

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 19, 2019- Minutes

Trustees Present:

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

Visitors:

Jorden Bolinger, Liberty Utilities Joplin MO

Denny Desmond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. at the Redings Mill Fire Department located at 344 Redings Mill Road, Joplin, MO 64804.

Minutes from the September 19, 2019 meeting were presented. Motion made by Dale Owen 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 for the months of September and October 2019 for the money market account, operating account and sales tax account were presented. Balance in the operating account for September 30 was \$42,552.74, money market account \$185,849.73 and sales tax account \$52,802.70 totaling \$281,205.17. Balance in the operating account for October 31 was \$47,960.19, money market account \$185,856.86 and sales tax account \$53,603.68 for an ending balance of \$287,420.73. Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl to accept the treasurer report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Denny Desmond reported that he now has access for information as to who pays and how much the village receives in sales taxes.

Pending liabilities totaling \$13,664.98 were presented (Paul Horton \$1,200.00 snow removal, Eagle Eye Printing \$483.81 *Leawood Ledger* printing and mailing, Welcome Kit, updating mailing list, *Newton County Treasurer \$.78 collection fees, Allgeier, Martin and Associates \$1,035.00 inspection for Dollar General (to be reimbursed by DG), *Gary Strong \$287.50 clean-up Indiana sidewalks and Horseshoe Drive, Palmerton & Parish \$1,000 street work in Brookwood Drive, HSTCC \$218.24 annual fee, Dagley Landscaping \$5,675.00 work on Brookwood and Valleyview, Denny Desmond \$595.00, Brad Long \$300.00, Dale Owen \$300.00, Fran Owen \$300.00, Beverly Kiehl \$350.00 compensation per Ordinance 2013-1, *WCA \$1,363.71 fall clean-up dumpsters, Christ Community United Methodist Church \$300.00 Tara's Discretionary Fund for work done on Welcome Packets, Chris Chappell \$255.94 web site update and web site hosting), ACH payment to Liberty Utilities totaling \$737.79 resulting in a total of \$14,404.77 were presented by Brad Long. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Fran Owen to pay pending liabilities totaling \$14,404.77. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

*NOTE: (1) Motion was made by Denny Desmond and second by Brad Long to approve payment of \$287.50 to Gary Strong as this bill was not approved prior to the work being done. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. (2) \$.78 due Newton County Treasurer will be paid in January 2020. (3) Motion was made by Dale Owen and second by Fran Owen to transfer \$1,363.71 from the Sales Tax Account to the Operating Account. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Chairman's Report of Financial Information as of October 31, 2019. As of October 31, 2019 there was a surplus of \$31,635.00. Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Brad Long 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:

- A) **Village Ordinances** - Animal Control Ordinance – Item tabled for discussion at a future meeting.
- 2 Comprehensive Plan:**
 - A) Beautification Projects: Nothing to report at this time.
- 3 New Resident Information Packets** –Beverly Kiehl presented the final copy of the packets to the trustees. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl to pay Eagle Eye for printing and mailing packets up to \$1,500.00 toward final payment based on actual invoice received and pay balance due in January. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Packets that are undeliverable will be returned to Beverly Kiehl.
- 4 Road Repairs –**
 - A) Repairs have been completed in Brookwood and on Valleyview in Southern Hills. (Item closed)
 - B) General discussion concerning micro surfacing village streets. Denny Desmond reported that Kurt Higgins recommended micro surfacing streets in 2020. \$200,000.00 was placed in the 2020 budget. This amount includes fees for Allgeier, Martin and Associates.
- 5 Complaints/Issues:**
 - A) Saturday's BBQ – A business permit will be required. Village attorney working on developing the permit. Issues to be discussed at the January 2020 meeting.
- 6 Dollar General:**
 - A) The store to have a grand opening on November 16, 2019.
 - B) The street sign for 46th Street and stop sign on lying on the ground and the church sign has not been reinstalled. Contractor is responsible for putting the signs back. Trustees to watch and see how plays out.
- 7 Guarantee Bank Certificate of Deposit** - Denny Desmond reported that \$100,000 would not be transferred for obtaining a certificate because of the cost for street micro surfacing costs in 2020.

- 8 Complaints:** Denny Desmond reported that had not contacted the below residents and had no plans to do so.
- A) 1212 Southview – residence has an abandoned look with trash overflowing and needing mowing (item closed)
 - B) 44th & Oak – trailer parked in front of the house (item closed)
 - C) 45th & Connecticut – Motor home not parked behind the home (item closed)
- 9 Joplin Special Road District:**
- A) Denny Desmond reported at the September meeting that he contacted Randy Cosey who advised him that the contract between the village and the road district expired on June 1, 2019 and the road district did not want to renew it. Denny said he contacted Alan Cook, Newton County Commissioner to find out how the Joplin Special Road District works, but Alan was not in his office. Denny also contacted Dean Smith with the City of Joplin to see if the city personnel would take over the mowing of the streets that the road district previously did. However, Dean Smith hadn't returned the call.
 - B) Attached is a letter Denny Desmond sent to the Joplin Special Road District and the City of Joplin Public Works Department addressing the trustees concerns about not renewing the contract.
 - C) Trustees will wait and see what happens.
- 10 New Village Street Name Signs** - At the September 2019 meeting, Denny Desmond requested Beverly Kiehl obtain a quote to replace all street signs and posts in the village and include the cost of the topper. Attached is a copy of the proposal. However after general discussion of the proposal a motion was made by Denny Desmond and second by Dale Owen to retain the services of Allgeier, Martin and Associates to put a bid package together for replacing all street signs and posts as well as any other signs that need replacing. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Beverly Kiehl will contact Kurt Higgins with the information she has obtained so far.
- 11 Legal Issues** - Establishing a business permit: Denny Desmond advised that the village attorney had presented a copy of the ordinance and that is contained 96 pages. Denny will contact the attorney and see if the number of pages can be reduced.
- 12 Republic Services** – Contract for trash hauling service for village residents will need to be put together in January 2020.

New Business:

- 1. Building Permits:** - None issued.
- 2. Village Signs:**
 - A) 50th & Connecticut - Dale Owen reported that the several of road signs at the intersection of 50th and Connecticut streets are lying on the ground. Dale will call Digright and have them mark the utilities. Brad Long and Dale Owen will put the signs back up.
 - B) Dale Owen will also look at the gravel build-up in the roundabout at 50th and Horseshoe Drive and see what he can do to remove it.
- 3. Hazardous Mitigation Plan** – Denny Desmond to contact Tony concerning the plan.
- 4. Liberty Utilities:**
 - A. Jordan Bolinger presented the 20 year Franchise Agreement and the 10 year Municipal Electric Service Agreement with Liberty Utilities.
 - B. Motion made by Brad Long and second by Beverly Kiehl to approve Ordinance 2019-4 10 year Municipal Electric Service Agreement effective November 14, 2019. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.
 - C. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Dale Owen to approve Ordinance 2019-5 20 year Franchise Agreement effective November 14, 2019. Ordinance 2019-5 replaced Franchise Agreement Ordinance 80-1.
 - D. Jennifer told trustees that Scott Sullivan would be Liberty Utilities representative for Leawood.
- 5. 2020 Village of Leawood Budget** – Denny Desmond presented the preliminary budget. Trustees reviewed. Budget to be approved at the January 16, 2020 meeting.

Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Dale Owen to adjourn the meeting at 8:00. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Next meeting will be January 16, 2020.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen, Secretary Date

Denny Desmond, Chairman