

# LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

## November 21, 2017- Minutes

### Trustees Present:

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

### Visitors:

Steve Brown 2028 E 46<sup>th</sup> Street  
Dan Gremaud 125 Valleyview Drive  
Donna Conroy Swoveland  
Denzil Swoveland  
Billy Bowers 509 Grandview Drive  
Cory & Beth Stanley 4525 S Connecticut Avenue

Denny Desmond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:32 at the Redings Mill Fire Department located at 5205 S Range Line Road, Joplin, MO 64804.

Minutes from the September 26, 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 September and October 2017 for the money market account, operating account and sales tax account with a total balance of \$232,188.47 were presented by Brad Long. Statements were reviewed by each trustee, signed and dated. Ending balance for the September 2017 operating account was \$140,758.28, money market \$25,740.99 and sales tax \$61,308.09. Ending balance for the October 2017 operating account was \$143,799.73, money market \$25,741.41 and sales tax \$62,647.33. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Dale Owen to approve the treasure report. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Pending liabilities totaling \$4,452.34 were presented (Lawn Guy - Paul Horton \$1,200.00, Eagle Eye Printing \$174.30 and \$22.50, Newton County Treasurer \$2.55 for September collection fee) WCA \$1,057.00 for three dumpsters and \$1,995.00 to Village Trustees for compensation per Ordinance 2013-1) ACH payments to Empire District Electric totaling \$720.90 resulting in a total of \$5,173.23 were presented by Brad Long. Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Dale Owen to pay pending liabilities totaling \$5,173.23. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Chairman's Report of Financial Information as of October 31, 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 ten months ending October 31, 2017. As of August 31, 2017 there is a net surplus of \$63,625. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl 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 **Street Repairs & Tree Trimming**
  - A) Denny Desmond provided the Contract Documents and Specifications for Village of Leawood, Missouri 2017 Maintenance Improvements bids received by Kurt Higgins. Bennet Inc. of Lamar, MO (103 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Lane) bid \$47,945, Asbell \$72,674.50 and Dalton-Killinger \$88,847. Trustees reviewed the bids and upon a motion made by Denny Desmond and second by Beverly Kiehl approved the contract from Bennet for \$27,265 for tree trimming and \$20,680 for road/street repairs. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Contract signed by Denny Desmond. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Dale Owen to approve up to \$5,000 additional to cover any overrun charge (in particular repairs in the Southern Hills area). In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.
  - B) Cory & Beth Stanley who reside at 4525 S Connecticut expressed their concern about the erosion and wash out of the yard on the south side of their property. Kurt Higgins advised them that the street repair bids included repairs to 46<sup>th</sup>
- 3 **Village Ordinances:**
  - A) Building Permit Ordinance – Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl to have the village attorney review and write an acceptable ordinance and permit at a cost of approximately \$1,000. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Denny Desmond to notify the village attorney.
  - B) Denny Desmond still updating the Zoning Ordinance.

**4 Comprehensive Plan:**

- A) Neighborhood Watch – nothing new to report. General discussion concerning suspicious individuals recently in the area of Horseshoe Drive (matter of record only).
- B) Neighborhood Clean-up – The fall clean-up went well and plans are being made to provide dumpsters again in the spring.
  - i) Beautification Projects - Neighborhood Yard Sale – Due to a limited amount of space in the November issue of the Leawood Ledger a thank you to Lea Radcliff for her help in the village yard sales could not be included. Therefore the next issue of the Leawood Ledger will contain information about the 2018 yard sale and a thank you to Lea Radcliff for her help in the 2017 sale.

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

**6 Complaints:**

- A) Bridge over Silver Creek –Item was closed at the last meeting, however a general discussion was held today as Denzil and Donna Swoveland were in attendance and were asked about the bridge. They reported that they had been in contact with state officials concerning flooding and land erosion occurring as a result of the bridge and were waiting on the state findings.
- B) Brad Long previously 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. Kurt Higgins will contact the Joplin Special Road District and/or the Newton County Commissioners about the problem. No action taken. *Item closed.*
- C) Nancy Damer (1122 E 44th Street) - requested a Hidden Driveway sign be placed on the north side of 44th Street prior to coming up the hill. *Item closed* as sign was included in the street repair bid.
- D) Southern Hills - Scott Timmsen had 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. *Item closed* as sign included in the road repair bid request.

**7 Connecticut and 44<sup>th</sup> Street Construction Project:**

- A) Latest information is that construction of a new bridge (bids to go out in December) over Interstate 44 will begin in 2018 and construction on 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Connecticut will begin in 2019.
- B) Cory and Beth Stanley expressed their concern about the ditch on the west side of their property along Connecticut Avenue being washed out when heavy rains come and now the runoff from the changes coming to the intersection of 44<sup>th</sup> and Connecticut would bring additional water down the drainage ditch and wash out more land. Brad Long also expressed he concern as the run-off continues on thru his property at the corner of 50<sup>th</sup> and Connecticut. Recommendation made by the trustees to document via photographs the situation as it currently exists and send a letter from the village attorney to the City of Joplin expressing the residents concern about the extra water run-off between 44<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> streets on Connecticut that will result when the project in completed. Denny Desmond will also contact the Newton County Commissioner Alan Cook about the water issue.

**8 Mailing List** – Denny reported he had been working on updating the list for the *Leawood Ledger* using the tax list from the Newton County Assessor's office and the list from Empire District Electric. He reported there were names on the Empire list that were not residents of Leawood Village and some not on the list that should be. He will continue updating the list and working with Eagle Eye Printing.

**9 Street Signs & Lights** –

- A) Resident in Southern Hills reported to Denny that she could not see the Southern Hills street sign from the highway. Brad Long reported that there wasn't any street sign there. Trustees agreed to add to the road repair bid.
- B) Dale Owen reported that the street light at Brookwood Drive and 50<sup>th</sup> Street was very dim. Denny will contact Empire District Electric.

**10 Complaints:**

- A) Horseshoe Drive Residence – Dale Owen reported that a resident was using another trash service instead of Allied. Dale to get address and resident's name and notify Denny who will write a letter. House not occupied now. *Issue closed.*

**11 Recycling:**

- A) Denny contacted Allied Waste concerning the possibility again of providing recycling to the residents and was told they were not going to do it at this time.,
- B) Denny checked with the Redings Mill Fire Department concerning placing a Paper Pal dumpster at one of their fire stations and was told they could not because of insurance issues.

**12 Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization** – nothing new to report

**New Business:**

1. **Building Permits** – Yearrington \$2.00 Shed
2. **2018 Budget** – Denny Desmond advised that he will email the 2018 budget to each of the trustees and it will be reviewed at the January 2018 meeting. Recommendation to add additional money to the attorney fees for reviewing and developing a new building ordinance and permit.
3. **Complaints/Issues:**
  - A. Dogs barking- Questions from Taylor Kubicek g about the number of dogs allowed per residence and also what if anything can be done about the barking. (Copy of email correspondence attached). Denny will follow up.
  - B. Steve Brown expressed his concern about children playing in the area of Oak Street and drivers not being aware of their presence and wondered if a child at play sign should be installed. General consensus was the village sign probably wouldn't do much good. Suggestion that resident put out a sign like "Drive like it was your child." No action taken. Matter of record only.
  - C. Cory Stanley expressed his concern about motorcycles speeding along Connecticut. Suggestion made that he might contact the Newton County Sheriff's office. No action taken. Matter of record only.
4. **Allied Waste Services** – Denny reported that trash hauling rate for the village increased in September and he has asked the representative from Allied Waste to notify him in the future when the rates increase so he can put the information in the *Leawood Ledger* to notify village residents. The contract for trash hauling services with Allied Waste will expire in the fall of 2020
5. **April Election** – Applications for residents who want to run for a position on the Village of Leawood Board of Trustees are due in January 2018. Denny will bring applications to the January meeting.

Motion made by Brad Long and second by Dale Owen to adjourn the meeting. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.8:05 P.M. Next scheduled meeting will be on January 26, 2018.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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Fran Owen, Secretary    Date

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Denny Desmond, Chairman