

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 26, 2017- Minutes

Trustees Present:

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

Visitors:

Jennifer Shotwell – HSTCC, Carl Junction MO
Jill Cornett - HSTCC

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 July 19, 2017 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 with correction made to correct title of Brad Long to Treasurer instead of Vice Chairman. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Minutes from the August 15, 2017 special meeting were presented. Motion made by Brad Long and second by Beverly Kiehl to forgo the reading of the minutes as everyone had received copies and accept the minutes with correction made to correct title of Brad Long to Treasurer instead of Vice Chairman. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Original financial bank statements and bank reconciliation statements for the months of July and August 2017 for the money market account, operating account and sales tax account with a total balance of \$211,469.87 were presented by Brad Long. Statements were reviewed by each trustee, signed and dated. Ending balance for the July 2017 operating account was \$130,046.00, money market \$25,740.11 and sales tax \$58,880.98. Ending balance for the August 2017 operating account was \$135,238.61, money market \$25,740.52 and sales tax \$60,490.74. 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 \$1,833.96 were presented (Lawn Guy - Paul Horton \$1,200.00, Eagle Eye Printing \$276.39 and \$357.57, Newton County Treasurer \$1.52 for June and July collection fee) and ACH payments to Empire District Electric totaling \$696.42 resulting in a total of \$2,530.38 were presented by Brad Long. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl to pay pending liabilities totaling \$2,530.38. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Chairman's Report of Financial Information as of August 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 eight months ending August 31, 2017. As of August 31, 2017 there is a net surplus of \$20,574. Motion made by Brad Long and second by Beverly Kiehl 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** - Item closed as the next update for the plan will be in 2021 according to Jill Cornett with HSTCC.
- 3 **Street Repairs & Tree Trimming**
 - A) Denny Desmond reported that Kurt Higgins was unable to attend the meeting and had provided the Contract Documents and Specifications for Village of Leawood, Missouri 2017 Maintenance Improvements. Trustees reviewed the documents as well as the map provided to make sure all items previously discussed were included in the document as well as a discussion concerning the height to trim various trees throughout the village. Bid request to go out week of October 1st and must be returned by October 24, 2017. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl to accept the contract as submitted by Kurt Higgins. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.
- 4 **Village Ordinances:**
 - A) Building Permit Ordinance – Dale Owen suggested we have the village attorney review and write an acceptable ordinance and permit. Denny Desmond will contact the village attorney and advise at the next meeting what procedures need to be followed.
 - B) Denny Desmond still updating the Zoning Ordinance.
- 5 **Comprehensive Plan:**
 - A) Neighborhood Watch
 - i) Beverly Kiehl reported that orange flyers were included in the last issue of the *Leawood Ledger* (copy attached hereto) (The flyer contained a couple of mistakes involving phone numbers and areas covered by captains and Beverly reported she sent individual letters to those residents affected).
 - ii) Beverly said the response was not as good as hoped for but felt that the program was working and raising awareness.
 - iii) Future issues of the *Leawood Ledger* will contain security and safety tips as well as the number for residents to reach the Newton County Sheriff Dispatch Center.
 - B) Neighborhood Clean-up – The fall clean-up will begin October 6 and conclude October 16. Dumpsters will be placed in the same locations as in the spring and changed out as needed. Brad Long advised he would not be unavailable and Beverly Kiehl will contact Brian Peterson (417-438-8077) at WCA when dumpsters need changing.

- C) Beautification Projects:
 - i) Residential Leaf Pick-up – Denny Desmond previously contacted Paul Horton about providing this service for a fee and Paul never responded with an answer. Item closed,
 - ii) Neighborhood Yard Sale - Lee Radcliff agreed to co-ordinate the village yard sale this year which will be held September 29 and 30. A flyer was also included in the September issue of the Leawood Ledger. Beverly Kiehl reported that signs had been placed in various areas advising citizens of the sale. However she reported it was rather difficult knowing where to place the signs as she didn't know where all the residents participating in the sale were located.

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. Item closed as the owner of the lot never returned Denny Desmond's calls.
- B) Bridge over Silver Creek – *Item closed* as nothing new to report.
- C) Residences 4511 Connecticut - Owners are Stephen & Patricia Platner. New construction needs mowing and scrap materials cleaned up. *Item closed.* Property has been mowed.
- D) 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. 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. (Kurt did not attend meeting – item tabled).
- E) 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. 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 has added the purchase of a dangerous intersection sign to the road repair bid request.
- F) Amanda Powell made a request for additional street lights in Southern Hills. Item closed as Empire District Electric has repaired the lights.
- G) 2991 Southern Hills. The Board of Trustees all agreed to issue a one year permit a year ago for raising chickens to Kurt Beyersdorfer. This item was closed at the last meeting but a complaint was received about roosters making loud noises. Denny contacted owner who reported he will get rid of one rooster. Item closed.

8 Street Signs:

- A) 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 has added the purchase of a sign to the road repair bid request.

9 Tax Levy: Certification notice was received by the village for establishing a Newton County real estate and personal property tax levy tax levy for 2017 of 0.2193.

10 Connecticut and 44th Street Construction Project – 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 44th Street and Connecticut will begin in 2019.

11 Mailing List - Denny working on updating the list for the *Leawood Ledger* using the list from Allied Waste and the tax list from the Newton County Assessor's office. Trustees discussed mailing the Ledger first class postage so undeliverable address could be returned.

New Business:

1. Building Permits – None issued

2. 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 to check and see if there is a street sign. If there is a sign it will need to be moved (if possible) closer to Range Line Road and if there isn't a sign, trustees agreed one would need to be purchased.
- B. Dale Owen reported that the street light at Brookwood Drive and 50th Street was very dim. He will check and report back at the next meeting.

3. Complaints:

- A. Swimming Pool – Denny Desmond reported he had received a complaint about a swimming pool in the Southern Hills area that was a health hazard. He reported that the county representative had looked at it and that he had contacted the neighbors who reported they were fixing and cleaning up the residence. Matter of record. Issue closed.
- B. 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.

4. Financials Report – Denny Desmond reported he had filed the report with the State Auditor on July 25 as he had missed the June filing date.

5. Recycling - Jennifer Shotwell, Region M-SWMD Planner HSTCC attended the meeting and presented information concerning various grants available concerning recycling.

- A. Items discussed: (1) Denny Desmond will be the main contact for the village; (2) when Leawood Village provides dumpsters in the spring other containers for collecting items such as computers, etc. could be provided (3) Denny will contact Allied Waste concerning the possibility again of providing recycling to the residents, (4) Denny to check with the Redings Mill Fire Department concerning placing a Paper Pal dumpster at one of their fire stations, and (5) asking Jennifer to determine how and if Leawood Village can qualify for any grants and advise Denny.

6. Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization – Jill Cornett from HSTCC advised she was a member of this organization and that they would be holding a meeting soon and asked if there were any issues the Trustees would like to have discussed at that meeting. Concerns of the trustees are (1) why 44th Street from Connecticut to Range Line is being expanded to five lanes and 44th from Connecticut to Indiana is not, (2) large delivery trucks using 44th Street and also 50th

Street for deliveries to Mercy instead of using Main Street, and (3) status of possibly building a bridge over Interstate 44 using Indiana Street.

Motion made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Dale Owen to adjourn the meeting. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned. 8:21 P.M. Next scheduled meeting will be on November 21, 2017.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen, Secretary Date

Denny Desmond, Chairman