

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 16, 2017- Minutes

Trustees Present:

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

Visitors:

Kurt Higgins
Billy Bowers
Rich McCord
Scott Timmsen

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

Denny Desmond presented the certification results of the April 4, 2017 election. Current board of trustees was abandoned. Nomination for election of officers was held with Beverly Kiehl making the motion that all elected trustees maintain their current offices. Motion was second by Dale Owen. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Minutes from the March 20, 2017 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.

Original financial bank statements and bank reconciliation statements for March and April 2017 for the money market account, operating account and sales tax account with a total balance of \$202,512.99 were presented by Brad Long. Statements were reviewed by each trustee, signed and dated. Ending balance for the March 2017 operating account was \$119,342.90, money market \$25,738.39 and sales tax 52,061.23. Ending balance for the April 2017 operating account was \$123,301.20, money market \$25,738.83 and sales tax \$53,472.96. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Fran Owen to approve the treasure report. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Pending liabilities totaling \$1,546.12 (Lawn Guy – Paul Horton \$1,200.00, Eagle Eye Printing \$159.10, Newton County Treasurer \$7.00 for March and \$1.14 for April, Redings Mill Fire Protection District \$75.00, Chris Chappell \$103.88 and ACH payments to Empire District Electric totaling \$695.31 were presented by Brad Long. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl to pay pending liabilities totaling \$2,241.43. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Chairman's Report of Financial Information as of April 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 4 months ending April 30, 2017. As of April 2017 there is a net surplus of \$33,949.00. Motion made by Brad Long and second by Fran 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:** Kurt Higgins reported that he will travel the streets in the village and note any in need of repair and report back to the board. Brad Long mentioned that the coroner of 50th 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.
- 4 **Village Ordinances:**
 - A) Dale Owen presented the final copy of the building permit ordinance. Trustees agreed to change the fee for commercial permits to one amount only and not charge additional fees for the size of the structure. Denny Desmond will have the village attorney review the ordinance and also check to see if it needs to be published in the local newspaper for 15 days before the trustees vote on approving the ordinance.
 - B) Denny Desmond still updating the Zoning Ordinance.
- 5 **Comprehensive Plan:**
 - A) Neighborhood Watch – Trustees may need to hold another village meeting to re-establish interest in the program to help get neighborhood watch working. Trustees all agree that the purpose of establishing the program is to have a point of contact in each neighborhood so residents can be notified of any suspicious events and not to establish a patrol.
 - i) Denny Desmond will contact residents in Hidden Valley to see if he can find a neighbor to captain the program in that area. He will see if he can find someone on Indiana Street (such as Steve Sterns) and ask Phyllis Sapp to captain the watch in Brookwood Drive. He will also contact Vicki Bergman on 46th Street to see who might captain that street. Beverly Kiehl will captain Emerald Drive and Leawood proper. Dale Owen will captain 50th Street and Horseshoe Drive. Kurt Higgins will captain the program in Southern Hills. Still need to find someone on Sunset.
 - ii) Dale Owen to contact the Newton County Sheriff and see about setting up a meeting with the neighborhood watch captains once they have been determined.
 - B) Neighborhood Clean-up: Dumpsters will be delivered on May 19 and placed in the same areas as last year. They will be changed out as they are filled up.
 - C) Beautification Projects:
 - i) Residential leaf pick-up: Denny will contact Paul Horton and see if he is interested in providing this service for a fee.

ii) Neighborhood yard sale: Denny will contact Lee Radcliff.

- 6 New resident information packets:** Trustees still compiling list of items to include in the packet. Suggestion made to include the flyer the City of Joplin sends to residents concerning recycling. Trustees need to know who is moving in and out. Suggestion that neighbors meet their new residents and notify the trustees so they can be added to the mailing list for the Leawood Ledger and receive information about the village.
- 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. Denny reported he will have to find the contact for this company in order to send them a letter.
 - B) 4825 Indiana – Travel trailer with side open, covered partially by blue tarp, furniture and appliances setting in front of it. Denny Desmond to send letter to property owner. Trailer removed. Issue closed.
 - C) Coroner of 44th & Connecticut – several wrecked cars on west side of property. Denny Desmond sent letter to property owner. Cars moved. Issue closed.
 - D) Lagoon on Sunset – Owner of property is Justin & Abbey Forrest. Kurt Higgins reported a letter had been sent to the owner to clean-up the lagoon. Residents all seem okay with the lagoon now however the DNR has been notified. (Issue closed)
 - E) Dale Owen previously reported that a new bridge had been constructed over Silver Creek off of 50th Street (Tim Whelan property) and he didn't know anything about it until it was completed. The construction company (Crossland Construction) reported they had obtained approval from the Corp of Engineers. Kurt Higgins will check out and report back.
- 8 Connecticut and 44th Street Construction Project:** Nothing new to report at this time.
- 9 Special Use Permit:** 2991 Southern Hills. The Board of Trustees all agreed to issue a one year permit for raising chickens to Kurt Beyersdorfer. Bill Bower to check and see if resident has any chickens.
- 10 Board of Adjustments** – Due to the unavailability of volunteers for this board Denny Desmond suggested that the Board of Adjustments be eliminated and combined with the Planning and Zoning Board. Denny checked with the village attorney and reported that the boards cannot be combined. Also will remove the name of Ted Young from the Board of Adjustments as he no longer resides in the village. (Issue closed)

New Business:

- 1. Building Permits** – None issued
- 2. Complaints:**
 - A) Residence 4511 Connecticut: Owners are Stephen & Patricia Platner. New construction – needs mowing and scrap materials cleaned up.
 - B) Billy Bower reported hearing shots after dark in his neighborhood. Billy will try to get the name and address for Denny to send an ordinance violation letter.
 - C) Brad Long reported that there was a lot of traffic (large delivery trucks) using the village streets (44th and 50th) to deliver to Mercy instead of coming in off of Main Street. Brad to check and see where they are delivering at Mercy.
- 3. Village Meetings:** Denny Desmond and Brad Long reported on attending three meetings between the villages of Redings Mill, Saginaw, Leawood, and Shoal Creek Drive in an effort to co-ordinate enforcements of ordinances established by the villages. In order to enforce ordinances all villages' ordinances must be the same. Suggestions made by Denny Desmond that Leawood not participate as there wasn't any benefit. All trustees in agreement. Issue closed.
- 4. Census Bureau Information:** Denny reported he had received report from the Census Bureau. Matter of record. Issue closed.
- 5. Phone Number Change:** Phone number for Kurt Higgins needs to be changed on the Leawood Ledger and also on the web site. Matter of record. Issue closed.
- 6. 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. Need to note in the *Leawood Ledger* and will also ask the City of Joplin to place deer crossing signs up once the road work has been completed on the street.
 - B) East 46th Street: Motion made by Brad Long and second by Beverly Kiehl to purchase and install two 25 mph signs (one on each side of the street). In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Dale Owen to order signs.
 - C) 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.

Motion made by Fran Owen and second Beverly Kiehl to adjourn the meeting. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned. 7:51 P.M. Next meeting will be on July 18, 2017.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen, Secretary Date

Denny Desmond, Chairman