

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 19, 2023- 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
Nikki Bergman 2829 E 46th Street
Stephanie Snyder 2829 E 46th Street

Denny Desmond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 November 17, 2022 meeting were presented. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl to forgo the reading of the minutes as everyone had received copies and accept the minutes as presented with an amendment to include information concerning a fence violation in Southern Hills asking the resident to request a variance for height. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Original financial bank statements for the months of November and December 2022 for the money market account, operating account and sales tax account were presented. Balance in the operating account for November 30 was \$114,936.88 money market account \$235,293.03 and sales tax account \$94,529.54, for an ending balance totaling \$444,759.45. Balance in the operating account for December 31, 2022 was \$119,588.81, money market account \$235,297.16 and sales tax account \$98,003.91, for an ending balance of \$452,889.88. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Fran Owen to accept the treasurer report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Pending liabilities totaling \$4,309.46 were presented (Eagle Eye Printing \$260.54 *Leawood Ledger* printing; Paul Horton \$1,200 snow removal January and 175.50 Conference with Desmond and Long; Auto-Owners Insurance \$1943.00 general liability insurance 2/23/23 to 2/22/24). Liberty Utilities totaling \$938.34 were presented. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Beverly Kiehl to pay liabilities totaling \$5,247.80. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Village of Leawood Chairman's Report ending December 31, 2022 as well as the financial statement for the year January 1 – December 31, 2022. Denny Desmond will transfer \$40,800 from the sales tax account to the operating account... Motion made by Brad Long and second by Fran Owen to accept the report as presented and approve the transfer of funds. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. All trustees signed the report.

Denny Desmond presented the Village of Leawood Review and Verification of Financial Transaction by the Board of Trustees for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022. All trustees signed the document.

Old Business:

1 Village Ordinances:

A) None pending at this time.

2 Comprehensive Plan:

A) Carrie Campbell with HSTCC met with Denny Desmond. HSTCC has agreed to help the Trustees develop the plan for \$3,000. Trustees will work on the plan in the fall of 2023.

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 submitted a request a variance from Zoning and Planning Board to Denny Desmond. Denny will give Billy Bower the request.

4 **44th Street Water Run-off** – Denny Desmond advised that he received information that Tony Robyn, Assistant City Manager that the City of Joplin considers this matter fully resolved. Denny Desmond and Brad Long visited with the Village Attorney and were advised that the village can't sue the City of Joplin, only the property owners involved. There are not enough property owners in the village that are involved to file a class action. Suggestion that a letter be drafted by the attorney advising Joplin that the village does not agree with Joplin's decision that the issue is resolved.

5 Nuisance Ordinance Violations:

A) 1824 46th Street (Wayne Bard property) – Vehicles have all been moved. Yard still needs to be cleaned up. Trustees will continue to watch.

B) Mike Bell Property – Denny advised he had sent a note to Steve Martinez with the City of Joplin concerning water issues with this property but had not received a reply. No action has been taken and item was tabled.

C) 47th 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 Use of Funds

A) **Tree Trimming:** Trustees discussed the various areas in the village that need trees trimmed. These areas include Brookwood Drive, Emerald Drive, Horseshoe Drive, Southern Hills, and Leawood, 50th Street, Indiana Street and 44th Street. Rich Reed to contact the residents in The Home Owners association in Hidden Valley to see if they want any trimming done. Trimming will be done in the spring. Brad Long to contact various tree trimming services for quotes and present at the March meeting.

8. Complaints:

A. **1909 47th Street (Buck Cunningham)** – Issues concerning a pool and pool house. Owner to request a new building permit if he decides to install a pool. He will need to obtain a permit for the storm shelter he had installed.

9. Neighborhood Watch –Billy Bower advised he will give an updated report to the Trustees on a quarterly basis. Suggestion made to hold an informational meeting in March. Need to include in the *Ledger*.

10. 2023 Annual Budget – Trustees reviewed the budget and added additional funds to bring street signs and entrances to \$2,400 and road repairs and maintenance to \$5,000. Denny to make change and trustees will approve at the March meeting.

11. 2023 Election - Papers filed with Newton County Clerk January 17, 2023.

12. Complaints:

A. Vicki Carnahan – Southern Hills – Fence in violation of the ordinance due to height. Suggestion property owner request a various for height (Newton County allows 8’ fences and Leawood 6’). There will not be a variance for the extension of the fence past the front of the residence. Verbal and email complaints have been received from village residents in the area. Bill Bower to contact the property owner.

13. Street Sign Missing – The street sign at Brookwood Drive and 50th is gone. Dale Owen to check with sign companies for cost to replace as well as costs on Neighborhood Watch signs.

New Business:

1 Permits and Business Licenses:

A) Alexander and Catherine Jeck Emerald Drive Fence Permit #2022-10 \$10.00

B) Business License – Ortez Lawn Services

2 46th Street Issue - Nikki Bergman has requested something be done about the traffic speeding on this street (it’s located along side and behind Dollar General). General discussion determined that a speed bump would be the best solution. Motion made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Dale Owen to authorize \$1,000 to purchase and install speed bumps on 46th Street. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

3 Spring Clean-up - Dumpsters will be delivered on April 28 and picked-up on May 1. Locations will be the same as in previous years.

4 Golf Carts & ATV – General discussion concerning kids riding golf carts and ATV’s thru the Southern Hills streets. Seems that the streets in Southern Hills belong to the village and therefore the Sheriff’s department is unable to do anything about the situation.

Motion made by Beverly Kiehl and second by Fran Owen to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Next meeting March 16, 2023.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen, Secretary Date

Denny Desmond, Chairman