

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 26, 2019- Minutes

Trustees Present:

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

Visitors:

Eli Crawford 5378 Greenwick Lane, Joplin MO
Phyllis Sapp 5125 Brookwood, Joplin MO
Pat Black 1204 Southview, Joplin MO
Cory & Beth Stanley 4525 S Connecticut, Joplin MO

Trustees Absent:

Brad Long, Treasurer

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

Minutes from the January 15, 2019 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 as presented. In favor 4 Opposed 0. Absent 1. Motion passed.

Original financial bank statements for the months of January and February 2019 for the money market account, operating account and sales tax account were, however the treasurer's report was not presented as the treasurer, Brad Long was absent. Denny Desmond provided the CTB bank statements for both months.

Pending liabilities totaling \$2,579.63 were presented (Paul Horton \$1,200.00, Eagle Eye Printing \$253.90, Denny Desmond \$36.00 Recorder of Deeds fee, Chris Chappell \$347.82 Web hosting, Newton County Treasurer \$741.91 collection fees), ACH payments to Empire District Electric totaling \$676.45 resulting in a total of \$3,256.08 were presented by Denny Desmond. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Fran Owen to pay pending liabilities totaling \$3,256.08. In favor 4 Opposed 0 Absent 1 Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Chairman's Report of Financial Information as of February 2019. As of February 28, 2019 there was a surplus of \$20,232. Balance in the operating account was \$111,732.47, money market \$115,795.81 sales tax account \$44,233.06 for a total of \$271,761.34 as of January 31, 2019. Balance in the operating account was \$114,997.37, money market \$115,801.04 sales tax account \$45,220.27 for a total of \$276,018.68 as of February 28, 2019. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Dale Owen to accept and approve the Chairman's Financial Reports. In favor 4 Opposed 0 Absent 1. Motion passed. All trustees signed and dated the report. Trustees held a general discussion concerning transferring money from the money market account at CBT to another facility paying a higher interest rate. Dale Owen reported that Guaranty Bank had a money market rate of 2.2% and Denny Desmond reported he had contacted US Bank and they were not interested in doing business. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Fran Owen to transfer \$70,000 from the CBT money market account to Guaranty Bank. In favor 4 Opposed 0 Absent 1 Motion passed. Denny Desmond will contact Guaranty Bank personnel to get the account set-up.

Old Business:

- 1 **Operating Procedures and Policies** – Denny Desmond and trustees continue working on the Village of Leawood Procedures and Policies document. Denny Desmond reported he sent a letter to Paul Horton requesting a three year agreement for snow removal beginning June 1, 2019 for \$1,200 paid by-monthly. Denny Desmond reported that of this date Paul Horton had not replied. Denny will try to contact Mr. Horton.
- 2 **Village Ordinances:**
 - A) **Zoning Ordinance** - Denny Desmond still updating the ordinance.
 - B) **Animal Control Ordinance** :
 - i) Trustees continue to work on updating this ordinance. The current ordinance requires residents to have a permit for guinea pigs. This requirement will be removed from the final copy. Suggestion also made to add charging fees for violation of the ordinance. Trustees will look at Neosho and Joplin ordinances to see what fees they are charging.
 - ii) Beverly Kiehl contacted the Newton County Sheriff's Department and advised trustees that she was told if the department was notified, they would have a deputy contact dog owners about any complaint.
 - iii) Beverly Kiehl also contacted Ben Leavens concerning finding an animal control person and was told Joplin personnel were willing to work with Leawood. Leawood would have to (1) pay for the cost of an officer, (2) sign a contract with the Joplin Humane Society for intake of animals and (3) have an animal control ordinance. Beverly will update trustees at the May meeting.
- 3 **Comprehensive Plan:**
 - A) Neighborhood Watch – Nothing new to report.
 - B) Beautification Projects:
 - i) Dates for the dumpsters have been scheduled for April 5, 2019 and removed on April 15, 2019.
 - ii) Beverly Kiehl suggested putting a Leawood Village sign, approximately 6" x 24", on top of all the street signs (40 signs) in the village. She advised cost of signs and brackets would be \$45.00 each. Beverly will contact Lancaster signs and obtain additional pricing for signs similar to those at the entry to the village. Denny Desmond said he would check with the residents of Hidden Valley to see if they will approve adding the sign to the street sign.

- 4 **New Resident Information Packets:** Beverly Kiehl presented a work copy of the packet for trustees to review. Trustees approved adding \$2,000 to the 2019 budget to cover costs for producing and mailing the packets. Beverly said she had been working with Tara Prosser on producing the packets and Tara request the village trustees only reimburse her for the cost of paper. Trustees agreed that all current residents will receive a packet. A notice will be placed in the *Leawood Ledger* notifying residents when new packets will be available.
- 5 **Connecticut and 44th Street Construction Project** - Trustees and residents will continue to collect data concerning water run-off along Connecticut Avenue.
- 6 **2019 Budget:** A line item of \$2,000 for New Resident Packets was added to the budget. A line item for Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. was also added to the budget for consulting and/or engineering work.
- 7 **Road Repairs** – Repairs will begin in the fall.
- 8 **Street Lights**
 - A) The lights on the school property located near the roundabout on 50th Street are turned off a majority of the time. Dale Owen contacted Tom & Molly Hamilton and they would be agreeable to install a new light on the pole near their property at 50th and Horseshoe Drive. Motion made by Denny Desmond and second by Dale Owen to have a light placed on the pole at this location. In favor 4, Opposed 0 Absent 1 Motion passed. Dale to contact Liberty Utilities
- 9 **Village Trash Recycling** – Denny Desmond reported that he had talked to Republic and recycling was not feasible in the village at this time.
- 10 **Complaints/Issues:**
 - A) **Saturday's BBQ** – Village trustees, Empire/Liberty Utilities, Redings Mill Fire Department, Department of Natural Resources, Newton County Health Department and Big R;s BBQ received an anonymous letter concerning "...the fire, structure safety and property value degradation" of the business located at 4402 S Range Line Road. Eli Crawford attended the meeting and stated that all the complaints listed were "made-up". He agreed that he had failed to obtain a village building permit for the "shed" and he knew he was not in compliance with village ordinances as to the location of his business. After a general discussion it was decided that Dale Owen would meet with Eli and they would work on moving his business in order to be in compliance.
 - B) **Dog 4825 Indiana** – Dog still running loose. Dale Owen will contact the owners and inform them of the animal control ordinance.
- 11 **Dollar General** – The new store will be opening in the fall at 46th & Rangeline.
- 12 **Social Media** – Beverly Kiehl reported she had talked with a Tara Prosser concerning establishing a Facebook account for the village.

New Business:

1. **Building Permits:** - None issued.
2. **Village Attorney** – Denny Desmond advised that the trustees would need to find a new attorney for the village. He will contact the current village attorney and ask him for a recommendation.
3. **HSTCC** – Denny Desmond reported that he will attend a meeting on March 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Joplin Public Library concerning a resolution for the village
4. **U S Census** – Denny reported he had been contacted by a representative for the U. S. Census and that he would meet with Ms. Hicks at the Joplin Library on March 28 at 10:00 AM. Will provide more information on the meeting at the May trustee meeting.
5. **Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc.** – Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl to enter into an agreement with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services for the village. In favor 5 Opposed 0 Absent 1. Motion passed.
6. **Southern Hills Village Sign** – Trustees discussed moving the sign closer to Range Line Road. Dale Owen will check with Lancaster Signs to see if there would be any problems with MODOT if the sign was moved.
7. **Leawood Ledger** – Beverly Kiehl suggested that after the April elections a "Meet The Trustees" item be placed in the *Leawood Ledger*. All trustees present were in agreement.
8. **Complaints:**
 - A. Trash receptacles being left out by the street in Southern Hills. Notice to be placed in the *Leawood Ledger* asking residents to remove trash receptacles after they have been emptied on Tuesdays.
 - B. Rusted out RV in the driveway on Grandview
 - C. Trailers in front of homes at 44th and Oak, and 45th and Connecticut. Denny Desmond to contact home owners.
 - D. Broken down shed in backyard in residence in Southern Hills.
9. **Cory & BethStanley** – Again thanked the village trustees for the work previously done on 46th Street. Their concern now is the ditch in front of their property on Connecticut Street and who is responsible for maintain/mowing it as he is not able to weed eat it any longer. Denny Desmond said he would ask Kurt Higgins to look at the ditch and let the board know what might be the solution.
10. **Village of Leawood Board of Trustees Meeting** – Trustees have agreed to change the meeting date to the Third Thursday for all future meeting beginning with the May 2019 meeting.

Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl to adjourn the meeting. In favor 4 Opposed 0 Absent 1. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M. Next scheduled meeting will be on May 16, 2019.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen, Secretary Date

Denny Desmond, Chairman