

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 16, 2018- Minutes

Trustees Present:

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

Visitors:

Don Germaud – 125 Valleyview Drive, Joplin

Denny Desmond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:36 at the Redings Mill Fire Department located at 5205 S Range Line Road, Joplin, MO 64804.

Minutes from the November 21, 2017 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 as presented with notation that the next meeting date had erroneously be stated as January 26 and should have been January 16. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Original financial bank statements and bank reconciliation statements for the months of November and December 2017 for the money market account, operating account and sales tax account with a total balance of \$.241, 994.64 were presented by Brad Long. Statements were reviewed by each trustee, signed and dated. Ending balance for the November 2017 operating account was \$148,066.10, money market \$25,741.85 and sales tax \$61,299.01. Ending balance for the December 2017 operating account was \$152,841.28, money market \$25,742.27 and sales tax \$63,411.09. Denny Desmond made mention that a check had been misplaced and a replacement had been received. Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl to transfer \$90,000.00 from the operating account into the money market account and to approve the treasurer report. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Pending liabilities totaling \$5,371.90 were presented (Lawn Guy - Paul Horton \$1,200.00, Eagle Eye Printing \$236.81, Newton County Treasurer \$110.49 for December collection fee, Allgeir, Martin and Associates \$3,596.00 for Engineering services, Chris Chappell \$24.00 for web hosting fees and HSTCC \$204.60 for annual fees), and ACH payments to Empire District Electric totaling \$721.81 resulting in a total of \$6,093.71 were presented by Brad Long. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Dale Owen to pay pending liabilities totaling \$6,093.71. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Chairman's Report of Financial Information as of December 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 twelve months ending December 31, 2017. As of December 31, 2017 there was net surplus of \$73,431. Expenses were \$699.00 below budget over the previous year. Motion made by Dale Owen 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 Street Repairs & Tree Trimming** – Contract has been signed and issued. Tree trimming in Southern Hills is completed with Horseshoe Drive, Hidden Valley and Leawood yet to be done.
- 3 Village Ordinances:**
 - A) Building Permit Ordinance – Review of the ordinance was tabled until the March meeting. Denny Desmond suggested that trustees review the recommendations submitted by the lawyer and discuss at the March meeting.
 - B) Denny Desmond still updating the Zoning Ordinance.
- 4 Comprehensive Plan:**
 - A) Neighborhood Watch – nothing new to report.
 - B) Neighborhood Clean-up - April 20 to April 30 will be the dates to provide dumpsters for the spring clean-up.
 - C) Beautification Projects:
 - i) Neighborhood Yard Sale - General discussion concerning having the sale in the spring or fall however no decision at this time due to the Connecticut Street bridge project. Trustees will discuss at the March meeting.

ii) Letter received from Pat Black (copy attached) concerning appearances of homes throughout Leawood Village. Suggestion to paraphrase it and put in the next issue of the ledger.

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 September last meeting, however a general discussion was held at the November meeting 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. Nothing new to report.

7 Connecticut and 44th Street Construction Project:

A) Construction of a new bridge over Interstate 44 will begin January 22, 2018 with closure of Connecticut Street north of 44th Street.

B) Water Run-off along Connecticut Avenue 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 44th and 50th streets on Connecticut that will result when the project is completed. Dale Owen suggestion Kurt Higgins be contacted to see if he could recommend an engineering firm not doing business with the City of Joplin that would take pictures for the village. Denny Desmond will contact Newton County Commissioner Alan Cook about the water issue and have him contact Brad Long for a possible drive thru of the area in concern.

8 Mailing List – January issue of the *Leawood Ledger* was mailed first class postage and Denny Desmond reported only six had been returned. Denny will contact Empire District concerning the village franchise tax.

9 Street Lights – Dale Owen reported that the street light at Brookwood Drive and 50th Street was very dim. Item closed as Empire District Electric has repaired the light.

10 Complaints:

A) Dogs barking- Questions from Taylor Kubicek about the number of dogs allowed per residence and also what if anything can be done about the barking. This particular issue closed. However, barking dogs continues to be an issue in the village. Suggestion made to put an article in the next issue of the Leawood Ledger concerning the animal control ordinance.

11 Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization – nothing new to report

12 2018 Budget – Denny Desmond presented the budget with expenses totaling \$83,152 and revenues of \$86,250. Motion made by Brad Long and second by Dale Owen to approve the 2018 budget as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

13 April Election - Applications for a position on the Village of Leawood Board of Trustees were completed by Beverly Kiehl and Fran Owen.

New Business:

1. Building Permits – None

2. Complaints/Issues - None

3. Village of Leawood Review and Verification of Financial Transactions – Trustees reviewed the document for the calendar year ending December 31, 2017. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Brad Long to accept the certification as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. All trustees present signed.

4. Census of Governments Survey of Local Government Finances – Denny Desmond reported he filed the 2017 survey on line on January 16, 2018.

5. Financials Filed with State Auditor's Office – Denny Desmond said he emailed on January 16, 2018 the Village of Leawood Financial Statements as of December 31, 2017

6. Resident Selling Guns – Denny Desmond reported a resident in Hidden Valley wished to establish a home based business selling guns via the internet and wanted to know if there were any ordinances that would prohibit him from doing so. General discussion of trustees was that there were no ordinances. Issue closed.

Motion made by Brad Long and second by Dale Owen to adjourn the meeting. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned. 7:55 P.M. Next scheduled meeting will be on March 20, 2018

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen, Secretary Date

Denny Desmond, Chairman