; 12/10/2024 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 01/14/2025 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 12/10/2024 meeting. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Public Comments: None

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Thurman to pay bills in the amount of \$67,872.24. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Deputy Jacobson went over his Police Blotter and stated the drunk driver incident where he found the suspect lying in a field who ran from the scene had a .308 blood alcohol level. Jacobson noted had he not found the suspect they could have died from exposure and reminded everyone please do not drink and drive. The suspect who passed a fake \$100 bill at the Dollar General has been identified, he and two women were a part of this crime group who passed them around lower Michigan. January 27th is the day when the Sheriffs' Offices new budget takes effect and due to the millage not passing there will be a night shift but this will be for priority calls only. Jacobson notes the State Police have stated they are going to try and pad their schedule to help accommodate.

J Blossom stated the Village received their new John Deere Tractor, the tractor will be used around the park, and was particularly purchased with a brush attachment for removing snow from sidewalks in the downtown business district. The 20+ year old New Holland Tractor will be sold to offset the cost in the near future.

J. Blossom stated a sewer line on first street was in need of replacing and the Village posted Bid Opportunities. The Village received bids from three different companies which Blossom opened in the meeting, RJT Construction's bid of \$13,070 was chosen as it was nearly \$10,000 less than the next closest bid.

Motioned by J. Bush to have RJT Construction complete the sewer project, seconded by J. Jackson, Approved by all.

Blossom informed the Council the tenants from the East Apartment have left and Blossom stated the windows throughout needed to be replaced as window air conditioning units have broken them over the years. The need for new flooring, replacement of metal exterior sheathing on the northside exterior, redoing the bathroom and putting in AC was discussed, as were other potential fixes. Blossom had local Jesse Brigham Construction come in and bid the portions he could complete and it was estimated there was a need of approximately \$27,125 in repairs.

Motioned by J. Bush to have Jesse Brigham Construction start the improvements of the Vacant East Apartment, as well as raise the rent when completed, seconded by M. Lovitt. Approved by all.

J. Bush noted that the Council had been contacted by their lawyer Fred Lucas that they should explore joining the Michigan Fire Insurance Withholding Program. Bush noted the Michigan Fire Insurance Program is designed to provide municipalities with some financial protection against the cost of cleaning up a damaged structure following a fire loss. Participating municipalities may be eligible to receive a portion of a policyholder's final settlement to be held in a specified escrow account until the structure is repaired, replaced, or demolished, at which time the escrow funds would be released by the municipality back to the property owner. If the property owner does not repair the structure, the municipality may use the funds to repair, replace, or demolish the damaged structure.

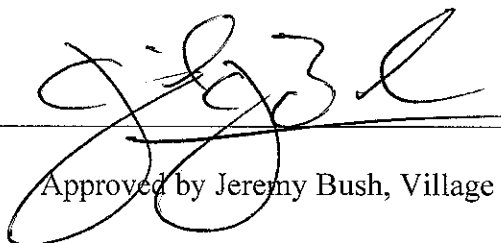
Motioned by J. Bush to put Michigan Fire Insurance Withholding Program in place, seconded by K. George. Approved by all.

J. Bush noted the St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church town was requesting permission from the Village to receive a State of Michigan Gaming License to hold Bingo Nights at the Church.

Motioned by J. Bush to allow St. Catherine Laboure a Gaming License for bingo night, seconded by A. Meeks. Approved by all.

Council Comments: None.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Thurman, to adjourn at 7:52 pm. Motion approved by all.



Approved by Jeremy Bush, Village President



Date