

# LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

## July 19, 2017- Minutes

### Trustees Present:

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

### Visitors:

Kurt Higgins	517 Grandview Drive
Gary G McKeehen	522 Grandview Drive
Bill Orbin	133 Valleyview Drive
Kevin Nelson	131 Valleyview Drive
Scott Timmsen	124 Valleyview Drive
Lee Radcliff	124 Valleyview Drive
Amanda Powell	107 Hillview Drive
Tim Powell	107 Hillview Drive

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

Minutes from the May 16, 2017 meeting were presented. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl 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 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Original financial bank statements and bank reconciliation statements for the months of May and June for the money market account, operating account and sales tax account with a total balance of \$211,595.42 were presented by Brad Long. Statements were reviewed by each trustee, signed and dated. Ending balance for the May 2017 operating account was \$125,567.17, money market \$25,739.24 and sales tax \$54,773.45. Ending balance for the June 2017 operating account was \$129,295.05, money market \$25,739.69 and sales tax \$56,560.68. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl to approve the treasure report. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Pending liabilities totaling \$3,155.64 were presented (Lawn Guy - Paul Horton \$1,200.00, Eagle Eye Printing \$161.35, Newton County Treasurer \$3.99 for May collection fees, Lancaster Signs \$236.05 speed limit signs, US Postal Service \$64.00 post office box rental, WCA \$1,131.04 and \$359.24 for dumpsters) and ACH payments to Empire District Electric totaling \$704.26 resulting in a total of \$3,859.90 were presented by Brad Long. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Fran Owen to pay pending liabilities totaling \$3,859.90. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Chairman's Report of Financial Information as of June 30, 2017. The report contained the revenue and expenses by month, revenue and expenses actual versus budget and prior year and CB&T bank transactions for 6 months ending June 30, 2017. As of June 30 2017 there is a net surplus of \$43,032.11. Motion made by Brad Long and second by Dale Owen to accept and approve the Chairman's Financial Reports. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. All trustees signed and dated the report.

### Old Business:

**1 Operating Procedures and Policies** – Denny Desmond and trustees continue working on the Village of Leawood Procedures and Policies document.

**2 Hazardous Mitigation Plan** - Trustees will review the plan for possible updates.

### 3 Street Repairs:

- A) General discussion concerning repairs and also tree trimming. Kurt Higgins reported on several areas in the village where road culverts need repaired or cleaned out (50<sup>th</sup> and Connecticut, 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Southern Hills). He said crack sealing would need to be done in a couple of years but otherwise the streets were in good shape.
- B) Brad Long mentioned that the coroner of 50<sup>th</sup> and Connecticut was beginning to need repairs as a result of too many semi-trucks and vehicles cutting the coroner too short creating a problem with drainage.
- C) Kurt Higgins reported that tree trimming was the biggest issue at this time. He suggested trimming trees back 10' from the edge. Beverly Kiehl expressed concern about trimming trees back that far as it would damage the trees on her property. She suggested they be cut back 5'
- D) Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl for Kurt Higgins to obtain bids for road repair and tree trimming. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

### 4 Village Ordinances:

- A) Approval of the building permit ordinance was tabled until the September 2017 meeting.
- B) Denny Desmond still updating the Zoning Ordinance.

### 5 Comprehensive Plan:

- A) Neighborhood Watch – Trustees continued working on establishing the program and setting up a meeting for the "Captains" with the Newton County Sheriff's personnel.
  - i) Denny Desmond advised the captains and suggested areas would be Steve Sterns (Indiana Street to 44<sup>th</sup> Street and 44<sup>th</sup> Street to Hidden Valley) John Grienger (Hidden Valley, 44<sup>th</sup> Street from Hidden Valley to Connecticut Street and Connecticut Street North), Ray Harding (Brookwood Drive), Kurt Higgins (Southern Hills, Sunset and 46<sup>th</sup> Streets), Beverly Kiehl (Emerald Drive and Leawood proper), Dale Owen (50<sup>th</sup> Street and Horseshoe Drive)..
  - ii) Dale Owen to contact the Newton County Sheriff (Chris Jennings) to set up a meeting with the neighborhood watch captains for August 15, 2017 at 6:30.
- B) Neighborhood Clean-up - In the future dumpsters for the village clean-up will run from Friday to Monday over two weekends. The spring clean-up was such a good success that trustees decided to have a fall clean up to begin October 6 and conclude October 16. Dumpsters will be placed in the same locations as in the spring and changed out as they are filled up.

- C) Beautification Projects:
  - i) Residential leaf pick-up - Denny reported he contacted Paul Horton about providing this service for a fee and Paul told him he would let Denny know.
  - ii) Neighborhood yard sale - Lee Radcliff has agreed to co-ordinate the village yard sale this year. Suggested dates are Friday September 29 from 7:00 to 5:00 and Saturday September 30 from 7:00 to 3:00. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Dale Owen to approve \$170.00 for signs to be strategically placed throughout the village plus any additional costs for mailing notices to the village residents and placing a notice in the *Joplin Globe*. Lee will place a complimentary advertisement in the September issue of *Ozark's Magazine*. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

**6 New resident information packets:** Trustees still compiling list of items to include in the packet.

**7 Complaints:**

- A) The old Empire lot on Connecticut - A company in Arkansas (Arapaho LC) owns the lot. Lot has become a dumping ground (old mattress) and needs mowing. Kurt Higgins will contact the owner.
- B) Lagoon on Sunset – Owner of property is Justin & Abbey Forrest. Kurt Higgins reported the authorities had been notified. Leawood has no interest in the property. (Issue closed)
- C) Bridge over Silver Creek - Dale Owen previously reported that a *new bridge* had been constructed over Silver Creek off of 50<sup>th</sup> Street (Tim Whelan property) and he didn't know anything about it until it was completed.
  - i) The construction company (Crossland Construction) reported they had obtained approval from the Corp of Engineers. Kurt Higgins has sent a request to the Corp of Engineers for a copy of the permit. Kurt advised he will pay the \$25.00 for the copy.
  - ii) According to Kurt a property owner in that area did complain about his property flooding as a result of the bridge.
- D) Residences 4511 Connecticut - Owners are Stephen & Patricia Platner. New construction – needs mowing and scrap materials cleaned up. Denny Desmond to contact owners.
- E) Billy Bower reported hearing shots after dark in his neighborhood. Billy reported the shorts had stopped. (Issue closed).
- F) Brad Long reported that there was a lot of traffic (large delivery trucks) using the village streets (44<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup>) to deliver to Mercy instead of coming in off of Main Street. Suggestion made to place “No Trucks” signs in the village. Kurt Higgins will contact the Joplin Special Road District and/or the Newton County Commissioners about the problem.

**8 Street Signs:**

- A) Beverly Kiel suggested that a deer crossing sign be placed on Connecticut Street as a number of deer have been hit in recent weeks. General consensus among trustees was that signs are not needed at this time. Issue closed no action taken.
- B) Southern Hills: Scott Timmsen requested an exit this way or a directional sign (to Range Line) be purchased and installed on Valley View Drive in Southern Hills to help cut down on traffic trying to find their way out of the area. Kurt Higgins will add to his road improvement/repair tour.

**9 Connecticut and 44<sup>th</sup> Street Construction Project** - Kurt Higgins said he had a meeting on Wednesday to discuss this project. He will report what was discussed at a future meeting of the board of trustees.

**10 Special Use Permit** - 2991 Southern Hills. The Board of Trustees all agreed to issue a one year permit a year ago for raising chickens to Kurt Beyersdorfer. (Issue closed)

**New Business:**

**1. Building Permits** – None issued

**2. Complaints:**

- A. Nancy Damer (1122 E 44<sup>th</sup> Street) - requested a Hidden Driveway sign be place on the north side of 44<sup>th</sup> Street prior to coming up the hill. She reported that cars are coming over the hill at a high rate of speed as a result of the increased traffic due to Mercy Hospital. Kurt Higgins said he would add this to the road repair plans.
- B. Amanda Powell made a request for additional street lights in Southern Hills. Kurt Higgins will check with Empire and see what costs are involved.
- C. Bill Orbin – 133 Valleyview presented pictures of problems with flooding as a result of drain ditches filling up when it rains. He reported washed out culverts and bent drains at Hillview and Valleyview resulting in water lying in the ditch and can't evaporate. General discussion resulted in Kurt working with Gary McKeehn and Bill Orbin to see what can be done to resolve the problem and Kurt will add the costs to the road repair bid.

**3. Mailing List** - Denny working on updating the list for the *Leawood Ledger* using the list from Allied Waste and possibly he Newton County Assessor's office. Beverly Kiehl also suggested printing the *Leawood Ledger* on color paper. Dale Owen will check with the printer to see what the cost would be.

**4. Tax Levy** – Trustees will vote on approving the Newton County real estate and personal property tax levy at the Neighborhood Watch Captain's meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made by Fran Owen and second Beverly Kiehl to adjourn the meeting. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.7:53 P.M. Next scheduled meeting will be on September 19, 2017, however Denny Desmond may be out of town and meeting may be held September 26.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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Fran Owen, Secretary      Date

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Denny Desmond, Chairman