

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 16, 2011 – MINUTES

Trustees Present:

Denny Desmond, Chairman
Brad Long, Vice Chairman
Caleb Head, Treasurer
Dale Owen, Clerk
Fran Owen, Secretary

Visitor Present:

See Attached List

Denny Desmond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. at the Redings Mill Fire Department located at 344 Redings Mill Road.

Minutes from the September 20, 2011 meeting were presented. Motion made by Brad Long and second by Dale Owen to forgo the reading of the September 20, 2011 minutes as everyone had received copies and accept the minutes as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Original financial bank statements and bank reconciliation statements for September and October 2011 were presented by Caleb Head. Statements were reviewed by each trustee, signed and dated. Ending balance for September 2011 in the checking account was \$29,241.78 and the October 2011 ending balance was \$35,196.69. There was one outstanding check in October (Payee Paul Horton \$1,200.00) making the adjusted balance \$33,996.69. Current balance in the investment account for September 2011 is \$35,320.40 and for October 2011 is \$35,321.90. Pending liabilities totaling \$3,760.59 (an adjustment was made to the amount owed to Kwik Kopy as the original entry included sales tax and the invoice from the Village Attorney had been received therefore this amount was included in the current liabilities) and estimated automatic deductions for Empire District Electric of \$660.00 were presented. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Fran Owen to accept the financial statement and pay pending liabilities totaling \$4,420.59. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

The Chairman's Financial Information Report was presented and reviewed. The report contained the Summary of Revenues and Expenses and Fund Balances as well as the Financial Statement as of October 31, 2011, Year to Date Actual vs. Budget as of October 31, 2011 and a recap of the Leawood Bank Statements. Year to date actual versus budget for 2011 resulted in an unfavorable difference of \$70,843.26 resulting from the street repairs. Actual versus budget for 2011 would have been below budget without the road repairs. The account set aside for the Boyd restitution monies (\$3,000) will be reclassified into the general fund at the end of 2011. All trustees present initialed all reports. Motion made by Caleb Head and second by Brad Long to approve the Chairman's Financial Reports. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- 1 **Missouri State Auditor's Report** - Nothing new to report. (Trustees need to develop a bidding policy).
- 2 **Operating Procedures and Policies** - Board members continue to develop the policy.
- 3 **Emerald Drive Street Lights** – Issue closed. Dale to contact Empire District and have the broken light removed from the village street light list.
- 4 **Snow Removal Contract** – Denny Desmond reported Paul Horton admitted he had received the contract but had not mailed it back. Horton said he would return it but if he couldn't find his copy he would request another.
- 5 **44th & Connecticut Property:**
 - A) Zoning and Planning will hold a public hearing on December 1, 2011 to hear the owner's request for rezoning of this property.
 - B) Denny Desmond presented a copy of the sign that will be placed on the property to notify residents of the zoning public hearing.
 - C) Suggestion was made to invite the Newton County Sheriff's Department, Joplin Special Road District, City of Joplin officials, C. J. Huff, Joplin Superintendent of Schools, and members of the Redings Mill Fire Department to the hearing.
- 6 **St. John's Hospital:**
 - A) Ground breaking is scheduled for January 2012.
 - B) Denny Desmond reported that he and Brad Long attending the Joplin Zoning & Planning Meeting held on October 10 and the City Council meeting held October 17th. Denny read his objections concerning the change in zoning.
 - C) Plans are being made to make Indiana Street three lanes wide and take out the hills, dips, add sidewalks, curbs and gutters on the west side. Request made by a Leawood Village resident to make the entrance into the property at 44th Street and none on Indiana as school buses are picking up and dropping off school children (one being a handicap student).

- D) The resident at 4525 Indiana wanted to know what needed to be done to rezone his residential property to commercial. He advised that he had visited with most of the residents on the east side of Indiana and they too were interested in rezoning to commercial as they did not want to live across from the parking lot. He was advised that he would need to develop a site plan and make a request to the Planning & Zoning and Planning Commission for the change.
- 7 **Street Sign** – One of the one way signs on the round about was knocked down. Brad Long reported that it could be replaced however it would probably just get knocked down again. General consensus of the trustees was to not replace the sign. Issue closed.
- 8 **Hazardous Mitigation Plan** – Still working on.

New Business:

- 1 **Building Permits** – None issued.
- 2 **Complaints** – Defacing of the stop sign located at 44th Street and Connecticut. Joplin Special Road District has taken care of cleaning it up.
- 3 **Comprehensive Plan:**
 - A) Dick Largent to help revise the plan at no cost and will continue to work with Leawood to get it accomplished. He thought it was okay just needed to be updated.
- 4 **Planning & Zoning Commission:**
 - A) Nomination was made by Denny Desmond to appoint Phyllis Sapp, Rick McCord, Don Swanson and Kurt Higgins to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Caleb Head to approve the appointment of Phyllis Sapp, Rick McCord, Don Swanson and Kurt Higgins to the committee. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Denny Desmond reported that Kurt Higgins has volunteered to serve as Chairman of the committee. R. E. Smith currently serves on the committee and will remain.
 - B) Trustees reviewed several maps of the village, some dating back to 1975 looking for a map showing zoning.
 - C) Denny Desmond will try to make contract with Dale Blanchard to see if he might still have records of meetings during the time he served on the committee.
- 5 **2012 Budget** – Preliminary review of the budget. Will be finalized at the January 2012 meeting.
- 6 **Southern Hills Barrier Removal**
 - A) Denny Desmond read the statement that had been placed in the *Leawood Ledger (copy attached)* and asked if anyone present was opposed to leaving the barrier in place. No one opposed. Denny reported that he had received 10 e-mail messages from residents and that none of them opposed leaving the barrier in place.
 - B) Mitch Randles, Joplin Fire Chief, advised that the statement in the *Ledger* that he wanted the barrier removed was incorrect. He did not oppose the barrier just the current form. His suggestion was to use a gate like the one on the back side of Wildwood.
 - C) Andy Nimmo, Redings Mill Fire Chief, also mentioned that one way in and one way out was not good.
 - D) General discussion from village residents attending the meeting was they did not want the barrier removed.
 - E) Motion made by Caleb Head and second by Brad Long to keep the barrier in its current form. Trustees will look for an alternative to a gate and work with the Joplin. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.
 - F) Andy Nimmo and Mitch Randles requested permission to check out alternative gates or barriers for replacement of the concrete barricade now in place. Board members agreed to their request.
- 7 **Repaving Wildwood Entrance** – The village has received a bill for \$16,000 for repaving the entrance into Wildwood. Need to request itemized documents showing the total cost of the project. The amount previously approved by the Board of Trustees was \$3,000. Kurt Higgins will contact the City of Joplin and have them contact Denny Desmond regarding this issue. Issue tabled until January 2012 meeting.

Motion made by Brad Long and second by Caleb Head to adjourn the meeting. In favor 5 opposed 0. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10. Next meeting will be January 17, 2011.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen, Secretary Date

Denny Desmond, Chairman