

**LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**September 15, 2022- Minutes**

**Trustees Present:**

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

**Visitors:**

Billy Bower	509 Grandview Drive
Dan Gremaud	125 Valley View Drive
Sandy Hodge	529 Grandview Drive
Ben Spurlock	2011 E 46 <sup>th</sup> Street
Pat Black	1204 Southview
Denise McKeehen	522 Grandview Drive

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. Roll call was taken with all trustees present followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Minutes from the July 21, 2022 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. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Original financial bank statements for the months of July and August 2022 for the money market account, operating account and sales tax account were presented. Balance in the operating account for July 31 was \$98,427.80, money market account \$166,520.01 and sales tax account \$83,175.50, for an ending balance totaling \$348,123.31. Balance in the operating account for August 31, 2022 was \$102,887.46, money market account \$235,281.63 and sales tax account \$85,965.69, for an ending balance of \$424,134.78. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Fran Owen to accept the treasurer report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Pending liabilities totaling \$1,677.62 were presented (Eagle Eye Printing \$248.62 *Leawood Ledger* printing; Warten, Fisher & Lea \$75.00 ordinance issues; Newton County Treasurer \$17.10 tax collections; Paul Horton \$1,200 snow removal September and October; Beverly Kiehl \$136.90 road repairs 1824 E 45<sup>th</sup> Street. Payments to Liberty Utilities totaling \$857.30 were presented. Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Dale Owen to pay liabilities totaling \$2,534.92. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Village of Leawood Chairman's Report ending August 31, 2022. Motion made by Brad Long and second by Beverly Kiehl to accept the report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. All trustees signed the report.

**Old Business:**

**1 Village Ordinances:**

A) Ordinance 2022-3 Item closed.

**2 Comprehensive Plan:**

A) Beautification Projects – Fall Clean-up will be October 1 and 2. Dumpsters have been ordered.

**3 Issues around the Village:**

A) 4525 Connecticut - Travis Sampson Property Building permit was issued but shed is in violation of ordinance (shed sits outside the front fence line). Mr. Sampson will request a variance from Zoning and Planning Board. As of this meeting, a request has not been received.

**4 44<sup>th</sup> Street Water Run-off** – Denny Desmond advised that he received information that Tony Robinson, Assistant City Manager, would hold a meeting the following week with city engineers.

**5 Nuisance Ordinance Violations:**

A) Dogs running loose on Connecticut Street – Denny advised he had talked with the landlord the property and that the village attorney had mailed a letter to the renter. Have not had any more issues.

B) 1824 46<sup>th</sup> Street (Wayne Bard property) – Weeds and tall grass remains an issue. Brad Long contacted the owner and he advised he will get the property mowed. Still needs work.

C) Mike Bell Property – Denny advised he had contacted the owner who advised he will get the property mowed (pile of tree trunks, dirt, brush, straw bales, etc.) and cleaned up.

D) 47<sup>th</sup> Street Water Run-off – Suggestion to ask the Joplin Assistant City Manager to request the engineers take another look at this problem as it is on the city side where the water backs up. Suggestion to use some of the ARPA funds to help with water run-off in this area of the village.

**6 American Rescue Plan Act** – Trustees will continue to look for other projects to use the money for at future meetings. Request made to contact Allgeier, Martin & Associates to begin requesting bids for tree trimming services for the village. Funds in the account total \$137,518.

**7 Request for De-annexation** – Item closed. No information has been received.

**8 Facebook** - Denny Desmond advised that he is working on updating the page.

**New Business:**

1. **Permits** –None

2. **Complaints** –

- A. **46<sup>th</sup> Street** – Beverly Kiehl reported she had received a report that a number of kittens and feral cats were running loose in the area. Property owner said he would work to resolve the issue.
- B. **4525 Indiana** – Shed taken partially down but never cleaned up. Denny will request village attorney send a letter of violation.
- C. **1909 47<sup>th</sup> Street (Buck Cunningham)** – Issues concerning a pool and pool house. Apparently pool was not built as per ordinal building permit and instead an underground storm shelter was installed. Appears pool house is now a guest house. Trustees to visit with Mr. Cunningham and ask him to request a new building permit.
- D. **Southern Hills (Dogs running loose)** - 546 Grandview resident Jennifer Muffel is the owner of one of the dogs causing problems with residents walking in the village. Denny will request village attorney send notice of animal control violation.

3. **1825 E 45<sup>th</sup> Street** – Postal carrier left notice that the mail could not be delivered because the mail truck had to drop off the asphalt for quite a ways to get to the boxes due to problems with the roadbed.. Beverly Kiehl advised that a temporary fix had been made putting base grade gravel in the path. Permanent fix to the issue will be addressed when roads are sealed and repaired again in the future.

4. **Neighborhood Watch** – Several burglaries have taken place in Southern Hills area and Billy Bower has agreed to chair the neighborhood watch program for the village. A meeting will be held on September 20, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the Redings Mill Fire Station where the Newton County Sheriff’s deputy will discuss the program.

5. **Certification of Tax Rate has been received from the State Auditor** – Village clerk to place the certification letter in the Leawood Village files.

Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Fran Owen to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM. In favor 5 Opposed. Motion passed. Next meeting will be November 17, 2022.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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Fran Owen, Secretary Date

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Denny Desmond, Chairman