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Notice Public Meeting

January 21, 2021
Board of Trustees
6:30 P.M.
Redings Mill Fire Department
344 Redings Mill Road
Visitors Welcome

Notice Bi-Monthly Meeting

Public notice is hereby given that **The Board of Trustees** will have their bi-monthly meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday **January 21, 2021 at 344 Redings Mill Road** to consider and act upon the matters on the following agenda and other business that may come before the Board at that time.

Agenda

- Meeting to Order: Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation & Roll Call
- Approve the minutes from the November 19th meeting.
- Approval of Report on Review and Verification of Financial Transactions for 2020.
- Approval of treasurer's and financial reports and payment of bills.
- Derek Snyder, village attorney, will discuss the proposed business permit ordinance.
- Status of new street signs
- Review and approve the 2021 Budget
- Any other business that may come before the Board.
- Adjournment.

Financial Information – December 31, 2020

\$208,291 expenses were higher than \$103,815 revenues for -\$104,476 deficit, which decreased cash to \$182,338 but is \$58,587 high than budget. Revenues exceed budget (\$11,925) and last year (\$15,061) due to sales tax (+9,746/\$15,061) and real estate taxes/interest. (\$4,880/\$5,120). Several past due real estate taxes were collected, including \$1,963 interest/penalties. \$208,291 expenditures are \$150,565 higher than last year due to road repairs/micro surfacing (+\$128,251) and engineering expenses (+\$5,796) for Joplin's 44th Street and the Connecticut ditch project (+\$15,862) and new street signs (\$424,423). Expenses are -\$46,662 below budget mainly due to lower than anticipated cost for major street repairs (-\$45,677). Leawood has three bank accounts at Community Bank & Trust: \$35,143 (checking/operating), \$97,720 (money market/savings) and \$50,675 (sales tax account).

Revenues from collection of sales taxes are designated to use for special/unique situations to make Leawood a better place to live. Since 2015 sales tax collections have been \$124,551. \$73,876 has been spent: \$33,622 for trimming trees on roadways, \$24,370 for new street signs, \$13,704 for semi-annual dumpsters and \$2,180 for the Welcome Booklet.

Yes 2020 – Definitely a Memorable Year

COVID-19 unfortunately will last forever in our memories. Despite COVID there were several positive actions approved and executed by the Board of Trustees for the residents of Leawood. (1) Micro-resurfacing of roads, (2) newly designed street signs with special designation of Village of Leawood, (3) active involvement of our city engineer and trustees to address and resolve water drainage and other issues with the 44th/Connecticut road project with the city of Joplin, (4) the semi-annual program for dumpsters for residents to use for yard clean-up, and (5) issuing the Welcome to Village of Leawood Booklet in late 2019. Each trustee devoted many extra hours beyond the meetings to make these happen.

April Election

Qualified village residents interested in running for a two-year term on the Board of Trustees must file by January 19th for the April 6, 2021 election. Contact Denny Desmond at 483-0053 for further details and to complete the necessary documents. Incumbents are Denny Desmond, Brad Long and Dale Owen. (For the record, this information was also in the November issue of the *Leawood Ledger*).

Trash Hauling – Republic

Republic will pick-up at no cost one large household item per week on regular schedule collection day by notifying Republic (800-431-1507) of any such items to be picked up.