

# LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

## May 19, 2015 – MINUTES

### **Trustees Present:**

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

Denny Desmond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:25 P.M. at the Redings Mill Fire Department located at 5205 S Range Line Road, Joplin, MO 64804.

Certification of the April election results was presented. Dale Owen received 68 votes, Brad Long 67 votes, and Denny Desmond 71 votes. Ordinance SB 593 Vote (Leawood Ordinance 2015-1) passed 60 to 33. Motion made by Brad Long and second by Dale Owen to accept the April election results. In favor 4 Opposed 0 Motion passed.

Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Dale Owen to disband the current board of trustees. In favor 4 Opposed 0. Motion passed. May 19, 2015 meeting reconvened.

Denny Desmond presented and the board members accepted the resignation of Caleb Head effective May 1, 2015. Denny Desmond agreed to remain as chairman, Dale Owen agreed to remain as village clerk, Fran Owen agreed to remain as secretary and Brad Long agreed to accept the position of treasurer. The vice chairman position will remain open at this time. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Brad Long to accept the board positions as listed above.

Minutes from the Mach 19, 2015 meeting were presented. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Brad Long to forgo the reading of the minutes as everyone had received copies and accept the minutes as presented. In favor 4 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Original financial bank statements and bank reconciliation statements for March and April 2015 were presented by Denny Desmond for the investment account, checking account and the sales tax revenue account. Statements were reviewed by each trustee, signed and dated. Ending balance for March 2015 in the checking account was \$13,748.29 and the April 2015 ending balance was \$18,414.41. There were no outstanding checks. Current balance in the investment account for March 2015 was \$25,724.25 and April 2015 was \$25,725.07. Ending balance in the sales tax revenue account was \$6,473.22 for March and \$7,701.57 for April. Motion made by Brad Long and second by Fran Owen to accept the financial bank statements as presented. In favor 4 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Pending liabilities totaling \$1,784.45 (Paul Horton \$1,200, snow removal, Eagle Eye Digiprint \$213.93 newsletters, Newton County Collector \$3.56 & \$4.29 tax collections, Newton County Election Authority \$362.67); estimated automatic deductions for Empire District Electric of \$662.97 were presented. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Brad Long to pay pending liabilities totaling \$2,441.42. In favor 4 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Chairman's Report of Financial Information as of April 30, 2015. The report contained the revenue and expenses by month, revenue and expenses actual versus budget and prior year and CB&T bank transactions for two months. . Motion made by Brad Long and second by Dale Owen to accept and approve the Chairman's financial reports. In favor 4 Opposed 0. Motion passed. All trustees signed and dated the report.

### **Old Business:**

- 1 Operating Procedures and Policies** – Denny Desmond working on final copy.
- 2 Hazardous Mitigation Plan** - Trustees will periodically review the plan for possible updates. Denny Desmond said he did not attend a Hazardous Mitigation meeting held March 29, 2015 HSTC office. He did receive correspondence to fill out and will mail.
- 3 Street Repairs:** Dale Owen reported that cracks were beginning to appear on Horseshoe Drive. Nothing major needing repair at this time, just a few small cracks
- 4 Joplin Special Road District:** Need to discuss with the district who would be responsible for making repairs to the streets in the village if they need repairing (i.e. construction trucks damage roads should Mercy Commons be built). Denny still need to contact the district.

**5 Village Ordinances:**

- A) Dale Owen reported he had reviewed the Building Permit Ordinance and the only changes he suggested might be made would be to increase the permit fees and add guidelines and costs for privacy fencing and also swimming pools. Dale will put together recommended changes and present at the next meeting.
- B) Denny Desmond to review the Zoning Ordinance. He did not look at the report Dick Largent has submitted.

**6 Comprehensive Plan:**

- A) All trustees were in agreement that we need to upgrade the Leawood Village signs on Connecticut Street, at the Entrance to Southern Hills, on 50<sup>th</sup> Street and 44<sup>th</sup> & Oak. Dale Owen to obtain bids and present at the July meeting.
- B) Discussed inviting Newton County Sheriff Ken Copeland to a future trustee meeting to discuss how to enforce the speed limits and establish neighborhood watch areas.
- C) Discussed holding a village picnic. Could be held in Wildcat Park. Would need volunteers from the village to put the picnic together.

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

**8 Leawood Ledger Mailing List:** Denny still working on updating the list.

**9 Snow Removal Agreement:** Paul Horton has not returned the agreement.

**10 Ordinance SB 593 Vote (Leawood Ordinance 2015-1):** The ordinance is for voters to decide whether to forgo annual municipal elections for six years if the number of candidates filing equal the number of seats up for election. Ordinance passed. Issue closed.

**11 Succession of Trustees:** Denny compiling the information and will present at the September meeting.

**12 Mercy Commons:** Mr. Mike Buckingham requested at the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting an endorsement from the village trustees for him to pursue funding from Newton County Commission for a bridge to be built over I-44 connecting Indiana Street. Currently waiting on Mr. Buckingham to submit a draft letter for endorsement.

**13 Trash Hauling Agreement:** Dale Owen sent letters to three area trash hauling companies to submit bids. He will present the bids at the July meeting.

***New Business***

**1 Building Permits:**

- A) Charles Loveless                    151 Valley View Drive    Carport/Storage                    Permit 2015-1    \$5.00
- (B) Toufic T Sadd                    16 Wildwood Drive        Solar Panels                    Permit pending

**2 Complaints:** Mary Blauket purchasing home on Grandview and is complaining about 536 Grandview where there is an abandoned motor home and grass needing mowing. Denny to send letter.

**3 Background Check:** General discussion concerning a recommendation made by Dale Owen reference doing background checks on future trustees. No action taken at this time.

**4 Bank Signature:** Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Fran Owen for Denny Desmond to draft a letter to the bank approving Brad Long as an authorized signature on all three banking accounts. Brad Long to go to the bank and sign signature cards.

**5 Trustee Vice Chairman Position:** Denny Desmond will contact Beverly Keil to see if she would be interested in filling out the remaining term of the vice chairman.

Motion made by Brad Long and second by Denny Desmond to adjourn the meeting. In favor 4 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be July 21, 2015.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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Fran Owen, Secretary    Date

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Denny Desmond, Chairman