

# LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

## September 15, 2015 – MINUTES

### Trustees Present:

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

### Visitors:

None

Denny Desmond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:28 P.M. at the Redings Mill Fire Department located at 5205 S Range Line Road, Joplin, MO 64804.

Minutes from the August 18, 2015 special meeting were presented. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl 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. (Certification letter received from the Newton County Clerk was attached to the minutes).

Minutes from the July 21, 2015 were presented. Motion was made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Dale Owen to forgo the reading of the minutes as everyone had received copies and accept the minutes as presented with a correction of a typo in Old Business item number 4 to correct 444<sup>th</sup> Street to 44<sup>th</sup> Street. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Original financial bank statements and bank reconciliation statements for July and August 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 July 2015 in the checking account was \$26,390.79 and the August 2015 ending balance was \$30,200.02. There were no outstanding checks. Current balance in the investment account for July 2015 was \$25,726.99 and August 2015 was \$25,727.65. Ending balance in the sales tax revenue account was \$13,672.84 for July and \$15,799.61 for August. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl to accept the financial bank statements as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Pending liabilities totaling \$1,851.39 (Paul Horton \$1,200, snow removal, Eagle Eye Digiprint \$213.93 newsletters, Newton County Treasurer \$8.81 collection fees, Lancaster Signs \$928.65 village signage); estimated automatic deductions for Empire District Electric of \$659.60 were presented. Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl to pay pending liabilities totaling \$2,510.99. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Note: check numbers 2336 and 2340 were void by Denny Desmond with approval from all trustees as these checks had been signed by Caleb Head to be used in the event bills needed to be paid before a new treasurer signature was authorized.

Denny Desmond presented the Chairman's Report of Financial Information as of August 31, 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 eight months. Bank balance at August 31, 2015 was \$71,727.28. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Fran Owen to accept and approve the Chairman's financial reports with heading on Exhibit B changed from four months to eight months. In favor 5 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 review the plan for possible updates at the November meeting. Denny Desmond has received correspondence but reported there was nothing to mail.
- 3 Street Repairs:**
  - A) Beverly Kiehl reported that the soft spot in the road near Oak and 44<sup>th</sup> Street is still there.
  - B) Subcontractors for Missouri Gas Energy (Laclede Gas) have been working in the village for some time installing new gas lines. Beverly expressed her concern about the unsafe way these contractors worked. Suggestion made to write a letter to the home office expressing our concern and also requesting that in the future they notify village officials when work is being done.

- 4 **Joplin Special Road District:** Need to discuss with the district who is responsible for making repairs to 50<sup>th</sup> Street, 444<sup>th</sup> Street and Connecticut Street when they need repairs.
- 5 **Village Ordinances:**
  - A) Dale Owen reported he had reviewed the Building Permit Ordinance and the only changes he suggested would be to increase the permit fees and add guidelines and costs for privacy fencing and also swimming pools. Dale still working on changes.
  - B) Denny Desmond to review the Zoning Ordinance.
- 6 **Comprehensive Plan:**
  - A) New village signs have been installed on Connecticut Street, at the Entrance to Southern Hills, on 50<sup>th</sup> Street and 44<sup>th</sup> & Oak. Item closed. Job well done.
  - B) Dale Owen, Denny Desmond and Bill Bowers attended a meeting with the Newton County Sheriff's department concerning establishing a neighborhood watch program. Trustees need to set up a date and time for a village meeting and the sheriff's department will be there. Suggestion for meeting on Thursday November 19 at the Redings Mill Fire Station. Notice to be placed in the November issue of the *Leawood Ledger*.
- 7 **Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization:** Long range plan submitted on Wednesday September 2 with input from Kurt Higgins and Brad Long. Survey submitted to HSTCC.
- 8 **Leawood Ledger Mailing List:** Denny still working on updating the list. Will use the list he received from Empire District Electric and Republic Trash Service to update the list.
- 9 **Snow Removal Agreement:** Paul Horton has not returned the agreement. Denny Desmond sent agreement with check and made a request for signature.
- 10 **Succession of Trustees:** Denny compiling the information and will present at a future meeting.
- 11 **Trash Hauling Agreement:**
  - (A) An executed copy has been received from Republic. Item closed.
  - (B) Denny Desmond reported he received a listing of all Leawood Village customers from Republic.
- 12 **Complaints:**
  - A) 523 Grandview - abandoned motor home. Denny Desmond will contact the resident.
  - B) 727 East 50<sup>th</sup> Street - yard needs mowing. Denny Desmond will send a letter to the landlord.

## ***New Business***

- 1 **Building Permits:**

A) Toufic Saad	16 Wildwood Drive	Additional Solar Panels	Permit 2015-4 No charge
B) Matt Ahrens	129 Valley View Drive	Solar Panel Installation	Permit 2015-5 \$5.00 (due)
- 2 **Complaints:**
  - A) 4415 Indiana – detached garage and the junk stored in it.
  - B) Empty lot near 44<sup>th</sup> and Connecticut – Denny Desmond reported he had received word that the lot will be mowed.
  - C) Ron Bowen 4707 Indiana Avenue complained about the “Johnson” grass that has grown up on the Mercy Hospital property (the grass is considered a noxious weed). Denny Desmond read a letter he had received from Jim Jackson Newton County Commissioner. Mercy has been notified and will handle. Just a matter of record. Issue closed.
- 3 **Public Officials Insurance –** Denny Desmond will obtain new quotes from other insurance providers for next year's policy.
- 4 **Bank Account Signatures -:** Item closed.
- 5 **Property Tax Levy –** Item closed.
- 6 **Operating Budget Report –** Item closed.
- 7 **Connecticut and 44<sup>th</sup> Street –** Meeting scheduled with village residents living in this area (Gladys Courtney, Cliff Barker) concerning changes the City of Joplin is planning on making to the streets and in particular to the intersection. Information indicated village residents may be required to sign some type of agreement. Leawood Village trustees were not invited to the meeting to be held on September 28. Denny Desmond to contact Joplin city officials to ask why the village trustees were not invited.

Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl to adjourn the meeting. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M. Next meeting will be November 17, 2015.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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Fran Owen, Secretary Date

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Denny Desmond, Chairman