

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 18, 2023- Minutes

Trustees Present:

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

Visitors:

Dan Gremaud	125 Valley View Drive
Billy Bowers	
Beverly Kiehl	
Charles Smith	117 Hillview Drive
Shannon Smith	2905 Southern Hills Drive
Michelle Smith	2905 Southern Hills Drive
Dan Gremaud	125 Valley View Drive

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 four trustees present followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

The letter of resignation from Beverly Kiehl was accepted by the current trustees. Denny Desmond appointed Billy Bowers to fill the remaining one year term. All current trustees approved the appointment.

Receipt of the certification of the April 7th election was read. Candidates on the ballot were Dale Owen, Brad Long, and Denny Desmond. A motion was made by Dale Owen and second by Billy Bower to accept all current trustees and retain their current positions on the Board of Trustees (Denny Desmond, chairman, Billy Bowers, vice-chairman, Brad Long, treasurer, Dale Owen, clerk and Fran Owen, secretary. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Minutes from the March 23, 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 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Original financial bank statements for the months of March and April 2023 for the money market account, operating account and sales tax account were presented. Balance in the operating account for March 30, 2023 was \$31,029.38, money market account \$55,390.33, sales tax account \$2,164.10 and Certificates of Deposit \$400,000.00, for an ending balance totaling \$488,583.81. Balance in the operating account for April 2023 was \$22,973.66, money market account \$55,411.95, sales tax account \$8,312.30 and Certificates of Deposit \$400,000.00 for an ending balance of \$486,697.91. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Fran Owen to accept the treasurer report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. (The Certificate Of Deposit was given to the Village Clerk).

Pending liabilities totaling \$1,864.46 were presented (Eagle Eye Printing \$267.53 *Leawood Ledger* printing; Paul Horton \$1,200 snow removal May and June snow removal contract, Newton County Treasurer \$1.93 March collections, Warten, Fisher, & Lea \$395.00 attorney fees for ATV Use and Ordinance, draft letter to City of Joplin on 44th Street water issues). Liberty Utilities totaling \$878.28 were presented. Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Billy Bowers to pay liabilities totaling \$2,742.74. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Village of Leawood Chairman's Report ending April 30, 2023. Motion made by Brad Long and second by Dale Owen to accept the report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. All trustees signed the report.

Old Business:

1 Village Ordinances:

- A) ATV Use and Ordinance – Trustees considering creating an ordinance similar to the ordinance currently used by Webb City. The Smiths who were in attendance voiced their opposition to the ordinance. A copy of the ordinance, after the attorney has drafted it, will be sent to them for review before the trustees make a final decision.

2 Comprehensive Plan:

- A) Trustees will work on the plan in the fall of 2023. Request for volunteers to work on the plan will be place in the next issue of the *Leawood Ledger*.

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 before the next Board of Trustees meeting.

- 4 44th Street Water Run-off – Denny Desmond will have the village attorney write and send a letter to each of the Joplin City Council members as well as the City Manager 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. (issued closed)
- 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 Allgeier Martin to perform a study for what needs to be done to help control the water flow from the Mike Bell property that runs into 47th Street. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Dale Owen to retain Allgeier Martin to address the issue and make recommendations. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

6 American Rescue Plan Act Use of Funds:

- A) American Rescue Plan Act status report due April 30. Denny Desmond reported the report has been filed.

7 **Tree Trimming** - Brad Long reported that the tree trimming had been completed and all went well.

8 **Complaints:**

A. **1909 47th Street (Buck Cunningham)** – Issues concerning a pool and pool house. (Item closed).

9. **Neighborhood Watch** – Billy Bowers reported that the Neighborhood Watch meeting was held and an exchange of contact names and numbers was done. He plans to hold semi-annual village meetings to exchange formation. Suggestion that the names and contact phone numbers for the neighborhood captains is included in the *Leawood Ledger*.

10. **46th Street Speed Bumps** – Dale Owen reported the speed bumps had been installed.(Item closed)

11. **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 Bowers reported he had talked with the owner and advised that the extension would need to be removed and that they would need to submit a request for a variance for height to the Zoning and Planning Board.

B. 49th & Indiana - Owner had the structure torn down but in the process the septic was uncovered. 747 East 50th is also a problem with mattress and a couch discarded in the yard. Denny will request the village attorney send a letter to the landlord of both 747 East 50th and the lot located at 49th & Indiana.

C. 50th Street & Indiana – Request that something should be done about the water issue. Suggestion the village attorney sends a letter to property owner. Property also needs mowing.

12. **Street Signs & Road Repair:**

A. 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 and he is waiting on them to be delivered. Neighborhood Watch signs will cost \$88.00 each. Motion made by Brad Long and second by Dale Owen to purchase an additional 4 signs. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Dale to purchase post where needed.

B. A previous request for some type of sign to be installed at the roundabout at 50th and Horseshoe Drive was made. Dale Owen reported that three “yield to all traffic in the roundabout” signs would cost \$197.00 and could be attached to the current yield signs. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Denny Desmond to approve purchase of the three signs. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

C. Fran Owen reported that the street located on the west side of Horseshoe Dive & 50th streets 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.

13. **Spring Clean-up** - Dumpsters were delivered at previous locations. However due to weather some could not be delivered until the next week. Suggestion that future notifications include dates and “weather permitting.”

New Business:

A) **Permits and Business Licenses:** Glidewell Roof & Solar; Spring Shop, S & S Security Systems have all received their licenses.

2 **Complaints:**

A) Problems with the street and mailbox access on 45th street. Needs gravel/concrete patch. Brad long to obtain a quote from a contractor and present at the next meeting. Suggestion that the cost be shared by the Village and the homeowner.

3 **Leawood Ledger** – Future mailings need to have an additional sticker place on them in order to keep the post office sorting machine from shredding the letter.

Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Dale Owen to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Next meeting July 20, 2023

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen, Secretary Date

Denny Desmond, Chairman