

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 23, 2023- Minutes

Trustees Present:

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

Visitors:

Dan Gremaud 125 Valley View Drive
Jim Guhr 60 Horseshoe Drive

Trustees Absent:

Beverly Kiehl, Vice Chairman

Denny Desmond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:28 P.M. at the Redings Mill Fire Department located at 344 Redings Mill Road, Joplin, MO 64804. Roll call was taken with four trustees present followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Minutes from the January 19, 2023 meeting were presented. Motion made by Brad Long 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 2023 for the money market account, operating account and sales tax account were presented. Balance in the operating account for January 31, 2023 was \$146,356.23 money market account \$235,301.16 and sales tax account \$91,680.56, for an ending balance totaling \$473,337.95. Balance in the operating account for February 28, 2023 was \$151,673.25, money market account \$235,340.36 and sales tax account \$94,422.63, for an ending balance of \$481,436.24. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Fran Owen to accept the treasurer report as presented. In favor 4 Opposed 0 Absent 1. Motion passed.

Pending liabilities totaling \$3,804.87 were presented (Eagle Eye Printing \$234.46 Leawood Ledger printing; Paul Horton \$3,141.45, \$1,200 snow removal March and April and \$1,941.45 salt for roads, Newton County Treasurer \$7.63 January collections, Warten, Fisher, & Lea \$35.00 miscellaneous attorney fees, Dale Owen \$386.33 speed bump for 46th Street). Liberty Utilities totaling \$915.45 were presented. Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Dale Owen to pay liabilities totaling \$4,720.32. In favor 4 Opposed 0 Absent 1. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Village of Leawood Chairman's Report ending February 28, 2023; Denny Desmond transferred \$9,362.62 from the sales tax account to the operating account to cover the cost of the dumpsters and the Southern Hills gate. Motion made by Brad Long and second by Dale Owen to accept the report as presented. In favor 4 Opposed 0 Absent 1. Motion passed. All trustees signed the report.

Old Business:

1 Village Ordinances:

A) None pending at this time.

2 Comprehensive Plan:

A) 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 t. Need to schedule a meeting for approval of the request.

4 44th Street Water Run-off – Denny Desmond will end a letter to the village attorney advising that Leawood takes exception to Joplin's decision that the issue is resolved. Also included in the letter information concerning the well contamination on Gladys Courtney property located on the east side of 45th and Connecticut. All trustees present were in agreement with requesting the letter be sent.

5 Nuisance Ordinance Violations:

A) 1824 46th Street (Wayne Bard property) – Trustees will continue to watch for violations.

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. Item tabled.

6 American Rescue Plan Act Use of Funds:

A) American Rescue Plan Act status report due April 30. Denny Desmond to send the report.

B) **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. Brad Long presented a bid from Precision Tree Service for \$9,300 Bid included \$3,000 to trim trees along the private road on 50th Street from Connecticut east, and \$1,000 to cut and remove a dead tree located on Horseshoe Drive that is a hazard. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Denny Desmond to accept the bid from Precision Tree Service for \$9,300. In favor 4 Opposed 0 Absent 1. Motion passed.

C) **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. Nothing new to report.

9. **Neighborhood Watch** –Billy Bower will give an updated report to the Trustees on a quarterly basis. Suggestion made to hold an informational meeting. Need to include in the *Ledger* when a date and time has been set.
10. **.2023 Annual Budgets** – Trustees reviewed the budget and approved additional funds street signs, road repairs and maintenance costs.
11. **46th Street Speed Bumps** – Dale Owen reported that he had purchased the speed bumps and will install them as soon as the weather permits.
12. **Complaints:**
 - A. Vicki Carnahan – Southern Hills – Fence in violation of the ordinance due to height and fence extending beyond the front of the residence. Billy Bower and Dale Owen have tried several times to make contact with Vicki Carnahan or someone at the residence but have not been able to get anyone to answer the door. Denny Desmond will write a letter to resident owner requesting an appearance before the Planning and Zoning Board to request a variance for height (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.
13. **Street Signs Missing** – The street sign at Brookwood Drive and 50th is gone as well as the one located at 46th and Rangeline. Dale Owen reported the new signs have been ordered. Still need to order Neighborhood Watch signs.
14. **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. Denny Desmond will contact the village attorney and request he draft an ordinance for ATV and golf carts.
15. **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. GLF has requested an agreement be executed for \$300 per dumpster. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Fran Owen to approve the agreement with GLF. In favor 4 Opposed 0 Absent 1. Motion passed.

New Business:

1 Permits and Business Licenses:

A) Jennifer Maffei 546 Grandview Permit 2023-1 Garage & patio cover \$25.00

Dale Owen reported that he had mailed letters to the various businesses in Leawood Village concerning the need for a license.

2 Street Signs and Street Repair:

- A) Jim Guhr requested some type of sign needs to be installed at in the roundabout at 50th and Horseshoe Drive. Dale Owen will obtain the cost of purchasing an additional sign on each of the current yield signs to say "yield to all traffic in the roundabout".
- B) Fran Owen reported that the street located on the west side of Horseshoe Drive & 50th Street was going to need to be repaired before long.as if was beginning to crack. Suggestion that trustees look around the village for other streets that might need some repair work before winter. Need to contact Phyllis Sapp in Brookwood to see what needs to be done there.

3 Complaints:

- A) 747 East 50th Street – Mattress and couch discarded in the yard (for quite some time). Also there is an issue with water retention at the corner of 50th and Indiana that needs to be addressed.
- B) 49th & Indiana – Owner recently has the structure torn down but in the process the septic was uncovered. Denny will request the village attorney send a letter to the landlord of both 747 East 50th and the lot located at 49th & Indiana.

- 4 **Bank Accounts and Certificate of Deposit:** Denny Desmond requested the trustees approve the transfer of money from the Sales Tax Account, Money Market Account, and the Operating Account a total of \$400,000 to establish three certificates of deposit in order to obtain a better interest rate. An 11 month certificate would pay 3.51% interest where the current Money Market Account pays 0.25% and the other accounts pay nothing. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Fran Owen to transfer at total of \$400,000 from the three banking accounts at Community Bank & Trust and purchase three certificates of deposit. In favor 4 Opposed 0 Absent 1. Motion passed. Denny Desmond, chairman and Brad Long, treasurer will execute the necessary paperwork.

Motion made by Brad Long and second by Fran Owen to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. In favor 4 Opposed 0 Absent 1. Motion passed.

Next meeting May 18, 2023

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen March 27, 2023
 Fran Owen, Secretary Date

 Denny Desmond, Chairman