

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 15, 2012 – 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 6:48 P.M. at the Redings Mill Fire Department located at 5202 S Range Line Road. Denny presented a letter from Kay Baum, Newton County Clerk, concerning the certification of the April 3 election. Cliff Barker received 62 votes, Fran Owen 108, and Brad Long 74. Motion made by Caleb Head and second by Dale Owen to abandon the existing board of trustees and assignments and accept the results of the April 3, 2012 election in order to nominate and elect new positions. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Meeting called to order at 6:50 for the new board of trustees. Recommendation made by Denny Desmond for trustees to continue in their current assignments (Denny Desmond, Chairman, Brad Long, Vice Chairman, Caleb Head, Treasurer, Dale Owen, Clerk, Fran Owen, Secretary). All members accepted the slate as assigned. Motion made by Brad Long and second by Caleb Head to accept the new board nominations and assignments. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond advised the trustees that he was amending the agenda for the meeting in order to discuss actions against homeowners who don't maintain their property. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Brad Long to approve the agenda as amended. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Minutes from the March 20, 2012 meeting were presented. Motion made by Caleb Head and second by Dale Owen to forgo the reading of the 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 March and April 2012 were presented by Caleb Head. Statements were reviewed by each trustee, signed and dated. Ending balance for March 2012 in the checking account was \$61,291.05 and the April 2012 ending balance was \$61,224.96. There were no outstanding checks. Current balance in the investment account for March 2012 was \$35,329.26 and for April 2012 was \$35,330.76. Pending liabilities totaling \$2,144.50 and estimated automatic deductions for Empire District Electric of \$680.00 were presented. Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Brad Long to accept the financial reports for March and April 2012 and pay pending liabilities totaling \$2,824.50. 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 April 30, 2012, Year to Date Actual vs. Budget as of April 30, 2012 and a recap of the Leawood Bank Statements. Year to date actual versus budget for 2012 resulted in a favorable difference of \$1,267.00. All trustees present initialed all reports. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Brad Long to approve the Chairman's Financial Reports. In favor 4 Opposed 0. Motion passed. . (Note: Caleb Head left the meeting at 6:58 for personal reasons).

Old Business:

- 1 **Missouri State Auditor's Report** - Trustees still need to develop a bidding policy.
- 2 **Operating Procedures and Policies** – Trustees continuing to develop the policy.
- 3 **Snow Removal Contract** – Denny Desmond reported Paul Horton has not returned a signed contract however he did receive a certificate of insurance. Denny will continue to try to obtain a contract.
- 4 **Hazardous Mitigation Plan** – Tabled until fall meeting.
- 5 **Southern Hills Barrier Removal and/or Replacement:**
 - A) Mitch Randall, Joplin Fire Chief, presented a sketch of the proposed Jersey Barrier (sketch attached)
 - B) He recommended that one of the existing cement barriers be moved about 5 feet then place three (3) steel posts in the roadway with a steel cable running through. A lock for emergency services would be placed on one side and a lock for the Village of Leawood could be placed on the other side. (Note: this would be similar to the barrier currently in Wildcat Park).

- C) Mitch advised that there should not be any cost to Leawood Village (estimated the cost at less than \$500). He thought Joplin Special Road District could drill the holes. Mitch would have a lock for the emergency services personnel. For safety issues the Village of Leawood would need to purchase signage for the Jersey Barrier as well as a lock for the Leawood side.
- D) Kurt Higgins requested that the barrier be moved 6 feet instead of 5 feet. Mitch said he would redraw his sketch to look more like what was discussed tonight.
- E) This issue to be placed on the agenda for the July meeting.
- 6 Mercy Hospital** – Construction continues. Kurt Higgins reported he had updated the Planning and Zoning Board at their meeting. He will continue to watch the progress and report any new information.
- 7 Ordinance 2012-1:**
 - A) Second reading was done on this ordinance authorizing, approving, detaching and transferring the property located at 44th & Connecticut from the Village of Leawood to the City of Joplin. Under this ordinance half of the road will be in the Village of Leawood and half in the City of Joplin. Road repair will remain a concern for the village.
 - B) Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Fran Owen to approve Ordinance 2012-1 on the second reading. In favor 3 (Denny Desmond, Dale Owen, Fran Owen), Opposed 1 (Brad Long). Motion passed.
 - C) Denny Desmond to file the ordinance with Newton County. Ordinance was attested to by the Village Clerk, Dale Owen.
 - D) Denny reported that the Joplin Planning and Zoning Board will meet on June 11. He will present documentation and speak for the Village of Leawood at that meeting.
- 8 Complaints**
 - A) Denny advised he still received telephone calls concerning dogs running loose.
 - B) Complaint from EcsTks@aol.com, “A Concerned Resident” concerning the condition of the property located at 50th and Connecticut. Caleb Head to send an e-mail to EcsTks@aol.com. Tabled complaint as Caleb had to leave the meeting early.

New Business:

- 1 Building Permits** – None issued
- 2 Complaints:**
 - A) The following properties are in violation of the ordinance No. 99-01 in reference to unkept lawns.
 - i) 129 Valley View (Kurt Higgins currently mowing and reported he will continue to do so until property is sold) (Faubion property in foreclosure)
 - ii) 1210 Southview (former Forrest Stoops property) apparently abandoned
 - iii) 4825 Indiana (former McQueary property purchased by Li and Tricia Wu) and currently occupied by renter. Denny reported that he had been to this property and no one was home at that time.
 - iv) Tom Ashens Property on Indiana Street – apparently finance company owns the property
 - v) Empty lot owned by Denhams on Connecticut between 45th and 46th Streets
 - vi) Empty house on Rangeline north of Community Bank & Trust.
 - B) Denny Desmond to deliver a four (4) day notice to the owner of each listed property by mail, personally or by posting a notice on the premise of the “weed violation”. Owner will need to appear for a hearing (to be held at Denny Desmond’s residence). If weeds are not cut within five (5) days of the hearing, the village trustees will take action to have someone cut the grass and then try to recover the costs, including fees/penalties. Denny will check with the Newton County Collector to see if the charges can be added to the property tax statements.
 - C) May need to place a notice in the Ledger concerning “weeds” and unmaintained property.
- 3 State Financial Reporting** – Denny received an e-mail confirmation on May 11 that the report had been received.
- 4 Joplin Special Road District:**
 - A) Denny presented a copy of the agreement between the village and the special road district dated July 21, 2009. Copy given to village clerk to file in the records.
 - B) Denny will try to attend the next meeting of the Joplin Special Road District to see what impact Mercy Hospital will have on their road maintenance.
- 5 Jack Stults** – Denny reported that Mr. Stults contacted him concerning de-annexation of his property into the city of Joplin. Denny said he advised him on what he needed to do to accomplish this and Denny has not heard from him since. No action taken—for information only. Issue closed.
- 6 Silver Creek De-annexation into Joplin** – General discussion – information only. Will not have any impact on Leawood Village.
- 7 Street Signs** – Signs are in bad shape in Southern Hills and needing replaced. Kurt Higgins volunteered to get bids and handle replacement. Kurt to contact Jim Johnson (village resident) concerning what to put on the signs.
- 8 Insurance** – General discussion concerning obtaining some type of insurance for board members. We have been unable to obtain any coverage in last several years due to the Paul Boyd situation. Denny suggested trustees check their homeowner’s policy for possible coverage. Denny will continue to work on this.

Motion made by Brad Long and second by Dale Owen to adjourn the meeting. In favor 4 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:51. Next meeting will be July 17, 2012.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen, Secretary

Denny Desmond, Chairman