

Concord Village Voice ♦ April 2026

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

Village of Concord Contact Information

Village President:

Jeremy Bush: 414-4104-jbush@villageofconcord.com

Village Council:

Jeff Jackson: 524-7407-

jjackson@villageofconcord.com

Tasha Thurman: 588-9844 -

tthurman@villageofconcord.com

Ashley Meeks: 206-0435-

ameeks@villageofconcord.com

Mike Lovitt: 607-1720 -

mlovitt@villageofconcord.com

Kyle George: 930-4262-

kgeorge@villageofconcord.com

Cynthia Laeder: 745-4915

claeder@villageofconcord.com

DPW: Jason Blossom-

jblossom@villageofconcord.com

Clerk: Christina Niceswander-

clerk@villageofconcord.com

Treasurer: Judy Lefere-

treasurer@villageofconcord.com

Fire Chief: Ryan Betz-

concordfiredepartment@yahoo.com 517-524-7277

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: April 14th @ 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: April 7th @ 7:00pm

Planning Commission: April 21 @ 6:30pm

Fire Board: April 15th @ 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS???

Concord is taking steps moving forward on the Village becoming a City!! Do you want to learn more? Stop in to the Village office or check out our website to get more information. The Village has also joined Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce. Would you like to know more about this? Stop in the office or visit our website to check out the benefits.

Get to know our Village People:

Jeremy Bush: Village President/Planning and Parks

Q:What is the most rewarding experience you've had as a council member?

A:Seeing the difference you are making come to life. In my almost twenty years on the Council I have been instrumental in putting in place an agenda to improve our town and make it more attractive by showcasing our recreation offerings. There are four projects I am particularly proud to have been a champion of and the reward of seeing the change come to life. One would be our downtown streetscaping project which improved the aesthetics of our downtown making it more attractive to residents, visitors and businesses. Another would be the work I put into the Concord Mill Pond Park/Falling Waters Trailhead where I wrote grants to refurbish the bridge, put a boat launch in the Mill Pond, put a parking lot in and continue the Falling Waters Trail into town. It has been rewarding seeing the grant I wrote continuing the Falling Waters Trail/Great Lake to Great Lake Trail/Iron Belle Trail from Main Street by the Mill through the backside of Gottschalk Park and out to Allman Road come to life. And I am very happy to see the Spring Street Park Boat/Kayak Launch being busily used and knowing I was the one who came up with the idea of making this space we owned a usable park. I am looking forward to Paddock Lake getting a similar glow up in the near future!

Q:How long have you lived in this community? What is your favorite place or event in the community?

A:I have lived in the community forty-seven out of my forty-eight years. My mother's family, the Luttenton Family, is one of the founding families of the Pulaski/Concord area and are the namesake of Luttenton Road which is just east of town where it meets Sears Rd. My favorite event is the Concord Classic Weekend which has become like a community reunion where current residents, former residents and many of the kids you grew up with here come home and celebrate Concord! My favorite place is the Springs, if you grew up here, you know where they are located on private property here in town. As a child we spent a lot of time there with neighborhood friends wading in the ice cold waters and as an adult I've grown to appreciate the quiet wooded peace and solitude this unique geological wonder offers.

Q:What is a hobby that you enjoy outside of your role as a council member?

A:Gardening, I have turned my front yard into beautifully landscaped wildflower gardens with rock walkways and the majority of the back yard into edible gardens. I also enjoy cooking, I wouldn't say I am a chef but I am a pretty adept cook! I also love traveling to new places to see what they have to offer and often return home with ideas we might be able to bring here. Concerts, there is something about feeling loud live music course through you that refreshes the mind and spirit!

Q:What keeps you in this community?

A:I had opportunities to go elsewhere but chose to stay. There was a point where the town was spiraling and I felt I could do something about it to help and joined the Village Council to right the ship and improve it. Now with having two young children I couldn't think of a better place to raise them with Concord's close knit community and the ability of children to still have the autonomy and freedoms a small town setting like Concord offers. I am happy with my decision to stay, having

CONCORD UMC

Combined Worship with Albion FUMC, Sunday April 12 worship 10:30, Egg hunt, 11:30am.

Free Community Potluck, April 18 5:00pm

Electronic Recycling, April 25 10:00am-1:00pm in the church parking lot.

Save the date, Golf outing at Whiffletree, June 6.

Concord Baseball & Softball Club:

Spring is upon us and you can pick up your registration forms from school or Village office!

Enroll in Autopay –

Go to www.villageofconcord.com

Scroll down on the home page and select Enroll in Autopay. Complete the form and drop off, mail or email to office@villageofconcord.com. The balance on your account will be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account on the due date. **THERE IS NO FEE TO ENROLL!**

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on February 10, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

Council Members Present: J. Bush, J. Jackson, T. Thurman, M. Lovitt, C. Laeder and A. Meeks.

Council Members Absent: K. George

Public Present: DPW Director J. Blossom, Clerk C. Niceswander, Deputy L. Jacobson, P. Laeder, G. Daw, A. Jumeaux, C. Jumeaux, E. Poleski, A. Earl, R. Earl, R. Carson

For their review, Council Members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$48675.80; Revenue & Expense Report thru 1/01/2026; February Village Voice; December Fire Run Report; Concord Area Police Services Blotter; Dangerous building ordinance, and construction code ordinance; 1/13/2025 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 2/10/2025 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Thurman, to accept the minutes from the 1/13/2025 meeting. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson, to pay bills in the amount of \$48675.80. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Public Comments:

E. Poleski informed everyone that the Jackson County Sheriffs have an arraignment with the federal government. We are cooperating with the Federal government as we would want them to do for us.

J. Staggs came to the meeting to speak on behalf of the Village DPW on how well they take care of our snow removal process.

A. Earl and R. Earl came to the meeting to speak with the council on an incident that happened 02/06/2026, in which DPW employee N. Kidder was brushing the snow off the sidewalks in the downtown district, when resident A. Earl jumped out of her car claiming that he intentionally blew this snow on her car. At the time she did not have a snow brush to clean off the snow, nor could she pull into traffic on Main St. because she could not see out her window. After which R. Earl called DPW director J. Blossom to ask him which one of his stupid retards was working downtown. They stated that they just want Village employees to do better.

N Kidder spoke on his own behalf to say he was sorry, and that he did not have snow brush to help clean up his mess.

C. Jumeaux stated she is so joyful when the DPW is plowing. She also presented her paperwork on starting a farmers' market in the community. She is working on being able to accept SNAP benefits. She Also accepted the position on the parks committee.

Motioned by J Bush, seconded by J. Jackson, to hire C. Jumeaux for Parks Committee. All were in favor. Motion approved.

A. Jumeaux wanted to tell the Village that they are doing a great job.

L. Jacobson spoke about the blight issues that have been brought up at the last few council meetings. He is working with blight issues to get them all taken care of.

J. Blossom discussed that the permit to change the well to a production well. This could take a couple of months. He stated that a comment was made at the last meeting that nothing sells because of the condition of our community. Research was done and 26 title exchanges happened in 2025. J. Blossom spoke about making the land change needed for us to get the boat launch in Paddock Lake. Condemning a building process, the process is quite long. He explained the process and how we would have to go forward with condemning the building. We will have to get a committee together in order get this process complete, he will start working on getting a committee together so we can move forward. He brought to the attention of the board the adding and amendments to get a new ordinance into place.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt, to amend the construction code ordinance as printed. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the dangerous building ordinance. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt, to add C. Niceswander back on the Village bank accounts. All were in favor. Motion approved

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by C. Laeder, to remove A. Thomas from the Village bank accounts. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush talked to the council about becoming a city. He has a power point ready to present to the Community, he is going to present this at our next council meeting.

Council Comments:

J. Jackson commented on how much he appreciates DPW.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Thurman, to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Motion approved by all.

