

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

July 15, 2024- Minutes

Trustees Present:

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

Visitors:

None

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 May 23, 2024 meeting were presented. Motion made by Dan Gremaud and second by Billy Bowers to forgo the reading of the minutes as everyone had received copies and accept the corrected minutes as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Original financial bank statements for the months of May and June 2024 for the money market account, operating account, sales tax and certificates of deposit (CD) accounts were presented. Balance in the operating account for May was \$68,908.27, money market account \$55,562.43, sales tax account \$21,674.72 and Certificates of Deposit \$412,926.03, for an ending balance totaling \$559,071.45. Balance in the operating account for June was \$654,512.30, money market account \$55,754.23, sales tax account \$23,423.55 and Certificates of Deposit \$412,926.03 for an ending balance of \$546,436.11. Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Billy Bowers to accept the treasurer report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Pending liabilities totaling \$2,515.03 were presented (Eagle Eye Printing \$263.96 *Leawood Ledger* printing; Paul Horton \$1,200 snow removal July and August, Allgeier, Martin & Associates \$881.0750th & Indiana/Storm Clean-up, USPS \$170.00 PO Box fee) \$817.97 was presented for Liberty Utilities street lights. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Billy Bowers to approve paying pending liabilities totaling \$3,333.00. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

The Chairman's report was presented as Denny Desmond for the six months ended June 30, 2024. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Dan Gremaud to accept the Chairman's report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Certificate of Deposit – Denny Desmond reviewed a schedule (see attached) of the three certificates of deposit of \$412,929.03 which mature August 30, 2024. With earned interest the CD values will be \$423,438.11. Since the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) expires December 31, 2024; the new CD's will be \$382,862.46 with \$282,295.91 "Operating" and \$100,566.55 "Sales Tax". A motion was made and approved by trustees to have Denny Desmond and Dan Gremaud, as authorized signers, to execute these actions and CD's.

Old Business:

1 Village Ordinances:

- A) Ordinance Violation Fines – General discussion concerning creating an ordinance or resolution to determine finds for specific ordinance violations. Trustees will work on defining fines for ordinance violations. If unable to collect fines, a lien could be placed against the property owner/resident.
- 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 Amanda Hampton with HSTCC will complete the plan. Denny advised trustees that she was to attend tonight's meeting, but did not appear.

3 Issues around the Village:

- A) 50th Street & Indiana – Request that something should be done about the water issue. Denny contacted that owner to see if they will co-operate with the village to clean-up the area. And was told that Mercy Hospital may have been given an easement to build the road and the engineers did not do it correctly. Denny asked the property owner to pay \$1,000 toward the cost of approximately \$20,000 to dredge out the drain. This area is becoming a health issue when it rains. Denny will continue to work on resolving this issue.
- B) 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:

5 American Rescue Plan Act Use of Fund:

- A) Funds will expire at the end of this year and must be allocated by that time.
- B) Hidden Valley Streets – Rich Reed representing the Hidden Valley Homeowners Association discussed the problem with the streets needing repairs at the July 2023 meeting. Trustees have allocated \$40,000 of ARPA funds for this project should Hidden Valley residents decide to pave the street.
- C) 131 Valleyview Drive – Kevin Nelson reported at a previous meeting that there is a storm water problem at this location and that it is washing away the driveway and asked what might be done to correct the problem. Dale Owen will see about getting a contractor to look at the situation. Another possible use for the ARPA funds.
- D) Request for ARPA funds – Beverly Kiehl requested approval of \$2,000 to purchase rock along her property at 47th & Oak. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Dale Owen to approve Beverly's request. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

6 Street Issues –

- A) 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 Miller Fence Company about placing a grate over the culvert.
 - B) Brookwood Drive – Dale Owen advised he was trying to find an asphalt company to do the repair work on this street but so far he has not been able to locate anyone.
 - C) 46th & 47th Connecticut Street – Dale Owen reported the drain ditch needed more large rocks as rain run-off had washed some of the soil away.
- 7 CPR Class Offered –** Dan Gremaud reported that six residents had signed up. Closed – class was completed.
- 8 Deer Population –** Billy Bowers reported on the meeting with a representative from the Conservation Department. It was decided that an assessment of the deer population in the village would need to be made thru a survey conducted in the fall. Should it be determined that hunters be allowed in the village to bow hunt permission from the various property owners would be required. Billy reported that he had not contacted the representative from the Conservation Department but he would notify them that the survey this fall was approved by the trustees.
- 9 Southern Hills –** resident complaint about four wheelers in the neighborhood and the noise they create. There isn't an ordinance in the village concerning four wheelers. Item tabled. Trustees to re-look at creating an ordinance at a future meeting.
- 10 Ordinance Violation –** Billy Bowers reported that he and Denny Desmond had meet with James Herron (129 Valleyview) and everyone was satisfied with the changes that the village requested (permit for a shed, request variance from the Planning & Zoning and Board of Adjustments for the trailer.
- 11 Convenience Store 5100 S Rangeline –** Tjas Gandhi is going to open a store at this location, but there are concerns about the property line variances. Mr. Gandhi will need to present a layout of what he is suggesting for this property as well as obtain a building permit and business license. Trustees have not heard from Mr. Gandhi as of this meeting.

New Business

1 Permits Issued:

a.	Kimberly Miller check from installer)	113 Hillview	Drive	Solar Installation	Permit 2024-01	(awaiting
b.	William & Tracy Riley	5028 Brookwood	Fence	Permit	Permit 2024-02	\$10.00
c.	Calvary Baptist Church	900 East 50 th	Fire Works	Stand (special use permit)	\$25.00	(cash)
d.	More Rush	4500 Rangeline	Fire Works	Stand (special use permit)	\$25.00	(cash)

2 Annual Operating Budget – Denny Desmond reported he had filed the report with the state.

3 Tax Levy – Trustees will meet in special session in August to review and approve the tax levy.

4 Issues Around the Village:

- a. Letters requested to be sent the residences of the Yeager's and also Davis on Horseshoe Drive for tree removal
- b. Request a letter be sent to the Joplin Maintenance Department requesting the speed limit be changed on 44th Street from Connecticut to Rangeline and also from 44th to 50th on Indiana.

Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Billy Bowers to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Next meeting September 19th, 2024.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen, Secretary Date

Denny Desmond, Chairman