

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 21, 2024- Minutes

Trustees Present:

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

Visitors:

Nick Reynolds 111 Hillview Drive, Joplin MO
Kurt Higgins 4590 Cedar Lane, Reeds MO
Phyllis Sapp 5125 Brookwood Drive, Joplin MO

Denny Desmond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 September 19, 2024 meeting were presented. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Dan Gremaud 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 September and October 2024 for the money market account, operating account, sales tax and certificates of deposit (CD) accounts were presented. Balance in the operating account for September was \$69,962.10, money market account \$92,290.07 sales tax account \$30,170.36 and Certificates of Deposit \$382,862.46, for an ending balance totaling \$579,284.99. Balance in the operating account for October was \$76,237.51, money market account \$96,308.54, sales tax account \$32,917.93 and Certificates of Deposit \$382,862.46 for an ending balance of \$588,326.44. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Dale Owen to accept the treasurer report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Pending liabilities totaling \$60,322.83 were presented (Eagle Eye Printing \$317.26 *Leawood Ledger* printing; Paul Horton \$1,200 snow removal November and December, Newton County Treasurer \$3.39 tax collections, Algeier, Martin & Associates \$3,042.77 street issues, Liberty Utilities 443.76 May billing, Beverly Kiehl \$2,009.10, 47th street gravel {ARPA Funds}, Republic Services \$2,831.55 fall dumpsters, Gilpin Concrete Construction \$40,000 Hidden Valley Streets {ARPA Funds}, Harry S Truman Coordinating Council \$500.00 Comprehensive Plan, Jim's Heli-arc & Welding \$7,000 drain cover 50th & Horseshoe Drive, \$2,975 2024 stipend for trustees) was presented. ACH for Liberty Utilities street lights totaling \$833.73 were also presented. Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Billy Bowers to approve paying pending liabilities totaling \$61,156.56. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

The Chairman's report was presented as Denny Desmond for the ten months ended October 31, 2024. Motion made by Dan Gremaud and second by Billy Bowers to accept the Chairman's report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1 Village Ordinances:

- A) Ordinance Violation Fines – General discussion concerning creating an ordinance or resolution to determine fines for specific ordinance violations. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Dale Owen to create a fine ordinance where all violations would be \$500.00. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Denny Desmond will review existing ordinances for violation fine charges. Item tabled.

2 Comprehensive Plan:

- A) Denny Desmond reported the HSTCC representative would send a draft of the plan and also attend the meeting. Representative was not present at the meeting and a draft copy has not been received. Now waiting on finalization of the plan, Denny Desmond to send copies of the draft to trustees when received.

3 Issues around the Village:

- A) Problems with the street and mailbox access on 45th street. Needs gravel/concrete patch. Item tabled,

4 American Rescue Plan Act Use of Fund:

- A) Funds will expire at the end of this year and must be allocated by that time. Denny Desmond presented a recap of the funds and expenditures as of October 31, 2024 Trustees designated the remaining funds for village street seal coating.
- 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 received the bid and a check has been issued for \$40,000.
- 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. ARPA funds will not be used. Dale Owen and Dan Gremaud to obtain quotes. Trustees have not heard from Mr. Nelson as of this meeting.
- D) Request for ARPA funds – Beverly Kiehl requested approval of \$2,000 to purchase rock along her property at 47th & Oak. Item closed. A check was issued for \$2,009.10.

5 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 reported he had received only one bid for \$7,000.00. Item closed. Work has been completed and a check for \$7,000.00 has been issued.
- 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. Kurt Higgins said he would check with the company doing the crack sealing to see if they would give him a quote to do the work.
- 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. Dale Owen to obtain a quote.

D) Micro Surfacing and Crack Sealing – Kurt Higgins with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. presented quotes from three companies: Springfield Sealing Services, Inc., Logan Paving, Vance Brothers, Inc. (copy attached). Motion made by Dan Gremaud and second by Dale Owen to execute an agreement with Springfield Sealing Services for \$19,050 and Micro Surfacing with Vance Brothers, Inc. for \$136,862.07. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Denny Desmond to execute the agreement when received.

6 Deer Population – Trustees decided that an assessment of the deer population in the village would need to be made thru a survey conducted in the fall by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Billy reported that he had contacted the representative from the Conservation Department and a one-time survey would be done in January. Notice to be placed in the January issue of the *Leawood Ledger*.

7 Southern Hills – Residents' complaints about four wheelers in the neighborhoods and the noise they create. There isn't an ordinance in the village concerning four wheelers. Denny Desmond will contact the village attorney to see what liability the village may encounter with or without an ordinance.

8 Ordinance Violation – Billy Bowers reported that James Herron (129 Valleyview) requested a permit for a shed and a variance request from the Planning & Zoning and Board of Adjustments for the trailer. Billy Bowers advised the P & Z Committee and the Board of Adjustments had approved Mr. Herron's request.

9 Convenience Store 5100 S Rangeline – Tjas Gandhi is opening a store at this location. Dale Owen advised that work had begun on the store.

10 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.

i) Mr. Yeager responded via text to Denny Desmond and said he thought he had taken care of the issue. Denny to make contact with Mr. Yeager and advise the area still needed to be cleaned-up.

ii) Davis Residence – Mr. Davis did not respond. Both issues closed.

B) Request has been made to the City of Joplin for the speed limits to be changed on 44th Street from Connecticut to Rangeline and also from 44th to 50th on Indiana. Speed limits have been changed. Item closed.

C) Still need to request from Joplin city a speed limit change on Indiana to 40 mph from 44th Street to 50th Street.

D) Dumpsters – Motion made by Dan Gremaud and second by Billy Bowers to approve using Republic Services for the dumpsters for the fall clean-up. Fall clean-up completed. Check used to Republic.

E) Street Signs – Sign at Brookwood and 50th is missing. Dale Owen to order new sign.

F) Board of Adjustments & Planning & Zone met in November prior to the trustee meeting. Variances for the Carnahan's fence, the Sampson's shed and Herron's shed and trailer were approved.

G) Trash Service – Contract with Republic Services will expire on August 31, 2025. Trustees will need to request bids in March 2025.

New Business

1 Permits Issued: None

2 Southern Hills gate – Dale Owen to contact the Redings Mill Fire Department and obtain the key for the lock.

3 Welcome Packets – Denny Desmond advised the trustees that the packet is outdated.

4 April Election – Denny Desmond advised he was waiting on the Newton County Clerk to send the necessary forms.

5 Allo – Dale Owen reported he was working on the permit for Allo to come thru the village with their internet cabling.

6 Form H379 Access to Sales Revenue Reports – Denny advised he had submitted a request.

7 2025 Budget – Denny Desmond will present it at the January 2025 meeting.

Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Dan Gremaud to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be January 23, 2025.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen, Secretary Date

Denny Desmond, Chairman