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Notice Public Meeting

March 20, 2017
Board of Trustees
8:00 P.M.
Redings Mill Fire
Department
5202 Range Line
Road
Visitors Welcome

Notice of Open Public Meeting

Public notice is hereby given that **The Board of Trustees** will have their bi-monthly meeting at **8:00 P.M. Monday, March 20, 2017** to consider and act upon the matters on the following agenda and other subject matters as may be presented at the meeting and determined to be appropriate for discussion at that time. The meeting will be conducted at the **Redings Mill Fire Station, 5202 Range Line Road, Joplin**. (The Planning and Zoning Commission will not meet because there are no agenda items to discuss).

Agenda – Trustee Meeting

- Approval of minutes from the January 17, 2017 meeting.
- Approval of treasurer's and financial reports and approval for payment of bills.
- Further address nuisance complaints from residents and how to resolve
- Continue to review to prioritize the projects/actions from Comprehensive Plan.
- Status of Neighborhood Watch Program

Financial Information – January 31, 2017

Due to receiving \$13,928 real estate taxes the cash balance increased \$18,429 to \$186,992. Normal expenses were \$2,165 versus \$20,594 revenues for an \$18,429 surplus. Last January's surplus was \$18,958.

2016 Financial Transactions Document

The Board of Trustees executed this document on January 17th, as has been done for the previous four years. The document included information on "Procedures for Review and Verification of Financials" and a statement of the three specific balances in the three specific accounts at Community Bank & Trust: \$97,019.68 for operating, \$25,737.12 for money market and \$45,506.52 for sales tax, all of which were reconciled to original bank statements. Total available cash is \$168,563.31.

Spring Clean Up – April 21 to May 1st

Residents are encouraged to use two large dumpsters to clear their properties of yard waste. **Dumpsters will be located in** Southern Hills at 126 Valleyview and on the east side of 50th and Connecticut.

Everyone is asked to follow the guidelines for what can be placed in the dumpsters. Do not put tires or wheels, appliances or electronics, furniture or mattresses into these dumpsters. Paint is acceptable after it is dried out by mixing in cat litter or sawdust and leaving the lid off. Make plans now to clean up your yard.

Neighborhood Watch

Recently two vehicles in Hidden Valley were broken into on the same night. Both vehicles were unlocked with the keys in one. All Leawood residents are encouraged to keep "vehicles" locked. Residents should report these to the Newton County Sheriff's office and also advise the trustees by emailing leawoodvillage@msn.com. A resident volunteer is needed to spearhead the "Neighborhood Watch" program. If interested, contact any trustee or email leawoodvillage@msn.com

Information Meeting on Proposed (RMFPD) Tax Levy

Members of the Redings Mill Fire Protection District (RMFPD) want to invite all Leawood residents to attend a special information meeting at 6:30 Monday, March 20th at the Redings Mill Fire Station on Rangeline. The proposed increased tax levy will be on the April 4th ballot. Members of RMFPD have previously met with representatives of various villages, who have endorsed the increased tax levy. Tax levies were last increased in 2006.

Their needs include: (1) Pay rates for staff is 10% below similar departments, which has caused constant turnover and inability to maintain an experienced staff; (2) Volunteer staffing is at all-time low due to demographic changes; (3) Consolidating Station #2 and #4 into a new location and moving Station #3, both of which would have all homes within five miles and improving operational efficiencies; and (4) Replacing aging equipment to for improved reliability and safety for residents.

April Election

Only the three incumbents, Denny Desmond, Brad Long and Dale Owen, filed for election as a trustee. As a result of the previously approved ordinance their names won't appear on the April 4th ballot.

New Neighbors

We encourage residents to "be neighborly" and introduce themselves to new residents and email their name and address to leawoodvillage@msn.com so trustees can stop and provide information about Leawood Village.

Beautification Project

As a part of the spring clean-up trash bags will be provided by the village to anyone wishing to help clean up the trash in the street right away in the village, For more information contact Dale or Fran Owen @ 417-781-6370.