

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 25, 2014 – MINUTES

Trustees Present:

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

Visitors Present:

Terry Barlow P O Box 217 Saginaw MO
Steve Brown 2028 E 46th Street, Joplin MO

Denny Desmond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. at the Redings Mill Fire Department located at 5205 S Range Line Road, Joplin, MO 64804.

Minutes from the September 30, 2014 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 August – September 2014 and September – October 2014 for the investment account and September 2014 and October 2014 for the checking account were presented by Caleb Head. Statements were reviewed by each trustee, signed and dated. Ending balance for September 2014 in the checking account was \$21,068.87 and the October 2014 ending balance was \$24,688.14. There were no outstanding checks. Current balance in the investment account for September 2014 was \$60,684.05 and October 2014 was \$60,694.36. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Brad Long to approve the bank financial statements. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Pending liabilities totaling \$26,277.25 (Paul Horton \$1,200--snow removal, Eagle Eye Digiprint \$157.71--newsletters, Kenny Singer \$23,337.60--road repairs in Hidden Valley, Chris Chappel \$111.94 website maintenance, \$1.470 stipends for board of trustees) *Note: Caleb Head requested special approval for payment for the May meeting which he did not attend but did prepare the necessary reports for the meeting. Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Brad Long to approve the May stipend payment for Caleb Head; estimated automatic deductions for Empire District Electric of \$680.00 and Community Bank & Trust \$1,830.40 were presented. Motion made by Brad Long and second by Dale Owen to pay pending liabilities totaling \$28,787.65. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Chairman's Report of Financial Information as of October 31, 2014. The report contained the revenue and expenses by month, revenue and expenses actual versus budget and prior year and CB&T bank transactions for ten months. *Note: Payment to Kenny Singer will be taken out of the checking account and may result in an overdraft. Recommendation made by Denny Desmond and second by Fran Owen to transfer \$10,000 from the investment account into the checking account. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Fran Owen to accept and approve the Chairman's financial report dated October 31, 2014. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1 Operating Procedures and Policies – Denny Desmond still working on final copy.

2 Hazardous Mitigation Plan - Trustees to update as needed.

3 Street Repairs:

- A) General discussion concerning cost of repairs to the streets in Hidden Valley. Original quote was +\$8,000. By the time the contractor was able to work on the repairs, the marked areas were no longer visible resulting in having to remark the street. It is believed more areas were measured and marked the second time. Thus resulting in an additional charge of \$14,983.60.
- B) Trustees all agreed that Kenny Singer did a good repair job.
- C) Motion made by Caleb Head and second by Dale Owen to approve the invoice from Singer for \$23,337.60. In favor 4 (Dale Owen, Brad Long, Caleb Head, Fran Owen) Opposed 0 Abstained 1 (Denny Desmond).

D) Steve Brown requested that if there was still some road repair money available that repairs need to be made to the west side of Oak Street (which is in Leawood Village) near the intersection of 46th & 47th Street... Oak Street was not included in the original street repair quote.

i) Denny Desmond said he would have Kurt Higgins take a look at that spot and any others on Oak Street.

4 Village Ordinances: Trustees need to review all ordinances and update them. Building permits and zoning ordinances both need work. (Tabled for review in 2015).

5 Complaints

A) 4825 and 4905 Indiana - Denny reported he had received a request from the City of Joplin to cut down the tree near the street on the property at 4905 Indiana.

B) Brad Long will contact some tree trimmers and obtain two quotes to cut down and remove the tree. Property owner will be billed for the costs.

C) Denny reported he had sent two letters to the property owner (Mr. Wu) along with a copy of the letter from the City of Joplin.

6 Comprehensive Plan:

A) Denny Desmond reported that the CP was recorded on August 11, 2014 with Newton County Clerk. Denny received final copy and it was given to the Village Clerk. Certificate attached to the original copy of the minutes as a matter of record.

B) Prioritizing the projects defined in the plan was tabled until the January 2015 meeting.

7 Calvary Baptist Church:

A) Denny Desmond met with Brad Graves, the minister of the church on November 24, 2014. Denny reported the areas in the back of the church had been cleaned up and that Mr. Graves said there was a 50 50 chance of the "old Messenger College Gym" being moved to the church property from the Mercy location due to the cost. He reported it was a two million dollar project. He did say that should the move be made they would have to use Brookwood Drive due to the size of the building. Mercy would hire the contractor and pay for any damage done to the street.

8 Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization: Nothing new to report at this time.

9 Animal Control Issues:

A) General discussion with Terry Barlow on how to handle complaints of dogs running free.

i) Fee charged would be based on a case by case incident or could be a flat fee. Mr. Barlow normally charges an \$85.00 service fee (which is negotiable) plus the fee for the Joplin Humane Society. He uses a catch pole; will trap; does not use stun gun, will use a .22 if necessary.

ii) Brad Long asked Mr. Barlow if he would charge if he received a call and was unsuccessful in capturing the animal. Mr. Barlow said he would request something for fuel and time.

iii) Mr. Barlow requested that Brad and Caleb let him know when they call that they are with Leawood Village and if the animal is a dog or cat (or varmint), stray and if not the address where the animal belongs.

iv) Motion made by Brad Long and second by Dale Owen to engage Terry Barlow for animal control for the Village of Leawood at a rate of \$85.00 plus cost of delivery to the Joplin Humane Society. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

B) Brad Long will be the contact in Leawood Village for residents to call and Caleb Head will be the contact in Southern Hills.

10 Curbside Recycling –Denny reported he contacted the trash hauling company and they do not have any plans for curbside recycling in Leawood or any other small village. Couldn't say if Joplin added curbside recycling someday if they would include Leawood.

11 Sales Tax Revenue – nothing received as of this date.

New Business

1 Building Permits Issued: None

2 Complaints: None

3 2015 Budget

A) Trustees were presented with and reviewed the 2015 budget

B) Sales revenue of \$6,000 was added to the 2015 budget

C) \$12,000 was added to road repairs

- 4 **Snow Removal Agreement** - Motion made by Caleb Head and second by Dale Owen to approve the Snow Removal Agreement with The Lawn Guy (Paul Horton). In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. The agreement will become effective January 1, 2015.
- 5 **Leawood Ledger Mailing List** – a review of the list indicated a number of letters being mailed to residences without a name. Denny to send a letter to those addresses and obtain information to update the mailing list.
- 6 **April Board of Trustees Election** – Dale Owen, Denny Desmond, and Brad Long indicated their desire to run for reelection.
- 7 **Website Fees** – Chris Chappel notified the village he would be increasing his fees from \$25.00 to \$40.00 per hour. Motion made by Caleb Head and second by Brad Long to approve the \$40.00 rate fee. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Motion made by Brad Long and second by Dale Owen to adjourn the meeting. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M. Next meeting will be January 27, 2015.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen, Secretary Date

Denny Desmond, Chairman