

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 18, 2024- Minutes

Trustees Present:

Denny Desmond, Chairman
Billy Bowers, Vice Chairman
Dale Owen, Clerk
Fran Owen, Secretary

Visitors:

Jim Guhr 60 Horseshoe Drive

Trustee Absent:

Dan Gremaud

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 16, 2023 meeting were presented. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Billy Bowers 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 November and December 2023 for the money market account, operating account and sales tax account were presented. Balance in the operating account for November, 2023 was \$51,773.38 money market account \$55,493.22, sales tax account \$7,857.49 and Certificates of Deposit \$400,000.00, for an ending balance totaling \$515,124.09. Balance in the operating account for December 2023 was \$58,409.53, money market account \$55,504.62, sales tax account \$10,147.43 and Certificates of Deposit \$400,000.00 for an ending balance of \$524,061.58. \$15,975.53 was transferred from the sales tax account in accept the treasurer report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Pending liabilities totaling \$8,723.31 were presented (Newton County Treasurer November and December tax collections \$1200.00, Eagle Eye Printing \$284.36 *Leawood Ledger* printing; Paul Horton \$1,200 snow removal January and February snow removal contract, Allgeier, Martin & Associates \$1,358.20, 2023, Harry S Truman Coordinating Council \$2,785.20 dues and comprehensive plan, Owners Insurance \$2,377.00 liability insurance for trustees were presented. \$833.05 for Liberty Utilities street lights was also presented. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Billy Bowers to approve paying Owner's Insurance \$2,377.00 and shop around for insurance coverage that is less expensive. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Motion to pay liabilities totaling \$9,556.36 was made by Fran Owen and second by Dale Owen to approve the report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Village of Leawood Chairman's Report Condensed Recap ending December 31, 2023. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Dale Owen to accept the report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Village of Leawood Review and Verification of Financial Transactions by the Board of Trustees for calendar year ending December 31, 2023. All trustees signed the report.

Old Business:

1 Village Ordinances:

- A) Ordinance Violation Fines – General discussion concerning creating an ordinance or resolution to determine finds for specific ordinance violations.
- B) Suggestion to notify residents of village ordinances by placing notices at various times throughout the year on Facebook.

2 Comprehensive Plan:

- A) Denny Desmond reported there was nothing new to report.

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. Need to schedule a meeting for approval.
- B) 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. Still waiting on request from Vicki Carnahan to submit variance request. Billy Bowers contacted Vicki Carnahan to get a date as to when they plan to correct the violations and was told they were not going to do anything as they had an approved building permit. Trustees discussed having the village attorney write a letter to the Carnahans.
- C) 49th & Indiana - Owner had the structure torn down but in the process the septic was uncovered. Denny Desmond advised that he had contacted the owner of the property and suggested they hire a professional service to cover the septic. Will follow up in the spring.
- D) 50th Street & Indiana – Request that something should be done about the water issue. Denny to contact owner of the property.
- E) Problems with the street and mailbox access on 45th street. Needs gravel/concrete patch. Trustees may also look at using some of the ARPA funds.

4 Nuisance Ordinance Violations:

- A) Mike Bell Property – No action has been taken and item was tabled. However there was a discussion concerning possibly using some of the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Will need to address issue with the property owner.

5 American Rescue Plan Act Use of Fund:

- A) Kurt Higgins with Allgeier Martin was contacted to look at the water run-off issues on 47th Street and Wendi Way. The city of Joplin and Leawood Village will share in the cost. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Dale Owen to approve the bid from Allgeier Martin with Elements Construction Concepts to do the work. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.
- B) Funds will expire at the end of this year and must be allocated by that time.
- 6 Hidden Valley Streets** – Rich Reed representing the Hidden Valley Homeowners Association discussed the problem with the streets needing repairs at the July meeting. All trustees agreed to provide some amount for road repairs. Denny Desmond suggested \$40,000 one-time payment but not pay until the 2024 budget had been finalized. Denny Desmond advised that he had not heard from Reed about updated quotes and schedule. Trustees considering using ARPA funds.
- 7 Complaints** – 129 Valley View Drive – owner failed to obtain a permit for a shed. Billy Bowers to follow up concerning the permit. Owner plans to gravel drive in the spring.
- 8 2024 Leawood Village Budget** – The preliminary budget was presented by Denny Desmond. Stipends for trustees will increase to \$595 for up to seven (7) meetings for each trustee (does not include the chairman). Membership dues for HSTCC will increase to \$300.00. Trustees will approve the final budget at the March meeting.
- 9 Street Issues** - The culvert at 50th and Horseshoe Drive (east side) on the roundabout presents a hazard should someone drive off of the street. Dale Owen will check with Big John's to see what kind of barrier could be installed.

New Business

1. **Permits Issued** – None
2. **Leawood Ledger** – Postal carrier advised Dale Owen that a large number of the letters are not being delivered because they are getting damaged in the post office cancellation machine. Dale will ask Eagle Eye Printing to add two additional stickers on each letter with the next mailing.
3. **Village Spring Clean-up** – Denny Desmond will call various trash service companies to find the best rate for dumpsters for the spring clean-up. Dumpsters will be delivered on April 19 and picked up on April 22.

Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Dan Gremaud to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Next meeting January 18, 2024

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen, Secretary Date

Denny Desmond, Chairman