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Notice Public Meeting

January 15, 2019
Board of Trustees
6:30 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 **6:30 P.M. Tuesday, January 15, 2019** 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

- Approve minutes from November 20, 2018 meeting.
- Approval of treasurer's and financial reports and approval for payment of bills.
- Approve budget for 2019
- Approve issuing bid requests to seal cracks in roads in 2019
- Discuss revisions to existing Parking Ordinance #05-1 dated 2/9/2005
- Discuss status of Welcome Packet for new residents.
- Discuss beautification projects for 2019 and possible use of the \$44,592 sales tax revenue bank account.

Financial Information – Calendar Year 2018

\$90,136 revenues exceeded \$76,344 expenses for a \$13,792 surplus, which increased cash to \$255,786. 76%/\$57,658 of the expenses (\$58,000 budgeted) were due to projects to trim trees (\$33,622) and repair roads (\$24,036). Excluding these projects, \$16,686 expenses (includes \$1,671 for dumpsters) were \$6,466 below budget and \$1,111 lower than last year. \$90,136 revenues exceeded budget by \$3,886 despite sales taxes (-\$3,197) due franchise taxes (+\$3,113) and fuel taxes from Missouri Department of Revenue (+\$2,350) and real estate taxes (+\$1,258). Revenues were \$3,093 below last year due to sales tax (decreased \$5,707 to \$14,803) due mainly to closing of Kum and Go. Franchise taxes (+\$1,444) and real estate taxes (+\$1,044) were higher.

Beautification Project

Dumpsters will be available to Leawood residents from April 5, 2019 to April 15, 2019 for the semi-annual clean-up. Locations will be at 50th & Connecticut and at 126 Valleyview in Southern Hills. Should residents find a dumpster full at one location, please take your items to the other location for disposal. No tires, wheels, appliances, electronics, furniture or mattresses are accepted. Help maintain the beauty of the village. Plan now to clean up your yard.

Sales Tax Fund - Status

A .875% sales tax was approved in 2014. A separate bank account was established for proceeds and subsequent use for beautification projects. Collections have totaled \$82,420 in four years (an average of \$20,605 per year) Disbursements have been \$39,499, including \$33,622 in 2018 for trimming trees in the village and another \$5,519 for providing dumpsters in two locations in the last few years for residents to dispose yard debris. The current bank balance is \$42,921. We welcome ideas from residents to use this money to beautify and make Leawood a better village.

Road Improvements

Some utility work has begun on 44th Street between Connecticut and Indiana. Residents are advised to use caution when traveling in this area. Joplin city officials have not notified the village as to when they will hold another public meeting,

April Election

Any qualified resident interested in running for the April 2, 2019 election for the Board of Trustees for the Village of Leawood must file by January 15, 2019. The election is for three trustees with a two year term. Incumbents are Denny Desmond, Dale Owen and Brad Long who have confirmed running for re-election. If interested or have questions, please contact Denny Desmond at 483-0053 or email him at leawoodvillage@msn.com.

Happy New Year